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Top 10 Recommendations for Hotel Accommodations

One Washington Circle Hotel:

*1 Washington Circle NW
Washington, DC 20037*

Conveniently located just a short walk from George Washington University and the Foggy Bottom Metro Station, and about a 10 minute walk from the Elliott School. One Washington Circle has easy access to all of the sights and attractions of Washington DC. Includes a kitchen or kitchenette in every room.

The St. Gregory Hotel:

*2033 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20036*

The St. Gregory Hotel is a boutique property at the intersection of D.C.'s Dupont Circle, West End and Georgetown neighborhoods. From this unbeatable location, you'll be ideally positioned to experience all of the capital city's best restaurants, high-end shops, and just 15 minutes from Elliott School.

Courtyard Marriott Washington DC/Foggy Bottom:

*515 20th Street NW
Washington, DC 20052*

Flexible spaces where you can work or relax, free Wi-fi throughout this DC Foggy Bottom hotel, and right next to the Elliott School. Equipped with a fitness center and indoor pool to help you stay refreshed and energized. Includes local restaurant - The Bistro - for breakfast and/or dinner.

The Wink Hotel DC

*1143 New Hampshire Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20037*

Located just a block away from Washington Circle. Complimentary 24-hour fitness center and business center. Handicap accessible, and brasserie serving breakfast, lunch, dinner. Located about 15 minutes from the Elliott School by foot.

Hotel Hive:

*2224 F Street NW
Washington, DC 20037*

More Hostel-style living. Located about 5 minutes from the Elliott School.

The River Inn:

*924 25th Street NW
Washington, DC 20037*

The River Inn is tucked away on a tree-lined street in Foggy Bottom, just a short walk (5 minutes) from the Elliott School and the National Mall. The River Inn strikes the perfect balance between relaxation and serenity while still pulsing to the heartbeat of the city.

The Ritz-Carlton Washington, DC:

*1150 22nd Street NW
Washington, DC 20037*

Conveniently located within walking distance of Metro, Georgetown, DuPont Circle and Embassy Row, the hotel offers 300 elegantly appointed guest rooms including 33 suites, 267 deluxe rooms, and a private concierge level and club lounge. About 15 minutes from the Elliott School.

Hyatt Place Washington DC/Georgetown/West End:

*121 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20037*

The contemporary hotel offers comfortable and spacious accommodations with modern conveniences enabling easy access to the essentials for comfort while traveling. Each of the oversized guest rooms features the perfect blend of home and office, so that you can relax in comfort and stay productive during your stay. About 15 minutes from the Elliott School.

Residence Inn by Marriott Washington, DC/Foggy Bottom:

*801 New Hampshire Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20008*

Come experience our innovative, luxurious, upscale extended stay hotel in the heart of beautiful, historic Foggy Bottom. Positioned near the GW campus and adjacent to the Foggy Bottom metro station. About 10 minutes from the Elliott School.

The Watergate Hotel:

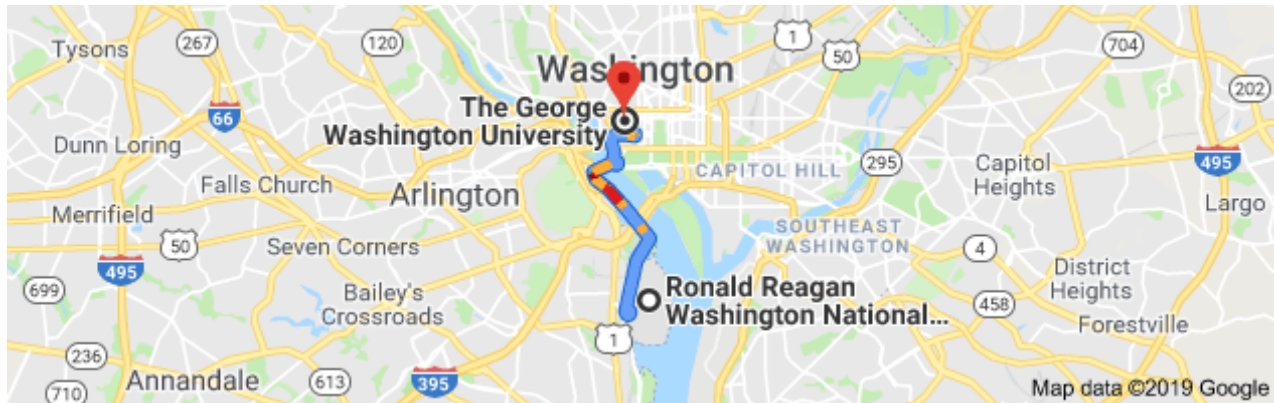
*2650 Virginia Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20037*

A vision of mid-century modern architecture, this American icon has been restored to its glamorous past to accommodate the modern day traveler. About 5 minutes from the Elliott School.

For more options, see: <https://www.campustravel.com/university/gwu/>

Directions To/From the Elliott School

From Reagan National Airport (DCA) to the Elliott School/GWU:



By Vehicle:

1. Head North on George Washington Memorial Pkwy en route to D.C.
2. Enter Memorial Circle Drive, turning right onto the Arlington Memorial Bridge.
3. Exit Arlington Memorial Bridge, following Ohio Dr. SW
4. Continue straight and follow signs: Direction E. Street
5. Continue straight on E St. expressway, (Do NOT exit at Virginia Ave.)
6. Go through tunnel, and stay left, turning onto 20th Street.
7. Arrive at Elliott School on right.

By Metro

Find metro station and purchase metro card (See Metro Info below):

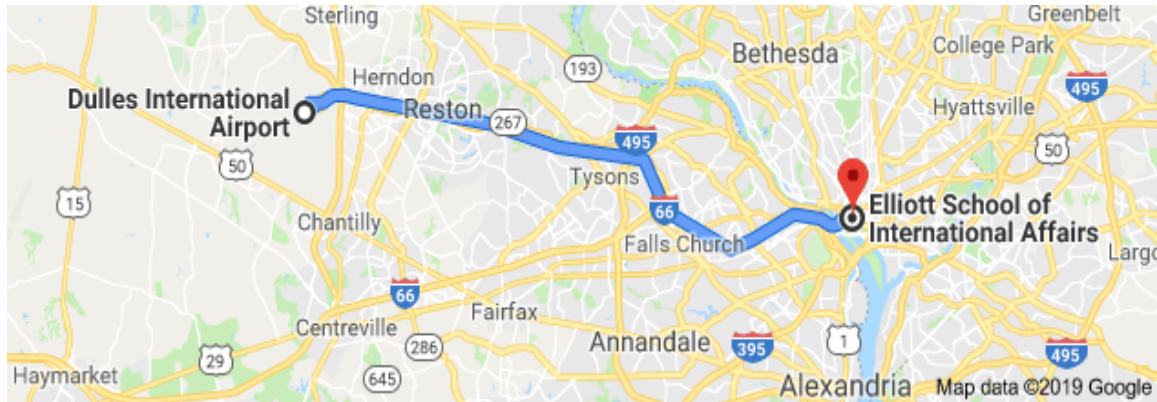
via Blue Line:

1. Board *Blue Line* train, direction *Largo Town Center*.
2. Exit at stop *Foggy Bottom/GWU*
3. Follow Directions to Elliott School

(alternatively) via Yellow Line:

1. Board *Yellow Line* train, direction *Mt. Vernon Sq./Fort Totten*.
2. Exit at stop *L'Enfant Plaza*,
3. Board *Blue/Silver/Orange Line* train, direction *Franconia-Springfield/Wiehle-Reston/Vienna* (respectively).
4. Exit at stop, *Foggy Bottom/GWU*
5. Follow Directions to Elliott School

From Dulles International Airport (IAD) to the Elliott School:



By Vehicle:

1. Look for signs reading “Dulles Access Road” enter ramp to drive on VA-267 E.
2. Continue down VA-267 E. (Dulles Access Road), until you merge onto I-66 E.
3. Continue on I-66 E. until you merge onto E St. expressway.
(after bridge from Rosslyn into D.C.)
4. Go through tunnel, and stay left, turning onto 20th Street.
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By Shuttle/Metro - Silver Line Express Bus

1. Purchase tickets (SmarTrip Cards NOT accepted - Metrorail SmarTrip Cards can only be purchased inside a Metrorail Station) at the counter located inside Arrival Door 4 in the Terminal, on the Baggage Claim Level.
2. Non-stop, frequent service every 15 minutes during peak times and 20 minutes during off-peak times.
3. Bus will drop you off at *Wiehle-Reston East Metro Station*,
4. Continue to metro station and purchase metro card
5. Board *Silver Line* train, direction *Largo Town Center*.
6. Exit at stop *Foggy Bottom/GWU*
7. Follow directions to Elliott School

By Shuttle/Metro - metrobus 5A

1. *Exact Fare Required:* \$7.50 using SmarTrip Cards and cash.
2. Buses are available at curb 2E
3. Buses Leave roughly every 40 minutes from Dulles Curbside.
Find the full schedule [here](#).
4. Stops include, in order direction Dulles → L’Enfant:
 - a. Herndon-Monroe Park & Ride Lot (~10 minutes from Dulles)
 - b. Rosslyn station (~30 minutes from Dulles)
 - c. L’Enfant Plaza station (~45 minutes from Dulles)
- 5a. From Herndon-Monroe, catch Taxi or Uber into city.
- 5b. From Rosslyn station, walk down Monroe Street to metro: *Rosslyn*
 - Enter *Rosslyn* (purchase card), and board a *Blue/Silver/Orange Line* train, direction *Largo-Town Center/New Carrollton* (respectively).
 - Exit at *Foggy Bottom/GWU* (only one stop).
- 5c. From L’Enfant Plaza, walk across E. St. to metro: *L’Enfant Plaza*

- Enter *L'Enfant Plaza* (purchase card), and board a *Blue/Silver/Orange Line* train, direction *Franconia-Springfield/Wiehle-Reston/Vienna* (respectively).
 - Exit at stop, *Foggy Bottom/GWU*
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From Union Station:

By Metro:

1. Find metro station (underground level at Union) and purchase metro card (See Metro Info below).
2. Board *Red Line* train, direction *Shady Grove*.
3. Exit at Stop *Metro Center*, and walk upstairs to *Blue/Silver/Orange Lines* platform.
4. Board a *Blue/Silver/Orange Line* train, direction *Franconia-Springfield/Wiehle-Reston/Vienna* (respectively).
5. Exit at stop, *Foggy Bottom/GWU*.
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Metro Information and Map

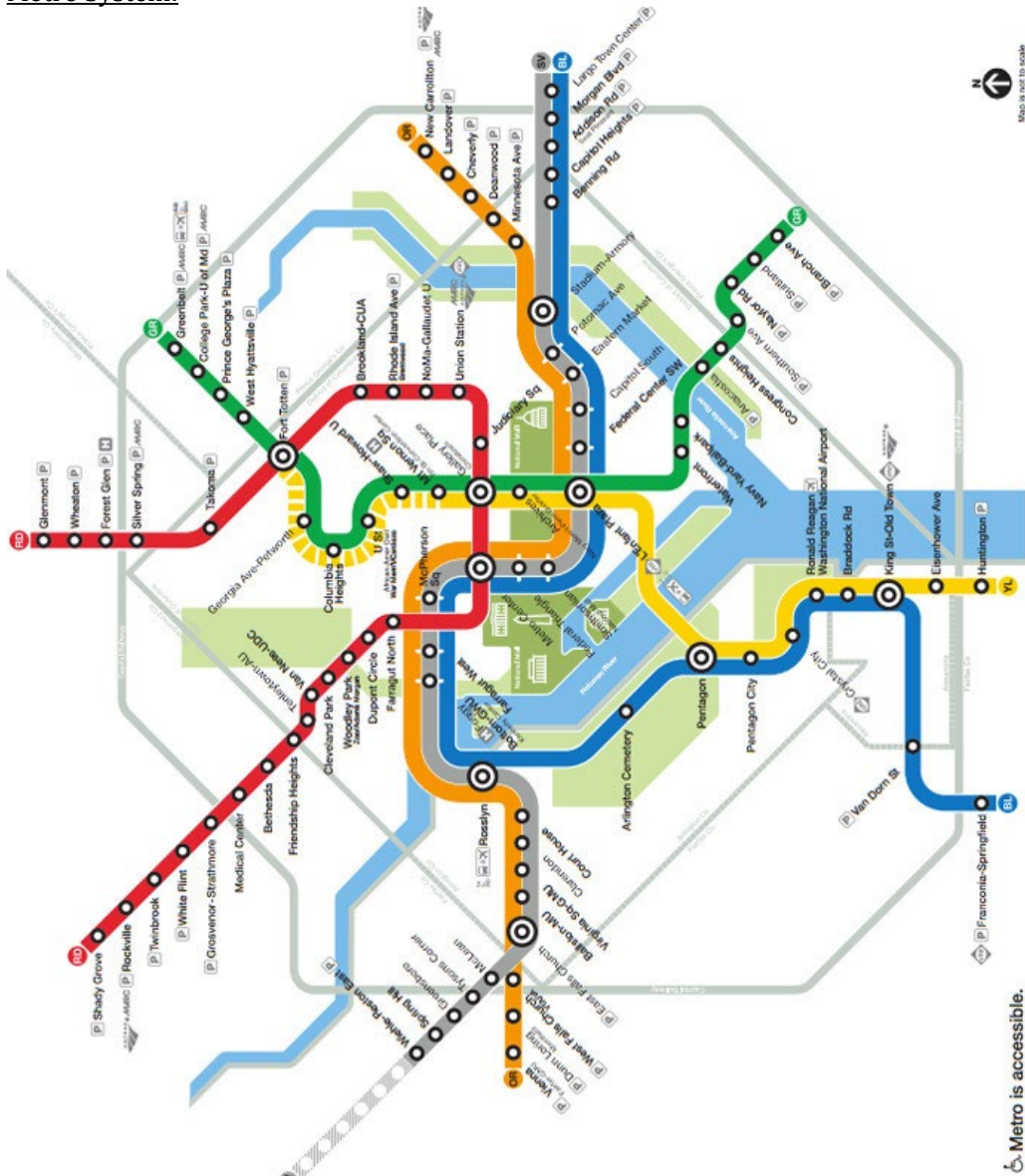
The Washington D.C. Metro is one of the easiest and most reliable in the country. George Washington University, and the Elliott School by just a couple blocks, sits right next to the metro station *Foggy Bottom/GWU*. Fare machines take cash/debit/credit.

How to Purchase a SmarTrip (Metro) Card:

1. Find a blue SmarTrip card vending machine right before the fare gates, labeled in Orange "Farecards and Passes"
2. First, the machine will ask if you are buying a card or refilling (step 4)
3. Purchasing a card will cost \$2, and the fare can be adjusted (filled).
4. Look at the Fare Chart above to see how the fares vary by distance traveled and peak/off-peak hours. If going round-trip account for both ways when purchasing your fare. Tap Card to confirm purchase.
5. Continue to fare gates labeled with the green arrows for entry, and touch card on the green SmarTrip button on the right side of each machine. As you walk through, check on the screen on the right side how much fare you have remaining.
6. Continue to your station platform.
7. When exiting, touch your SmarTrip card again on the fare gate, exactly as done in Step 5.

Adding Value: In the event that you don't have enough value on your card to enter/exit the metro, find another blue SmarTrip card vending machine and choose the option "Add Value" and follow the prompts. There are also typically Orange/Brown card machines when exiting the metro that can be used only if you need to refill your card. When you tap your card, the debt amount will be displayed and refill accordingly. Be mindful that these machines are old and sometimes malfunction. Don't hesitate to go up to the assistant stand located right next to the fare gates and ask if you can go through the fare gates without paying, refill your card, and return back through the fare gates with your refilled card. This is typically done if the machines do not work.

Metro System:



From Foggy Bottom Metro to Elliott School:

1. Exit the metro and cross 23rd Street NW at either crosswalk.
2. Turn right and walk down 23rd Street NW. Should see letters going from I to H to F St. NW as you walk, if you reach One Washington Circle, you are going the wrong direction.
3. Once you reach F St. (Hotel Hive is on the corner), turn left onto Virginia Ave. NW and continue down until you reach E St.
4. Turn left onto E St. and walk straight until you reach Elliott School on left.

Parking around the Elliott School

Elliott School Parking

- Entrance on **19th Street NW**, ramp located between 7/11, right before the 19th St./E St. Intersection.
- All Day parking rate: **\$26**
- Connected directly to the Elliott School
- Spots Available: **150**

G Street Garage

- Entrance on either **20th** or **21st Street**, between **G** and **F St.** NW. Ramp entrance is located down alleyway drive.
21st Street: After Tonic-Quigley Restaurant on left.
20th Street: After FSK Dormitory (across from United Church) on left.
- All Day parking rate: **\$23**
- Exit structure on G St., turn right onto G St. and turn right onto 20th Street, walk down until you reach E St., then turn left to Elliott School.

Marvin Center Garage

- Entrance on **H Street NW**, ramp located between the cross walks of the Marvin Center entrance and District House entrance.
- All Day parking rate: **\$23**
- Walk down 21st Street and turn left on E St. to reach Elliott School.
- Spots Available: **150**

GWU Science and Engineering Hall (SEH) Parking

- Entrance on **H Street NW**, ramp located between glass façade of SEH building and Fulbright Dormitory.
- All Day parking rate: **\$23**
- Connected directly to SEH, and elevators are located inside the building. Walk down 21st Street and turn left on E St. to reach Elliott School.
- Spots Available: **180**

A Guide to your Stay in D.C.

Smithsonian Museums and National Mall:

One of the most iconic places in D.C., the National Mall and accompanying museums are an absolute must see. Designed by Pierre L'Enfant in 1791. Best of all, Smithsonian museums are free to enter and a walk around the mall is both symbolic and breathtaking. Some important sights are:

Lincoln Memorial: Perhaps one of the most famous monuments, the Lincoln is best at dawn or dusk. With amazing views over the entire mall anytime of day. Etched in stone on either side of seated "Honest Abe" include his second inaugural address and famous Gettysburg address. Note, when engraving the speeches, there was originally an error. Can you spot the where on one of the speeches an E turned into an F?

Washington Monument: The tallest structure in the world from 1884 to 1889 (Eiffel Tower afterwards), the Washington Monument is the tallest structure in D.C. and you can see it from all

over the city. Recently closed for a new elevator and quing space, the Monument gives amazing views of D.C. The monument began construction in the 1840s but was halted because of a lack of funds before and during the Civil War. When work resumed, a different Maryland quarry was used, and although originally the monument appeared the same white, the stones aged differently. About 1/3 of the way up you can see the stark difference in stone used.

White House: The official residence of the President, 1600 Pennsylvania is Washington's best know address. George Washington never lived in this house, with second president, John Adams as its first resident. During the War of 1812, British troops burned it down almost completely, but since then it has been renovated and restored numerous times. Before 1901 and Theodore Roosevelt coined the term "White House," it was called the 'Executive Mansion." Also, when president FDR became wheelchair bound in the 1940s, the White House became one of the first major ADA accessible buildings, about 50 years ahead of its time.

Smithsonian: Including, the National Air and Space Museum, Museum of Natural History, American History Museum, the Renwick and Smithsonian American Art Galleries (SAAM), and the National Portrait Gallery. With over 155 Million specimens/artifacts on record.

U.S. Capitol: The meeting place of U.S. Congress, the Capitol Building has been renovated several times. The building as it stands today was completed in 1871. Electricity was added in the mid-1890s, while before only skylights and gas lanterns could be used for lighting. The dome is also a must see, documenting 150 years of American progress.

Other Possibilities for the Weekend:

- See August Wilson's classic American drama, *Fences*, at the **Ford's Theatre**. Find tickets [here](#).
- See one of the daily 7pm public performances at [the Kennedy Center](#), or purchase tickets for:
 - Mariinsky Ballet: *Paquita*
 - The Musical: *Footloose*
 - D.C. Longest Running Comedy Show: *Sheer Madness*
- Walk through the neighborhood of **Georgetown** (M Street), and shop at some of the area stores and boutique shops. Also, if you have a sweet tooth, try pastries at "**Georgetown Cupcake**" and "**Baked & Wired**", two bakeries with a healthy D.C. rivalry. Have a cupcake at both and decide which is more to your liking.
- Get your library card at the **Library of Congress**. Take the metro to *Capitol South* and walk up 1st Street and it will be on your right. This is the largest library in the world, and the spaces and reading rooms here are vast. You can take a 1-hour walking tour to learn about some of the priceless manuscripts held here.
- The **United States Holocaust Museum** tells the history of the Jewish Holocaust over four separate floors. Entrance is free, and the museum's exhibitions cover a vast amount of ground on the subject of the Nazi-run genocide, with countless artifacts, archival documents, footage and testimony, including poignant comments on recent genocides in Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

Restaurant Guide

Around the Elliott School / In Foggy Bottom Neighborhood:

American Style Sit-Down

- Garden Cafe - 2116 F St NW, Washington, DC 20037
Comfortable spot at State Plaza Hotel with locally sourced American meals, happy hours & outdoor seating.
- Tonic At Quigley's - 2036 G St NW, Washington, DC 20036
Bustling eatery serves tater tots & other American comfort eats along with draft brews.
- CIRCA at Foggy Bottom - 2221 I St NW, Washington, DC 20037
Trendy restaurant with creative New American fare, a popular patio, & plenty of wines & cocktails.
- District Commons - 2200 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20037
Reimagined takes on classic American comfort food served in a vibrant space with swanky style.

Grab & Go:

- GW Delicatessen - 2133 G St NW, Washington, DC 20037
Unpretentious neighborhood bodega featuring an array of sandwiches, specialty bagels, & other staples.
- &pizza - 2224 F St NW, Washington, DC 20037
Contemporary chain serving gourmet pies with diverse sauces, plus breakfast pizzas & cocktails.
- Food Trucks on H St. and Farragut Square on 17th St.
There is a great array of food trucks with many delicious options lined up on H St. between 22nd and 21st Street and Farragut Square on 17th Street.

Chinese Style Sit-down:

- Sichuan Pavilion - 1814 K St NW, Washington, DC 20006
Chinese eatery serving a varied menu of spicy Sichuan fare in a cozy room adorned with Asian art.
- Magic Gourd Restaurant - 528 23rd St NW, Washington, DC 20037
Casual restaurant serving a large menu of Chinese cuisine for dine-in, carryout & delivery.

Bistro:

- GCDC Grilled Cheese Bar - 1730 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20006
Contemporary eatery dishing up grilled cheese sandwiches plus fried fare & charcuterie.
- Devon & Blakely - 1776 G St NW, Washington, DC 20036
Casual spot for sandwiches, soup & lunch boxes, plus coffee & desserts.

10 Great Restaurants for Dinner in D.C.

- Aperto - Italian - 2013 I St NW, Washington, DC 20006 - Foggy Bottom

Contemporary Italian fare featuring housemade charcuterie & unique pastas in modern surrounds.

- Old Ebbitt Grill - American - 675 15th St NW, Washington, DC 20005 - Penn Quarter
Iconic tavern offering American meals, including popular oyster specials, in Victorian-style digs.
- Ristorante La Perla - Italian - 2013 I St NW, Washington, DC 20006 - Foggy Bottom
Upmarket Italian cuisine & sizable wine list turned out in chic, palazzo-style surrounds.
- Le Diplomate - French - 1601 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20009 - Logan Circle
Bustling brasserie serves classic French fare & drinks amid a zinc bar, tile floors & sidewalk cafe.
- Asia 54 - Japanese - 2122 P St NW, Washington, DC 20037 - Dupont Circle
Relaxed, contemporary restaurant & bar with a wide menu of classic Chinese, Thai & Japanese dishes.
- Agora - Mediterranean - 1527 17th St NW, Washington, DC 20036 - Logan Circle
Turkish small plates & cocktails served in a trendy, low-lit, brick-walled space or on the patio.
- Estadio - Spanish - 1520 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20005 - Logan Circle
Small, festive spot serving Spanish tapas & playful plates & cocktails in Moorish-styled digs.
- Zorba's Café - Greek - 1612 20th St NW, Washington, DC 20009 - Dupont Circle
Blue-&-white, counter-serve Greek joint with outdoor seating & an upstairs with a view.
- La Chaumiere - French - 2813 M St NW, Washington, DC 20007 - Georgetown
Area staple has traditional French fare & a rustic feel with a stone fireplace & country-inn decor.
- Rasika - Indian - 633 D St NW, Washington, DC 20004 - Penn Quarter
Sophisticated restaurant & lounge serving modern Indian food, including the popular crispy spinach.

Central Asia-focused Activities in D.C.

Central Asian Restaurants:

- **Dolan Uyghur Restaurant**
3518 Connecticut Ave NW,
Washington, DC 20008
Offers delicious dining and takeout to Washington, DC. Menu [Here](#).
- **Rus Uz - Arlington**
1000 N Randolph St,
Arlington, VA 22201

Traditional, hearty savory & sweet specialties from Russia & Uzbekistan with simple yet sophisticated surroundings. Menu [Here](#).

Museums and Exhibits:

- **The Freer-Sackler Galleries**

1050 Independence Ave SW
and
Jefferson Drive at 12th Street SW
Washington D.C. 20560

Two Smithsonian Museums specializing in Asian Art. The Galleries contain a great deal of Islamic and Near East pottery, textiles, and art. Additionally, the galleries are showcasing silk road handicrafts and ancient trade goods. Be sure to check out the Peacock Room in the Freer Gallery, a wonderfully decorated room transplanted from a lumber baron's home in Michigan.

- **The GWU Textile Museum**

701 21st Street, NW
Washington, DC 20052

Collections of rugs & clothing from around the world, dating from 3000 BC to the present. The museum also has some Uzbek Ikat on display, a large number of Anatolian and Central Asian rugs, and is currently featuring an exhibit on Egyptian textiles and handicrafts.