

# NACUA in Washington, DC

Washington, DC is an active, vibrant community—home to arts, culture, fine dining, outdoor activities, and more. The nation’s capital offers NACUA workshop attendees a line up of cultural events and happenings. Several of the District’s attractions are within walking distance and free-of-charge.

As you prepare to join NACUA in November, here are some helpful links about events and ongoing activities in the city:

## **DINING**

Washington is home to an extensive array of restaurants. Dining experiences include sushi, traditional Ethiopian, Korean, steakhouses, Greek, Latin fusion, Southern cooking, Thai, Vietnamese, and more! *The Washingtonian* magazine has an excellent [Dining Guide](#) that will allow you to search for restaurants by cuisine, neighborhood, and price range.

## **MUSEUMS**

Washington, DC, includes some of the very best museums in America:

[African American Civil War Museum](#)

[The International Spy Museum](#)

[The Phillips Collection](#)

**Smithsonian Institute** (Admission: Most are Free)

[American Art Museum](#)

[Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery](#)

[Hirshhorn Museum & Sculpture Garden](#)

[National Air & Space Museum](#)

[National American History Museum](#)

[National Gallery of Art](#)

[National Museum of African Art](#)

[National Museum of the American Indian](#)

[National Museum of Natural History](#)

For more information on Washington area museums, visit the [Museums & Galleries](#) page on the *Washington Post* website.

## SITE SEEING

Washington is a walkable city with many historical buildings, monument, trails, and parks. The following lists many popular cultural attractions.

[Tours & Trails](#)

[National Mall](#) – includes information about nearby monuments

[National Zoo](#)

[Washington Monument](#)

[U.S. National Arboretum](#)

[White House Visitors Center](#)

## SPORTS

Washington is home to a number of professional sports teams and state of the art facilities. Below is a list of events during your stay.

- Washington Wizards vs. Utah Jazz  
November 12, 2008 • 8:00 pm  
Verizon Center  
[Ticket Information](#)
- Washington Capitals vs. New Jersey Devils  
November 14, 2008 • 7:00 pm  
Verizon Center  
[Ticket Information](#)

## PERFORMING ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Second only to New York City in number of theater seats, Washington, DC, annually hosts some of the greatest stage productions.

[John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts](#)

- **The 11th Annual Mark Twain Prize for American Humor: A Tribute to George Carlin**  
The Kennedy Center awards the late Grammy-winning American stand-up comedian, actor, and author George Carlin with the eleventh annual Mark Twain Prize in a star-studded tribute.  
  
November 10 at 8:00 pm • Approx. 2 hours • \$50.00 - \$120.00
- **Shear Madness**  
*Shear Madness* is the comedy whodunit that lets the audience solve the crime!  
  
November 11 -15 (times vary) • 2 hours • \$40.00 - \$50.00
- **Washington National Opera: Bizet's *Carmen***  
Bizet's indelible portrait of the fiery gypsy temptress Carmen is brought to the stage with flamenco-inspired, unforgettable music. Acclaimed mezzo-soprano and DC native Denyce Graves is identified with the role of Carmen throughout the world. Maestro Julius Rudel

conducts.

Performed in French with English supertitles.

November 8 - 19 • 3 hours, 20 minutes • \$45.00 - \$300.00

- **National Symphony Orchestra: Michael Christie, conductor/Jennifer Koh, violin, plays Bernstein**

Violinist Jennifer Koh performs Bernstein's *Serenade*. In his NSO debut, conductor Michael Christie also leads two masterpieces by Stravinsky.

November 13 - 15 • 88 minutes • \$20.00 - \$80.00

### [Shakespeare Theatre Company](#)

- **The Way of the World**  
by William Congreve; directed by Michael Kahn

November 8-15 • 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm & 8:00 pm

Single tickets for this production will be on sale beginning August 26.

Featuring witty repartee in the grand tradition of *The Country Wife* and *The Beaux' Stratagem*, Congreve's delicious comedy of manners sends up courtship and marriage. Amid the gossip and frivolous love affairs of fashionable London society, the clever and conniving lovers Millamant and Mirabell are determined to pursue "a marriage of true minds." But Millamant's jealous guardian stands in their way. The only way to achieve their goal is to beat the fops, the fools and the resentful rivals at their own game—through double-dealing and outrageous deception. Michael Kahn directs this great English comedy, one of the finest of the Restoration era. The cast features Veanne Cox (*The Beaux' Stratagem*) and STC favorites Floyd King, Andrew Long and Nancy Robinette.

### [The Studio Theater](#)

- **GREY GARDENS**

Book by Doug Wright, music by Scott Frankel, lyrics by Michael Korie

Directed by: Serge Seiden

November 12 - December 21

Behind the closed doors of a dilapidated mansion, alongside fifty cats and piles of rubbish, live two bizarre and beautiful women who just happen to be the cousins of a Kennedy. Based on the groundbreaking documentary by David and Albert Maysles, this cult hit was nominated for 10 Tonys.

For more information on Washington's performing arts venues, visit the [Performing Arts](#) section of the *Washington Post* City Guide.

## **GETTING AROUND DC**

It's easy to get around DC, with its logically laid-out streets and easy-to-use public transportation system, plus DC has one of the highest ratios of taxis per citizen in the country. And Washington, DC, was just ranked the number-one city in the nation for walking.

### **Metrorail, Buses and Taxis**

The Metrorail subway system is one of the finest in the world – safe, clean, efficient, and easy to master. Metrobus provides connections for locations not serviced directly by Metrorail. Taxi service is plentiful and economical in DC.

To plan a trip using Metro click [here](#).

### **On Foot in DC**

One of the best ways to experience DC is on foot. The city's wide sidewalks meander past the inspiring monuments and museums found on the National Mall as well as the intimate museums, world-class theatres, and splendid neighborhood gardens. The Brookings Institution ranked DC #1 among Walkable Cities in the U.S. for 2007.