

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 Capitals vs. New York Islanders
November 11, 2009 • 7:00 pm
Verizon Center
[Ticket Information](#)
- Washington Capitals vs. Minnesota Wild
November 13, 2009 • 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](#)

- **A Streetcar Named Desire**
The Academy Award–winning Blanchett stars as the pretentious and pestering Blanche Dubois, one of the most challenging and nuanced characters in all of 20th-century stage drama and a role coveted by actresses everywhere.

November 11 – 13 at 7:30 pm • Approx. 2 hours • \$25.00 - \$110.00
- **Shear Madness**
Shear Madness is the comedy whodunit that lets the audience solve the crime!

November 11 -13 at 8:00pm • 2 hours • \$42.00
- **National Symphony Orchestra: Andrew Litton, conductor/Lang Lang, piano, plays Beethoven & Prokofiev**

- Andrew Litton conducts the "sparkling and dramatic" (*San Francisco Chronicle*) Lang Lang in Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 1 and Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3.

November 13 at 8:00pm • \$30.00 - \$125.00

[Shakespeare Theatre Company](#)

- **The Alchemist**
at Lansburg Theatre
by Ben Jonson; directed by Michael Kahn

November 11-13 • 7:30 pm & 8:00 pm

The Alchemist follows the antics of three con-artists: Subtle, Face and Dol. When the gentleman Lovewit flees England to avoid the Plague, the trio set up headquarters in his home and set about exposing the social ills of their fellow Londoners.

[Ticket Information](#)

[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.

[Ticket Information](#)

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.