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## The Insider's Washington, D.C.

“All is politics in this capital.” While Thomas Jefferson’s assessment of Washington, D.C. may have held true for generations, in more recent times the city has emerged as a vibrant cultural center offering rich rewards for visitors. And in the heart of it all is his namesake hotel: **The Jefferson, Washington, DC.**

Standing at the corner of 16<sup>th</sup> and M Streets Northwest, The Jefferson has an enviable location that straddles the city’s political and social scenes. **The White House** lies just four blocks to the south (and just beyond it, the **National Mall**, with its world-famous monuments, museums and reflecting pools), while D.C.’s liveliest neighborhood, **Dupont Circle**, beckons to the immediate northwest with a cosmopolitan mix of restaurants, coffeehouses, blue-chip galleries and trend-setting retail shops. Dupont Circle, which itself is on the National Register of Historic Places, is also home to many grand, historic residences, a number of which now house embassies, and a concentration of the city’s most prestigious think-tanks and research organizations, including, among others, the **Brookings Institution** and the **Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.**

The Jefferson is also convenient to two of Washington’s trendiest “new” neighborhoods: Penn Quarter and the U Street Corridor. **Penn Quarter**, which lies halfway between the White House and the U.S. Capitol, boasts more legitimate theaters than any other D.C. neighborhood, as well as numerous designer boutiques, destination restaurants, museums and galleries.

The **U Street Corridor** is a nine-block stretch from Dupont Circle east to 9<sup>th</sup> Street that has traditionally been home to Washington’s jazz scene and the historic Lincoln Theatre. Today its shops, restaurants, nightclubs and galleries have made it the city’s hottest night scene.

## Intriguing Museums

Visitors flock in droves to the deservedly renowned museums of the Smithsonian Institution that line the National Mall. But the city is also home to lesser-known museums housing exceptional collections of art and artifacts, many of them within walking distance of The Jefferson. Just across the street from the hotel is the **National Geographic Society's Explorers Hall**, where map lovers and geography buffs will find an ever-changing array of fascinating exhibits. Also nearby are the **National Museum of Women in the Arts**, dedicated to major female artists whose works span four centuries, and the **Renwick Gallery**, showcasing American design, crafts and contemporary arts in an exquisite building that is itself a 19<sup>th</sup>-century architectural gem, while the intimate **Phillips Collection** at Dupont Circle is home to an extraordinary collection of French Impressionist, Post-Impressionist and modern art masterpieces.

Catering to “special interests” are two recent additions to the city’s international-caliber museum scene: the blockbuster **Newseum**, with its seven floors of exhibits and interactive galleries that take visitors behind the scenes of the news business, and the **International Spy Museum**, where James Bond-worthy gadgets from KGB buttonhole cameras to shoe transmitters are on display.

## Cutting-Edge Art

A stretch of 14<sup>th</sup> Street between Scott and Logan Circles is making the scene as the city’s prime new arts corridor, where opening nights draw Washington’s most trend-setting partygoers. Among the high-profile galleries are the **Adamson Gallery** (photography and video art), **G Fine Art**, **Hemphill Fine Art** and the **Curator’s Office** – all of which share an address: 1515 14<sup>th</sup> Street. There are two notable nonprofit spaces – the new **Hamiltonian Gallery** and **Transformer**, which showcases the works of emerging artists without representation, while **Project 4** puts the spotlight on new local and national artists working in a range of media from painting to ceramics. Intriguing boutiques are interspersed with galleries throughout the neighborhood, which is also home to one of the city’s premier contemporary stages: the Studio Theater.

## On Stage

The nationally acclaimed **Studio Theater** offers a broad range of productions on its three stages, which include two 200-seat spaces and a main stage. Also near The Jefferson are **The Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company**, known for its cutting-edge theater and performance art, in downtown’s Penn Quarter, and **The Shakespeare**

**Theatre**, winner of more than 50 Helen Hayes Awards, near the National Gallery of Art. The historic **Ford's Theatre** commemorates the legacy of President Lincoln as it entertains with world-class productions, while the city's oldest theater, the **National Theatre**, showcases big musicals on its main stage and more intimate productions in the second-floor Helen Hayes Gallery. The U Street Corridor's historic **Lincoln Theater** was built in 1922 as a vaudeville and first-run movie theater serving the neighborhood's African American population and today features plays, dance, film festivals and music performances in a magnificently restored space.

### **Eclectic Shops**

For an only-in-D.C. shopping experience, the museum gift shops are a treasure trove of unusual gifts, from sheets of uncut one- and two-dollar bills at the **Bureau of Engraving and Printing** to hard-to-find building toys and architectural gifts at the **National Building Museum**.

Political junkies will find plenty of memorabilia to feed their habit – from campaign buttons to presidential Christmas cards – at **Capitol Coin and Stamp** on Connecticut Avenue and **Political Americana** on Pennsylvania Avenue. Those who still appreciate fine penmanship can slip into **Distinctive Bookbinding** for high-quality writing accessories that include Florentine papers, or **Fahrney's Pens Inc.**, revered since 1929 for its exceptional selection of Montblanc, Parker, Waterman and other sought-after writing instruments. All are within 10 blocks of The Jefferson.

Book lovers will declare their independence from the major bookselling chains as they browse the diverse, well-stocked shelves of neighborhood stores like **Kramerbooks** and **Second Story Books** at Dupont Circle and **Chapters Literary Bookstore** on 11<sup>th</sup> Street, NW. **Franz Bader Bookstore**, also nearby on I Street, is the place for eye-catching tomes on the visual arts.

At **Adam A. Weschler & Son, Inc.**, savvy antique enthusiasts can acquire fine furnishings, jewelry and paintings at weekly auctions held every Tuesday. For one-of-a-kind new and restored furnishings, **Reincarnations** on 14<sup>th</sup> Street is a must-stop. And the region's largest selection of estate jewelry can be found at the **Tiny Jewel Box**, just two blocks west of The Jefferson.

### **A City of Circles**

The Jefferson overlooks **Scott Circle**, one of the many traffic circles incorporated into Pierre L'Enfant's 1791 plans for the city. L'Enfant envisioned a Baroque-style

capital, its streets radiating out from such circles, and a low skyline that would fulfill Thomas Jefferson's desire for an "American Paris," with plenty of open space and grand landscaping. Thanks to his vision, the views from Scott Circle are unobstructed south to Lafayette Square and the White House, west to Dupont Circle, east to Thomas Circle and north to Logan Circle.

### **About The Jefferson**

A 99-room Beaux Arts gem, The Jefferson, Washington, DC has an illustrious history catering to Washington's elite. It enjoys one of the city's most prestigious and strategic locations, at the corner of 16<sup>th</sup> and M Streets – just four blocks from the White House and within a short walk of museums, monuments and embassies. It is convenient to the dining, shops and nightlife of Georgetown and Penn Quarter, as well as the downtown business district and Dupont Circle.

The Jefferson first opened in 1923 as a luxury residential building that was the address of choice in Washington's diplomatic and social circles, and was converted into a hotel in 1955. It is currently undergoing a full-scale renovation that represents its most significant transformation yet, and will reopen in mid-2009 as Washington's best small luxury hotel.

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