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NEW & UPDATED VENUES

Folger Shakespeare Library (June 2024) The Library's 1932 building debuts an extensive renovation adding a 12,000-sq. foot public pavilion that includes two new exhibition halls and enhanced indoor/outdoor event space.

NEW & REBRANDED HOTELS

The Canal House of Georgetown (February 2025) A five-story former office building will be combined with adjacent townhouses to create a 108-key property under Marriott's Tribute portfolio. Located in the heart of charming Georgetown, between Washington Harbour and bustling M Street, the hotel will boast a lobby bar/lounge, courtyard and two two-bedroom rowhouses.

Arlo Hotel (November 2024) The new 445-key property incorporates a residential building from the 1880s complete with a fitness center, signature restaurant and bar, rooftop pool and lounge. The hotel has five meeting rooms with extensive indoor and outdoor meeting spaces.

Salamander Washington, DC (Fall 2024) Enhancements bring a brighter and more residential aesthetic to the lobby, bar, pool and guest suites. Renowned chef Kwame Onwuachi's restaurant, Dōgon, inspired by West African flavors, as well as the luxury two-story spa is now open. The hotel features 36,000 sq. feet of indoor and outdoor event space, including two ballrooms and an outdoor Grand Lawn overlooking the Southwest Marina.

Le Méridien Madison, Washington, DC (September 2024) Rebranded after a $15 million renovation, the boutique hotel offers French-inspired dining at Lady Madison and eight events rooms including the 500-capacity Dolley Madison ballroom.

Grand Hyatt Washington (Fall 2024) Centrally located near the Walter E. Washington Convention Center and CityCenter DC, the Grand Hyatt's $23 million renovation revamps all 897 rooms with a Capitol-themed design and expands the Grand Club lounge. Flexible meeting spaces include boardrooms and ballrooms.

The Quincy Hotel, Ascend Collection (Fall 2024) Marking the first Ascend Collection property in the DC market, the 99-room Quincy Hotel is expected to reopen after renovations to the lobby, guest rooms and intimate meeting space. The hotel is within walking distance of the White House and Dupont Circle.

Hotel AKA Washington Circle (May 2024) Located across from the Foggy Bottom Metro station, the former One Washington Circle Hotel reopened as a transformed boutique hotel. The 151-room property features updated guestrooms, suites, and a new restaurant from James Beard Award-winner Ellen Yin. The conference room and cinema gather smaller groups for executive or client meetings.

Hotel Nell — Union Market (May 2024) The 106-room, design-centric boutique hotel in the heart of bustling Union Market welcomes visitors into an expansive lobby and offers a rooftop lounge inspired by the neighborhood. Gather colleagues in the naturally lit Bolgiano Meeting Room or outdoor Garden Courtyard.


Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute


The People's House ©The White House Historical Association

RENOVATED HOTELS

Washington Marriott at Metro Center (June 2024) The centrally located hotel completed a multimillion-dollar renovation with elevated amenities, including updated guest rooms, technology-enabled work surfaces, a state-of-the-art fitness center and indoor pool and modernized 24/7 M Club. The refreshed event space contains 12,462 sq. feet of 14 dynamic event rooms.

Westin Georgetown (June 2024) Situated near historic Georgetown, the transformed 269-room hotel unveiled a multimillion-dollar renovation, offering a refined blend of well-being experiences and timeless design. The nine flexible event rooms can hold meetings of all sizes.

St. Regis Washington, DC (April 2024) A staple of downtown DC since 1926, the historic hotel revealed an extensive redesign of 182 guest rooms and suites. Steps away from the White House, the timeless hotel's 11,388 sq. feet of event space encompasses eight event rooms.

Four Seasons Washington, DC (May 2024) In between Foggy Bottom and Georgetown, the Four Seasons recently unveiled a multimillion-dollar renovation to its famed spa including state-of-the-art treatment rooms, an indoor swimming pool and cutting-edge technology for ultimate relaxation. There is 22,925 sq. feet of indoor and outdoor space for events of all sizes.

Capital Hilton (March 2024) Blocks from the White House, the Capital Hilton has completed a year-long renovation to its 559-room property, bringing elements of its contemporary interior to guestrooms and corridors. Perfect for large-scale events, the hotel features 47 meeting rooms including the 29,700 sq. foot International Ballroom.

NEW ATTRACTIONS

Go-Go Museum and Cafe (February 2025) Located in Anacostia, the 3,000 sq. foot museum will include digital and interactive exhibitions to guide visitors through go-go's roots, pivotal moments, best songs, landmark music venues and community impact. Go-go's history will also be woven into the cafe's offerings. The food will be a blend of African, Caribbean, Latin and mumbo-sauced dishes.

Return of the Giant Pandas — Smithsonian National Zoo (January 2025) As part of the Smithsonian National Zoo's 52-year-old conservation partnership with the China Wildlife Conservation Association, two new bears—Bao Li and Qing Bao—have been welcomed to DC and will be on view to members from Jan. 10-19 and debut to the public on Jan. 24. Washington, DC is the only city in the U.S. where visitors can see pandas free of charge.

The People's House: A White House Experience (September 2024) Located at 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, "The People's House" immerses visitors in the story of the White House. The project from the White House Historical Association spans 32,000 sq. feet and includes a replica of the Oval Office.

11th Street Bridge Park (Opening 2026) DC's first elevated public park will stretch across the Anacostia River and include amphitheaters, art installations and community spaces.

Hirshhorn Sculpture Garden Revitalization (Opening 2026) The 50-year-old Hirshhorn Museum is undergoing a multi-year renovation of its sculpture garden designed by artist and architect Hiroshi Sugimoto.

National Mall The National Mall will have $500 million in improvements ahead of the United States' 250th anniversary celebration in 2026. The National Park Service is preparing renovations to the Lincoln Memorial, which will boast a new 15,000 sq. foot underground exhibit space.

Union Market, NoMa A wave of new openings have spanned the 45-acre Union Market. Among them are Minetta Tavern, a storied Manhattan restaurant, and Maman, a French bakery chain. Additionally, Starr Restaurant Group's Pastis, Hotel Nell, Apapcho Taqueria, and a Yellow Café are all now open. Chai Pani, a new Indian restaurant by acclaimed chef Meherwan Irani, is coming to the Gables Union Market building in spring of 2025.

Union Station Expansion Project (Ongoing) Amtrak, the Federal Railroad Administration and the Union Station Redevelopment Corp. have joined efforts to expand and modernize Union Station, the landmark transit hub and Amtrak's second busiest location. The $8.8 billion project as currently envisioned includes a new east-west train hall and passenger concourse. Construction is expected to take from 11 to 14 years.

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