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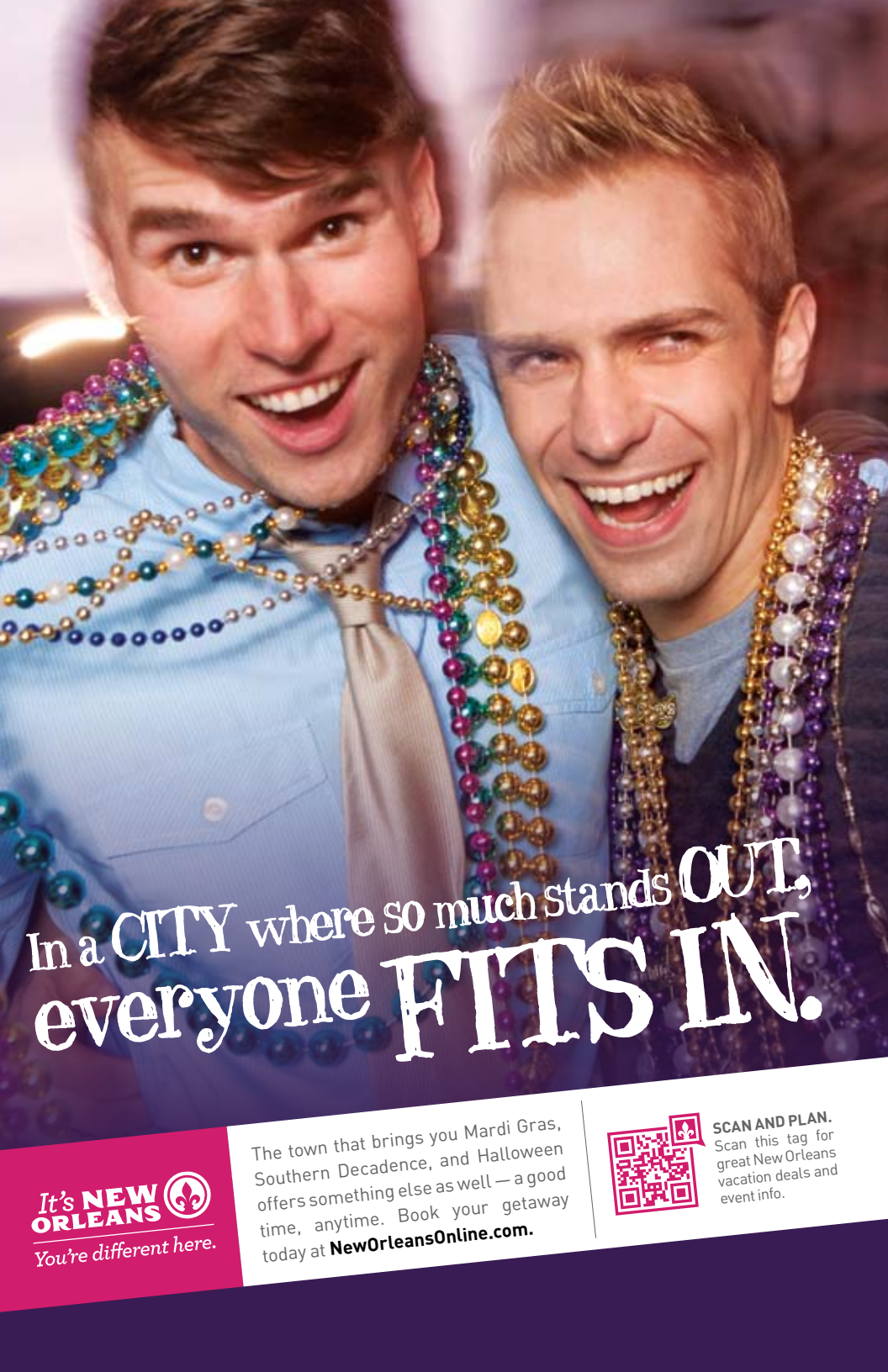
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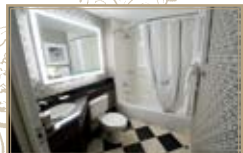
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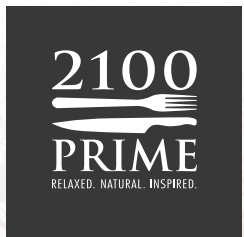
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So whether it's a weekend getaway, a few hours of sightseeing during a business trip or a relaxing vacation with friends, we invite you to explore all that DC has to offer.

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On behalf of the residents of the District of Columbia, you have my best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable visit and look forward to your return.

*Vincent C. Gray*  
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Mayor, District of Columbia





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# WELCOME *to* WASHINGTON DC



Politics may be at the center of life in the nation's capital, but Washington DC is also among the most LGBT-friendly cities in the country. Not only are there more lesbian couples here than anywhere else in the 50 states, according to the recent census report, but DC is a hot bed for activism, culture and the arts. Whether you're club hopping in **Dupont Circle**, house hunting in **Logan**, exploring the shops and boutiques of **U Street** or debating **DOMA**, everyone seems to agree that DC is a sophisticated,

welcoming city where you're as likely to see a six-foot-tall drag queen crossing the street as you are your favorite senator.

Tourists and newbies to the city will want to grab a map. Public transportation is among the best in the nation, and a great way to explore the town's many corridors brimming with activism, intellect, and no shortage of political discussions. Luckily, all colors of the rainbow are welcome, whether you're a radical or a conservative, a man or a woman, and everything in between. The LGBT community is about as diverse as it gets.

And for the locals looking for something off-the-beaten path, DC has that, too. Not only do we explore some of the Washington's gayest neighborhoods in this insider's guide, but we also give you the lowdown on where to go, what to see, eat, drink, and visit as you navigate this powerful city.

There couldn't be a better time to be in Washington DC, thanks to gay marriage, **Gay Pride**, a spotlight on the **International AIDS Conference**, and the end of "**Don't Ask, Don't Tell.**" And it only stands to get better this election year as more LGBT friends from around the world make DC their home and vacation destination.





## GETTING AROUND

### **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:**

*Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority* operates both buses and rails (also known as the “*Metro*”). Virtually every corner of DC can be accessed via the Metro system in a clean, convenient and efficient manner. It’s a great way to avoid traffic.

### **AIRPORTS:**

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### **BY CAR:**

Paid parking is ample in town, but ask any local about the traffic and you may think twice about driving. A better option is to park your car and take advantage of the city’s public transportation system. It’s one of the best in the country.

### **BY RAIL:**

DC is served by *Union Station*, where *Amtrak*, *Virginia Railway Express* and *MARC* arrives and departs regularly.

## DC on a BUDGET 6 destinations to visit for next to nothing

**1** The **Millennium Stage at Kennedy Center** regularly offers free performances in the evening from the **National Symphony Orchestra** and some of the most famous jazz artists, poets and dance troupes in the world ([kennedy-center.org](http://kennedy-center.org)).

**2** With gay rights at the forefront of political discourse, you could sit in on the next **Supreme Court** ruling when it’s in session between October and April. Seating is limited, but there are plenty of exhibits and a 25-minute film to keep you busy while you wait ([supremecourt.gov](http://supremecourt.gov)).

**3** The **National Theatre** hosts a free Saturday morning children’s series with magic and puppet shows for the whole family. Bring your kids about 30 minutes prior to show time for complimentary tickets ([nationaltheatre.org](http://nationaltheatre.org)).

**4** You can wander through the **U.S. Botanic Gardens** near the **U.S. Capitol** to see thousands of seasonal and tropical plants on display indoors. Also look for special events and educational programs throughout the year ([usbg.gov](http://usbg.gov)).

**5** Stroll, jog, bike, or rollerblade along the **C&O Canal Towpath** in historic Georgetown, where the waterfront vista stretches all the way to Maryland. It’s especially picturesque during the peak of the autumn foliage season ([bikewashington.org/canal](http://bikewashington.org/canal)).

**6** The **National Holocaust Museum** presents a very serious and poignant narrative history of one of the world’s most tragic events. Gay and lesbian victims are also remembered in both permanent and special exhibitions ([ushmm.org](http://ushmm.org)).

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**4** Most of the museums are free in DC. Rub elbows with masterpieces at the famous art and history museums and learn all about the world of media at the **Newseum** where LGBT issues have played an interesting role in recent years (two words: Anderson Cooper).

**1** Same-sex couples can marry here. Ever since gay marriage was legalized, couples have been traveling from all over the country to tie the knot in the nation's capital.

**2** DC is tickled pink - literally. Don't believe us? Just stop by the **Cherry Blossom Festival** every spring when the gorgeous pink-and-white petals flower for the first time.

**3** **AIDS 2012 World Conference** and **AIDS 2012 Reunion** (see page 27). The world's largest conference on Aids is back in the



**5** This year the world will have its eyes on the **International AIDS Conference** as scholars, scientists, medical professionals and advocates gather to discuss the disease 30 years after it was first given a name.

**6** Neighborhoods like **Dupont Circle** and **U Street** have become LGBT hubs where bars, restaurants, boutiques, and galleries attract visitors from around the world. **P Street** at 17th is a mecca for gay bars and restaurants.



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**7** The city is also a hotbed of social activism thanks to the hometown headquarters of LGBT groups like **Human Rights Campaign**, which fights for equal rights at work and at home. **Victory Fund**, which helps elect openly LGBT candidates to office, and the **National Gay & Lesbian Task Force**, which takes on everything from aging, faith and HIV and AIDS to race, family and hate crimes. DC is one of the most powerful cities in the country when it comes to LGBT rights – and with no shortage of ways to pitch in.

**8** Power lesbians rule DC with the most same-sex female couples per capita in the country. The new census statistics suggest that while Chicago has its Boystown and New York City has Chelsea, DC is all about women who like women. Hear them roar.



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# CREATIVE CAPITAL

*Inside a DC designer's own Penn Quarter home*



The sleeping area is open to the living area on both sides to allow ease of access to and from both spaces

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## Ernesto Santalla

Award winning architect, interior designer and photographer

Minimalist realms have been Ernesto Santalla's forte since he first became interested in architecture. *"I was very young when I developed an interest,"* says the Cuban-born owner of **Santalla Studio in Georgetown**, a firm specializing in sustainable design. *"By the time I was 16, I knew I wanted to study architecture."*

Santalla has worked on projects in the U.S., and as far flung as Puerto Rico and Europe during his career. But his own home that he shares with his spouse Glen (they're legally married in DC) is perhaps the best example of how he uses design to embody the ultimate livable urban space.

*"At first I was interested in landscape architecture,"* says Santalla. *"I lived in Puerto Rico at the time. And then I caught onto the fact that nature is somewhat controlled by man in the form of how we choose to create spaces. I must have started noticing buildings and became interested. As a kid I was fascinated watching things getting built."*

And while Santalla admits that the space he shares with his husband is compact like many others in the neighborhood – it is fully functional for two people with hectic schedules. He describes it as *"soft modern."* It's usable, but also very streamlined, *"but never harsh,"* he says. *"Just because it's small does not mean it doesn't have everything you need."*

He wanted to create a home that would be both aesthetically pleasing (read: incredibly organized) but also useful for both he and his partner.

He also wanted a space that could be easily changed around and very practical for two adult men. Santalla increased closet space by a third. *"When you have two small closets and combine it for one big closet, it makes it much more efficient,"* he says. *"By the same token, the kitchen had been enclosed in walls. You'd walk in and go down a little corridor. We got rid of that, opened it all up and put in an island."*



The whole notion of using every crevice of the home is attributed to a European sensibility Santalla adopted years ago. *"In smaller spaces you tend to spend more time living in the city, which is what the Europeans believe,"* he says. *"But we did all sorts of*

*things to make it more spacious. We took down some walls. We modified it so the bedroom is separate but still open. When you walk in, rather than seeing this shotgun space, you have a view opening up and you see light coming from both the bedroom and living room windows."*

Both men lead very busy lives professionally and are involved with the local LGBT community. *"We always have lots of things going on and lots of events and stimulation,"* admits Santalla. *"So its nice to come home to quiet. And this is uncluttered and clean. You can drop the sensory overload."*

Living in **Penn Quarter** has also proven to be a great match for both men. *"Where we live that is so urban,"* says Santalla, *"and there are lots of activities all the time. There are always people on the streets and restaurants, the theatre, museums, and coffee shops. There's so much of the city right here. It's very vibrant."*

Santalla commutes each day to his office in Georgetown by car while Glen takes the Metro. *"I get the best of both worlds,"* he says. *"I live in this exciting part of town and I work where's there's history. I work in a historic building. But what I love about Penn Quarter is how it's grown and developed and that it's now such a vibrant part of what had become a neglected part of the city."*



Space, materials, and finishes flow throughout the apartment, enhanced by the openness of the renovated apartment

During the week, the couple visits restaurants in their neighborhood, like **The Source** by **Wolfgang Puck**, which specializes in Asian fusion. They also love **Rasika** for Indian cuisine (*"The food is amazing and the décor is beautiful,"* says Santalla.)

*"The most underrated is Cedar,"* he says. *"Everytime we go we always have a good meal there. And it's only one block from our apartment."*



For Santalla, the work he's doing now both in terms of architecture and design is closely linked to his photography. A moment that changed his artistic sensibility came during a snowstorm two years ago when the city was blanketed and most roads were impassable. *"I started taking digital photography,"* he says, for the first time in his life. He changed from film to digital and from black and white to color and he had a creative epiphany.

*"I came up with collage series – I would take an image and repeat it four times,"* he says. What is often a mundane image becomes an interesting composition.

*"When I started taking color photography, I was interested in making it abstract,"* he says.



*"While architecture takes time. With photography, you can get that immediate gratification."*

To find out more about Ernesto Santalla's architecture and photography, visit:

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## My Favorite Things by Ernesto Santalla

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**1637 17th St., NW**  
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#### **THE FIREPLACE**

A neighborhood institution  
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#### **FREDDIE'S BEACH BAR & RESTAURANT**

Beachy Oasis Across the Potomac; Worth the Trip  
**555 23rd St. S, Arlington, VA**  
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Gay country folk unite!  
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#### **TOWN DANCEBOUTIQUE**

DC's mega gay club & reincarnation of Nation and Traxx  
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### FOR THE GALS ➤

#### **THE FAB LOUNGE**

Themed ladies nights throughout the week  
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#### **LACE**

DC's alluring upscale club where every night is ladies' night  
**2214 Rhode Island Ave., NE**  
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#### **PHASE 1**

Ladies who dance, drink and game  
**525 8th St., SE**  
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**Best Dance  
Destination:**

**Ziegfeld/  
Secrets**

1824 Half St., SW  
202-863-0670  
[www.SecretsDC.com](http://www.SecretsDC.com)

Ziegfeld's, where the boys become ladies, is the premiere drag bar in the area.

Just upstairs is Secrets, featuring nude male dancers.

**Late-Night Bite**

**M BAR**

Signature drinks and appetizers in an eclectic atmosphere – Dupont Circle.  
1143 New Hampshire Ave., NW  
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**MIX 999**

Destination bar/lounge serving signature cocktails – Penn Quarter.  
9th St., NW  
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Modern Italian featuring fresh pastas, succulent steaks, world-class wines and more – Crystal City.  
2800 S Potomac Ave.  
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Exquisite cuisine and traditional afternoon tea daily in the historic Mayflower Hotel – Downtown, DC.  
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**M STREET GRILL  
& DUSK LOUNGE**

Start your day or end your evening in these fabulous restaurants at the Westin in beautiful, historic Georgetown.  
2350 M St., NW  
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**FOOD TRUCKS:**

If you want a quick bite to eat, food trucks provide a variety of quick and inexpensive dining options beyond the typical hotdog and a pretzel. Most of these trucks frequent the downtown area.



# ARTS + CULTURE *Think outside the box*

## FINE ART

The museums and galleries in DC not only pay homage to great moments in American history, but they look to the future thanks to some of the most creative works being exhibited in the world today. **The National Portrait Gallery**, a bastion for figurative art, delves into the life of **Amelia Earhart** during “**One Life**” (June 29 – May 27, 2013). Contemporary photography is spotlighted in this season’s “**Annie Leibovitz: Pilgrimage**” at the **Smithsonian American Art Museum**. The show takes a look at the out photographers lesser known works. **The Hirshhorn** is another modern art marvel, with major exhibitions by emerging and well-known art stars. The **Phillips Collection**, which celebrates 90 years, showcases the works of **Jasper Johns** (June 2-Sept. 9). Go inside the art world from the outside at the **National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden** where works by famous artists like **Claus Oldenburg** and **Joan Miro** mingle in a beautiful, natural setting year-round.

## PERFORMING ARTS

**The Kennedy Center** is often considered the gold standard for which performing arts are measured in DC. The venue hosts popular musicals and touring shows with some of the brightest talents from Broadway, including a jazz series through the summer. **The Shakespeare Theatre Company**, **Washington National Opera**, and **Washington Ballet** also deliver sophisticated takes on classics each season. But if you’re more interested in experimental theatre, then **Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company** is among the most fearless in town. Check out the new season starting in September with a few world premiere plays like “**The Elaborate Entrance of Chad Diety**.” The Studio and Warner Theatres also produce many new dramas and comedies by some of the country’s most invigorating writers and composers, including “**Menopause: The Musical**.” Half-priced tickets to theatre, dance, music, and more can be found at **Ticketplace** (407 Seventh St., NW) at the corner of Seventh and D St.

## LIVE MUSIC

Chances are your favorite rocker has played the **9:30 Club** sometime in their career. It’s one of the most popular and most legendary venues in the city, welcoming everyone from **Dolly Parton** to **Radiohead**. Look for **Ani DiFranco** (Nov. 11) this year. **The Black Cat** is another live music must-see thanks to two performances spaces where audiences can hear everything from local talent to alternative music rock gods like **Iceage** (July 24). **DC9** also welcomes **The Men** (July 6) and the **Air Sex World Championships** (July 3). If the hipster scene isn’t your thing, the **Washington Performing Arts Society** offers a sophisticated lineup of world, classical, jazz, dance, and pop music artists including **Capital Jazz Camp**. Also look for shows from both the **Gay Men’s Chorus of Washington DC** and **Different Drummers** – two LGBT music groups that perform year-round at special events, including **Capital Pride**.

Where can I dine in an inflatable bubble



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# BUY CURIOUS

The ultimate guide to gay-friendly shopping

## FASHION

DC can sometimes get pigeonholed as a preppy wasteland, but at **G-Star RAW** (1666 Connecticut Ave. NW, 202-232-8520), the more adventurous fashionistas will find everything from name-brand jeans to sporty jackets with a European flair. If **SOHO** came to town, it would be in the form of **Rue 14** (1803 14th St., 202-462-6200), which specializes in small, sophisticated labels by emerging designers. In the market for a bathing suit, denim, or new shades? **Universal Gear** (1529B 14th St. NW, 202-319-0136) has cornered the market for gay men.

## DÉCOR

At **Home Rule** (1807 14th St. NW, 202-797-5544), kitsch is also in style thanks to creatively cool cookware and housewares. Pick

up some contemporary furniture and accessories for your pad at **Homebody** (715 8th St., SE, 202-544-8445) where Capitol Hill denizens are also treated to special monthly events, like “**Meet the Makers**” and original art exhibitions.

## GIFTS

Treat yourself or someone you love to cards, candles and knickknacks at **Pulp** (1803 14th St. NW, 202-462-7857) in Logan Circle. Or go for a gag gift at **The Chocolate Moose** (1743 L St. NW, 202-463-0992) where laughter always seems to be in season. And at **Table Top DC** (1608 20th St. NW, 202-387-7117), shop for jewelry, totes, handbags, and home goods in this shabby-chic-inspired setting in the heart of Dupont.



## WHERE THE GIRLS ARE *Exploring lesbian nightlife*

### DRINK UP

For over 40 years, **Phase 1** (525 Eighth St., SE, 202-544-6831) has been one of the most popular dive bars for lesbians. Featuring some of the best happy hour specials in town, this local watering hole also features live music and other special events, like **Phasefest**, an annual queer indie music festival that makes it's home here every fall. And did we mention Jell-O wrestling? **Lace** is also a popular lounge with ladies-only nights in **Brookland**. While the scene isn't strictly Sapphic, it is a very popular boutique scene for African-American women, with plenty of popular events – like karaoke and open-mic nights, and the best drag shows in town.

### IT'S A DRAG

The **DC Kings** have been packing crowds into local clubs like **Phase 1** and **Omega** with one of the most diverse and long-running drag king shows in the country. Not

only do these male impersonators sing and dance, but they strut their stuff during hilarious comedy sketches, dramas and plenty of politics. Where else can you see drag kings spoof heads of state?

### FEAR NO ART

Get a crash course in creativity at the **National Museum of Women in the Arts** (1250 New York Ave., 202-783-5000). Like many museums in DC, it's free to explore the works of remarkable female artists from around the world. Here, you'll find thousands of works by women, as well as special events – including concerts, films and staged readings – and an incredible research library to inspire and educate. And while most major museums tend to focus on male artists, this one addresses the gender imbalance by showcasing some of the most cutting-edge works being created today and from yesteryear.

## How Can I see DC?



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This professionally guided bike tour is a great and healthy way to see the capital city and explore its unique neighborhoods.



## EATING OUT *Our favorite gay-friendly restaurants*

Whether you crave comfort food or a new twist on an old favorite, the dining scene in DC has it all. Here's a sample of some of the best food destinations in the city – for every taste, diet, and budget.

### **BUDDHA BAR**

The first Buddha Bar may have opened in Paris when grunge was king, but DC's glamorous haunt is a favorite for celebrities like J.Lo, Johnny Depp and The Material Girl herself thanks to the gourmet menu and hipper-than-thou scene.

**455 Massachusetts Ave., NW  
202-377-5555**

### **CAFÉ PROMENADE**

Serving exquisitely prepared cuisine and traditional afternoon tea daily in the historic Mayflower Hotel – Downtown, DC.

**1127 Connecticut Ave., NW  
202-347-2233**

### **COMMISSARY**

The Commissary has the fortune of being smack dab in the middle of P St., The District's epicenter of A-Gay activity. Commissary is ideal for hottie-spotting from the cruisy patio or curling up in one of the restaurants many comfy corners with a book, newspaper or one of your smart phone's "social" apps.

**1443 P St., NW  
202-219-0018**

### **DUPLEX DINER**

This kitschy restaurant has a lively bar with moderately priced comfort food that keeps the locals coming back for more. Newbies are treated like old friends and regulars know that Thursday night is the best time to nosh on the famous mac-and-cheese.

**2004 18th St., NW  
202-265-7828**



### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT CAFE AT THE BLACK CAT**

One of DC's best vegetarian restaurants is also among its queerest. A selection of bliss-inducing, hangover-preventing vegan/vegetarian bar food is available at the August Indie venue's attached eatery. The Black Cat hosts many queer events and GSA's worthy of "family" and allies in its lively staff, which is frequently reflected in club's clientele.

**1811 14th St., NW  
202-667-4490**

### **GRAFFIATO**

Grab some grub by Top Chef's Mike Isabella, the tattooed foodie who's no stranger to TV fame. This Jersey boy specializes in treats for stylish patrons, like gourmet pizzas and Italian-inspired dishes that pay homage to his family roots.

**707 6th Ave., NW  
202-289-3600**

### **KOMI**

It may look like an unassuming row house, but the menu at this new eatery is a work of art thanks to small plates that push the creative envelope. Even traditional Greek dishes get the sophisticated treatment (think goat wrapped in pita and caramelized scallops).

**1509 17th St., NW  
202-332-9200**



**Where can I go  
vegetarian?**

**SCIENCE CLUB • 1136 19TH ST., NW • 202-775-0747**

Nosh on vegetarian delights at this small but lively restaurant where the vibe is hip and low-key, befitting it's relaxed, elegant design.



### **M BAR**

Offering signature drinks and appetizers in a fun and eclectic atmosphere – Dupont Circle.

**1143 New Hampshire Ave. NW**  
**202-775-0800**



### **MINI BAR**

The modernist food and drink menu is what sets Jose Andres' eatery apart from many other more traditional haunts in the city. There's nothing old-fashioned here. Instead, dishes like the foie-gras-and-apple sandwich or even the Thai peanut soup will have foodies talking for weeks. Even the booze is bold with mesal-spiked concoctions.

**405 8th St., NW,**  
**202-393-0812**

### **MIXX**

Bar/lounge serving signature cocktails and quickly becoming a destination in its own right – Penn Quarter.

**999 Ninth St. NW**  
**202-898-9000**

### **PHO BAR & GRILL**

The ever-expanding nightlife mecca of H St. NE (also called The Atlas District) is split evenly between the too-hip-to-live and hill staffers in their tightest fitting dockers looking to paint the town red. The open, boisterous environment perfectly suits the inebriated urban haberdasher, as does the restaurant's extended weekend hours.

**1360 H St., NE**  
**202-587-5200**

### **RASIKA**

Sample Indian cuisine in a beautiful dining room that became the hallmark of style for Ashok Bajaj's international restaurants. This Penn Quarter jewel serves up high-end takes on curry dishes, stews, and Indian cuisine, as well as plenty of vegetarian options. Definitely try the potato cakes and black cod. Order the restaurant's signature cocktail: A glass of fine gin with two cubes of frozen tonic that mixes itself when it melts.

**633 D St., NW**  
**202-637-1222**

### **SCIENCE CLUB**

Nosh on vegetarian delights at this small, but lively restaurant where the vibe is hip at happy hour through late night. The bar scene is intimate but popular as it's close to many of the city's gay clubs in Dupont.

**1136 19th St., NW**  
**202-775-0747**



### **SEASONAL PANTRY**

The farm-to-table experience may have reached an apex, but this is where you'll find some of the freshest dishes, most unusual sauces and even some seriously pricey pickles (worth it!). It's where organic delights are elevated to gastronomic art.

**1314 9th St., NW**  
**202-713-9866**



### **SMOKE AND BARREL**

Asylum, a biker dive with a dedicated gay clientele and comprehensive classic rock jukebox, updated its menu and decor to become "Beer, BBQ and Bourbon" mecca Smoke And Barrel. The best part? Those able to stumble in between 11 am and 2 pm on weekends get the privilege of enjoying a \$14.95 all-you-can-eat buffet.

**2471 18th St., NW**  
**202-319-9353**

### **TONIC** (2 LOCATIONS)

American Comfort food: slow cooked meatloaf, homemade Mac n'cheese, and hamburgers with fun fixings. Brunch Saturday and Sunday. Private events in restored historic space.

### **TONIC FOGGY BOTTOM**

**2036 G St., NW**  
**202-296-0211**

### **TONIC MOUNT PLEASANT**

**3155 Mt. Pleasant St., NW**  
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### HOTEL MADERA

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### HOTEL MONACO WASHINGTON DC

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### HOTEL PALOMAR WASHINGTON DC

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### HOTEL ROUGE

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### HYATT REGENCY WASHINGTON ON CAPITOL HILL

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### OMNI SHOREHAM HOTEL

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## INDULGE DIG INTO *the FINER SIDE of the* NATION'S CAPITAL

Diplomats, world leaders and celebrities all make DC a stopping point, which makes for dozens of ways to take advantage of the city's sophisticated side. Start with a day of pampering. **Bliss Spa** at the gay-friendly **W Hotel** (515 15th St., NW, 877-862-5477) treats guests to a full package of rejuvenation services with an in-house boutique, nail lounge and sleek, modern treatment rooms, as well as the famous brownie buffet.

Explore the famous **Hillwood Estate Museum and Gardens** (4155 Linnean Ave., NW, 202-686-5807), **Majorie Merriweather Post's** old haunt on 25 sprawling acres. The formal gardens are an ideal destination to pop the question now that DC has legalized same-sex marriage. Then throw

a party at **The Jefferson** (1200 16th St., NW, 202-448-2300). The renovated **Beaux Arts** building features beautiful details – like the original barrel-vaulted skylight in the grand foyer – as well as intimate gathering spaces like the wood paneled **Book Room**, which is ideal for cocktails.

DC's waterfront vista is among the most beautiful in the Mid-Atlantic. Take it all in by chartering a yacht from **Capital Yacht Charters** (202-554-0677). The nautical company offers a full fleet of boats that set sail on the Potomac during warm weather, like the 100-foot **Celebrity**, where you can enjoy a catered meal in style with 50 of your closest friends.

Live like a king in the ultra-luxurious, 3,500-square-foot **Presidential Suite** at the Mandarin Oriental (1330 Maryland Ave., SW, 202-554-8588). The suite offers stunning panoramic view of the city and waterfront – including the **National Cathedral** and **Lincoln Memorial**. There's even a grand piano in the main living room – and an infinity soak tub with a flat-screen TV in the posh powder room.

Have a custom suit made at **Geoffrey Lewis** (1433 H St. NW, 202-638-6088) where heads of state have been dressing for three decades. The family-owned bespoke tailor has also designed wardrobes for local productions of shows at the **Kennedy Center** and for films including *A Few Good Men*.

## WASHINGTON DESIGN CENTER



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## ANNUAL EVENTS 2012-2013

### JUNE 2012

- Washington DC Week for the Animals
- Pride of Pets
- DC Jazz Festival
- Caribbean Carnival Extravaganza
- Susan G. Komen National Race for the Cure
- Museum Walk Weekend
- Marine Band Summer Concert Series
- Shakespeare Theater Free-For-All

### JULY 2012

- Independence Day
- Bastille Day
- International AIDS Conference
- Smithsonian Folklife Festival
- National Gay Men's Health Summit

### SEPTEMBER 2012

- Adams Morgan Festival
- Ambassador's Ball
- National Black Family Reunion
- National Book Festival
- Kennedy Center Open House
- National Frisbee Championships
- Dulles Day Festival
- Capital Home Show
- Walkingtown DC

### NOVEMBER 2012

- Marine Corps Marathon
- NGLCC Evening of Courage
- Veterans Day Ceremony
- Bakery Festival

### DECEMBER 2012

- Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend & Parade
- Holiday Market
- International Human Rights Day Dinner
- National Tree Lighting
- Matzo Ball



### JANUARY 2013

- Inauguration Day
- Washington Jewish Film Festival
- Chinese New Year Parade
- Mid-Atlantic Leather Weekend

### FEBRUARY 2013

- Washington Boat Show
- Capital Home and Garden Show

### MARCH 2013

- Washington DC Independent Film Festival
- Dinner with an Artist
- Mautner Gala Dinner
- St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Smithsonian Kite Festival
- National Cherry Blossom Festival
- The Cherry Fund's Cherry

### APRIL 2013

- HRC National Dinner
- Spring Sports Fest
- Film Fest DC
- White House Easter Egg Roll
- Washington DC International Film Festival
- Victory Fund National Champagne Brunch
- CAGLCC Annual Awards Dinner
- Smithsonian Washington Craft Show
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## MONDAYS

All-Night . . . . . HH @ DIK Bar  
4-7pm . . . . . HH @ Annie's  
4-9pm . . . . . HH @ Cobalt  
4-9pm . . . . . HH @ JR's  
5-8pm . . . . . BTC HH @ Nellie's Sports Bar  
10pm-close . . . Martini Mondays @ Cobalt  
4pm-close . . . HH @ Green Lantern  
8pm-mid . . . . Beer Pong @ Green Lantern  
9pm-close . . . Showtunes, Songs & Singalongs @ JR's  
9.3pm . . . . . Karaoke @ Green Lantern  
All-Night . . . . . HH @ Banana Café

## TUESDAYS

4-7pm . . . . . HH @ Annie's  
4-9pm . . . . . HH @ Cobalt  
4-9pm . . . . . HH @ DC Eagle  
4-8pm . . . . . Crazy Hour @ Freddie's Beach Bar  
4-9pm . . . . . HH @ DIK Bar  
4pm-mid . . . . HH and GLEE Night @ JR's  
5-6.3pm . . . . . BTC Happy Hour @ Nellie's Sports Bar  
7-9pm . . . . . FUK!T Packing Party @ Green Lantern  
7.3pm . . . . . APA Pool League @ DC Eagle  
8pm . . . . . Drag Bingo @ Nellie's Sports Bar  
9pm . . . . . Karaoke @ Freddie's  
10pm . . . . . Real Men of Omega

## WEDNESDAYS

All-Night . . . . . Trivia Night @ JR's every 1st & 3rd Wed.  
All-Night . . . . . HH @ Secrets  
4pm-close . . . . HH @ Green Lantern  
4-9pm . . . . . HH @ DC Eagle  
4-7pm . . . . . HH @ Annie's  
4-9pm . . . . . HH @ Cobalt  
4-8pm . . . . . Crazy Hour @ Freddie's Beach Bar  
4-9pm . . . . . HH @ DIK Bar  
5-8pm . . . . . HH @ JR's  
5-8pm . . . . . BTC HH @ Nellie's Sports Bar  
8-10pm . . . . . Drag Bingo @ Freddie's Beach Bar  
8-10pm . . . . . Smart-Ass Trivia @ Nellie's Sports Bar

## THURSDAYS

8pm-close . . . . Active Duty Military Night @  
Nellie's Sports Bar  
9pm . . . . . Karaoke @ Freddie's Beach Bar  
4-9pm . . . . . HH @ DC Eagle  
4-9pm . . . . . 2-4-1 HH @ Cobalt  
4-7pm . . . . . Four-@-Four HH @ Annie's  
4-7.3pm . . . . . HH @ Banana Café  
4-9pm . . . . . HH @ DIK Bar  
4-9pm . . . . . HH @ Green Lantern  
4-8pm . . . . . Crazy Hour @ Freddie's Beach Bar

5-8pm . . . . . BTC HH @ Nellie's Sports Bar  
5-8pm . . . . . \$15 AYCD Rail Highballs @ JR's  
7pm . . . . . Karaoke @ Phase One  
9pm-1am . . . . Karaoke @ Freddie's Beach Bar  
9-11pm . . . . . VJ Dina Valentine @ Fireplace  
10-11pm . . . . . Shirtless Men Drink Free @  
Green Lantern & Secrets

## FRIDAYS

4-9pm . . . . . HH @ DC Eagle  
4-7pm . . . . . HH @ Annie's  
4-9pm . . . . . 2-4-1 HH @ Cobalt  
4-7.3pm . . . . . HH @ Banana Café  
4-8pm . . . . . Crazy Hour @ Freddie's Beach Bar  
4-9pm . . . . . HH @ DIK Bar  
4-9pm . . . . . HH @ Green Lantern  
5-8pm . . . . . BTC HH @ Nellie's Sports Bar  
8.3pm-12.3am . Live Piano @ Banana Café  
9pm-close . . . Drink Specials @ JR's  
9pm-close . . . Live DJ and Dancing @ Phase One  
10pm . . . . . DJ @ Green Lantern  
10pm . . . . . Drag Show @ Town  
11pm-mid . . . . Free Vodka Drinks @ Cobalt

## SATURDAYS

10am . . . . . Brunch @ Freddie's Beach Bar  
11am-5pm . . . Brunch Specials @ Nellie's Sports Bar  
9pm-close . . . Boys of Leather @ DC Eagle  
4-7.3pm . . . . HH @ Banana Café  
4-9pm . . . . . HH @ DIK Bar  
4-9pm . . . . . BTC @ Green Lantern  
4-9pm . . . . . Showtunes @ JR's  
9pm-1.3am . . . Karaoke or other Entertainment @  
Freddie's Beach Bar  
9pm . . . . . DJs and dancing @ Phase One  
10pm . . . . . Drag Show @ Town  
10pm . . . . . Live DJ @ Cobalt  
10pm-mid . . . . AYCD Bacardi Buffet @ Green Lantern

## SUNDAYS

All-Day . . . . . Live Music @ Phase One  
10am-3pm . . . . Champagne Brunch Buffet @  
Freddie's Beach Bar  
4-7.3pm . . . . HH @ Banana Café  
4-8pm . . . . . Crazy Hour @ Freddie's Beach Bar  
4-9pm . . . . . HH @ Green Lantern  
6.3pm-close . . Karaoke @ Banana Café  
7pm . . . . . Bingo @ Omega  
9pm . . . . . Drag King Show every 2nd Sun. @  
Phase One  
9pm . . . . . Drag Show @ Freddie's Beach Bar  
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9.3pm . . . . . Karaoke @ Green Lantern

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