

TOP 6 REASONS TO VISIT WASHINGTON, DC

1 FALL MEANS FREE IN DC

Some of DC's most gorgeous and free-to-visit locales become even more scenic as the leaves change color. Check out the monuments, memorials and museums on the National Mall (almost all of which are free!), which are especially scenic at night. If indoor activities are more your speed, head to the National Gallery of Art, which hosts free concerts every Sunday in the scenic West Garden Court throughout the fall, or the recently renovated Freer | Sackler Galleries, which feature five new exhibits. You can also book a tour of the U.S. Capitol Building for free!

2 FIND FANTASTIC FALL FOLIAGE

The National Mall is a top-notch foliage spot, and while it's beautiful in any season, there's something special about experiencing the monuments and memorials surrounded by brilliant auburn and yellow hues. Rock Creek Park, one of the largest urban parks in the country, is another great place to experience DC's autumn vibes. Take a trip there and forget you're right in the middle of the nation's capital. Also, double-decker bus tours with Big Bus Tours provide incredible scenery of the District.

3 CATCH A MUST-SEE CONCERT OR PRODUCTION!

Fall is one of the most action-packed times to experience the cultural side of the capital city, with festivals, events, concerts and new plays seemingly each week. Some highlights: The Wharf, DC's exciting new development in the Southwest Waterfront, and the world premiere of the Broadway-bound Mean Girls at National Theatre from Oct. 31 - Dec. 3.

4 EMBRACE YOUR INNER FALL FASHIONISTA

Looking for the best in new fall fashions? There are plenty of trendsetting stores on 14th Street or in Georgetown and Dupont Circle to explore. And for the latest in high-end gear, you can find the newest and hottest looks at CityCenterDC, only three blocks from the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

5 ROOT, ROOT, ROOT FOR DC'S HOME TEAMS

Fall is the best time to be a sports fan in the nation's capital. The NFL season revs to life, and the championship hopes for the Wizards and Capitals are renewed once more as the NBA and NHL seasons return. Fortunately for you, that means there are plenty of reasons to attend a sporting event this fall in DC.

6 WARM UP BY THE FIREPLACE AND GET COZY (WITH A DRINK IN HAND)

Plenty of restaurants and bars in DC have areas fit for kicking back, relaxing and shaking off the autumn chill with fireplaces and heaters to go with dishes and drinks sure to satisfy the appetite and keep the body warm. Some of our favorites include Barcelona, Art and Soul, and Dirty Habit!



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