

Welcome to Washington
for the
**Joint Meeting of the ILA Biennial and the ASIL Annual
Meeting, April 7-12, 2014**



The 2014 ILA-ASIL Joint Meeting will take place in the heart of Washington, D.C., within a short walk of the National Mall and the city's many museums, monuments, and other attractions.

Springtime is one of the best times to visit the city and its environs. The annual Cherry Blossom festival will take place from March 20 to April 13, 2014 and the parade itself will be on Saturday, April 12.

The weather fluctuates, of course, but it should be delightful. During this season, the average daytime temperature is 55 degrees Fahrenheit (13 C) and precipitation should be minimal.

We offer here some basic information about the city and things to do and see, along with sources you may consult for additional information.

Information about **hotels** is provided separately on the conference website. Plans are also being made for one or two **special excursions** for conference attendees; more information will be posted shortly on the conference website.

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Getting Around



Location and Maps

Our conference will take place at the **Ronald Reagan International Trade Center**, located at 1300 Pennsylvania Ave NW, D.C., right downtown. The Center is easily accessible by **Metro** (the subway): either the “**Federal Triangle**” station on the Orange and Blue lines (which is connected to the building) or the “**Metro Center**” station on the Red line (which is only two short blocks away). The Conference hotel, the **J.W. Marriott Hotel**, is located at 1331 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, which is across the street from the Conference Center.

General information about the city is available at <http://washington.org/>. For easy-to-read maps of the Metrorail system, see <http://www.wmata.com/rail/maps/map.cfm>. A map of the downtown area and the National Mall can be found at <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/maps/travel/wasjw-jw-marriott-washington-dc/>.

Arriving by Air

Most visitors to Washington will arrive by air at one of three airports: (1) Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA), 5 miles from downtown), (2) Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD), 27 miles from the center, or (3) Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI), 30 miles from the city.

From National Airport (“DCA”), taxis are readily available (fare to downtown will be about USD \$20) but it is also easy to take the Metro right from the airport. The “Blue Line” train (in the direction of Largo Town Center) goes right to the Metro Center, which is a short two block walk from the conference hotel. Fare cards may be purchased at machines located at all entrances to the Airport Metrorail station. To learn more about the Washington DC Metro System, go to www.wmata.com.

From Washington Dulles International Airport (“IAD”), a taxi is easiest and quickest but more expensive (approximately USD \$60 to the conference hotel). You can also take a bus (the Washington Flyer Coach Service) to Metro's West Falls Church Station, from which you can travel to the “Metro Center” station, a short walk from the conference hotel.

Another public transportation option is the 5A Metro Bus. The Metro Bus departs from Dulles approximately every 30 minutes and drops off passengers at Rosslyn Metro Station and L'Enfant Plaza Station (about an hour trip). The Metro Bus costs \$6 for adults and \$3 for seniors. Another option is “SuperShuttle,” a shuttle service that is booked through an online reservation. SuperShuttle will cost roughly \$30.

More information about the Washington Flyer Coach Service is available at <http://www.washfly.com/coach.html>.

More information about the 5A Metro Bus is available at <http://www.wmata.com/bus/timetables/dc/o5a.pdf?n> and <http://www.wmata.com/bus/timetables/view.cfm?line=49>.

More information about SuperShuttle is available at <https://www.supershuttle.com/>.

From Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (“BWI”), a taxi to the conference hotel will cost about USD \$90; by “Super Shuttle” (a shared ride van service available at the airport), the cost would be about \$37. A short and inexpensive ride on the Marc Train will take you from BWI to Union Station in downtown Washington.

From Union Station, you may take a taxi or use Metro (Red Line) to the Metro Center metro station. For information about Marc Train, go to <http://mta.maryland.gov/marc-train>. More information about SuperShuttle is available at <https://www.supershuttle.com/>.

Arriving by Train

From New York and other major cities, trains enter Washington at **Union Station**. Taxis are plentiful. A short ride on the Metro (Red Line in the direction of Shady Grove) will take you to Metro Center station.

More information about Union Station is available at <http://www.unionstationdc.com/>.

Information about train connections to New York (about a four hour trip) is available at Amtrak's website, <http://www.amtrak.com/home>.

Washington Attractions



In Washington D.C., most of the attractions and museums are free of charge. They are easily accessible by Metro, and concentrated in the city. Most museums are entirely open to the public and need no prior reservations. However, if you wish to visit the White House or U.S. Capitol, you must make reservations in advance. We have listed below many of the city's most exciting attractions.

Attractions Requiring Advance Reservations

The White House: Public tour requests must be submitted through one's Member of Congress. Foreign citizens should contact their embassies in Washington, D.C. for assistance in submitting a tour request. Requests can be submitted up to six months in advance, but no less than 21 days in advance. You are encouraged to submit your request as early as possible as a limited number of spaces are available.

All White House tours are free of charge. Self-guided tours are available from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays (excluding federal holidays or unless otherwise noted). For more information, please visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/tours-and-events>.

U.S. Capitol: Tours of the historic U.S. Capitol are free; however, tour passes are required. To visit areas of the Capitol beyond the Capitol Visitor Center, you must make a reservation in advance. Note that tour schedules can fill up quickly, so it is advisable to book your tour well in advance of your visit. There are several ways to book a tour of the Capitol. U.S. residents can go directly through the offices of their Representative or Senators. Tours can also be arranged directly through the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center using an online reservation system.

The Capitol is open Monday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. To make a reservation, visit <http://www.visitthecapitol.gov/plan-visit/book-tour-the-capitol>.

Main Attractions

National Mall, Parks, and Monuments: At the heart of our nation's capital, the National Mall and Memorial Parks are home to iconic structures with a rich history. The National Mall has many notable sites, including the Lincoln Memorial, the Thomas Jefferson Memorial, and the Washington Monument. The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and the World War II Memorial are also worth a visit. No fee is charged to visit any part of the National Mall and Memorial Parks. The National Mall is a short walk from the Conference Center and is open 24 hours a day. For more information, and a full list of all monuments on the National Mall, visit <http://www.nps.gov/nacc/index.htm>.

The National Archives: The Rotunda of the National Archives Building in downtown Washington (a short walk from the Conference Center) displays the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence. The Archives are open every day from, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, visit <http://www.archives.gov/nae/visit/>.

U.S. Supreme Court: The U.S. Supreme Court is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. It is closed on Saturday and Sunday. Tours of the U.S. Supreme Court are free. All visitors must pass through security screening before entering the building. During the months of March – June, visitors should anticipate longer wait times to enter the building due to larger crowds. For more information, visit <http://www.supremecourt.gov/visiting/visitorservices.aspx>.

Library of Congress: The Library of Congress serves as the research arm of the U.S. Congress and holds the world's largest collection of knowledge, culture, and creativity. Visitors can explore the largest library in the world, with millions of books, recordings, photographs, maps and manuscripts in its collections. Admission into the Thomas Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress is free and open to the public.

Visitors may participate in a guided tour or a gallery-talk, or may take a self-guided tour of the building and the exhibitions. The free one-hour walking tour of the Thomas Jefferson building requires no prior reservation. Tours take place from 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Monday through Friday) and 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Saturday). The library's is open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information, please visit <http://www.loc.gov/visit/>.

Smithsonian Museums

Founded in 1846, the Smithsonian is the world's largest museum and research complex, consisting of 19 museums and galleries, the National Zoological Park, and nine research facilities. The Smithsonian Museums are some of the best museums in Washington

D.C., and all are free. Every Smithsonian Museum is worth a visit (the *Natural History Museum* and the *Arts and Industry Building* are wonderful), but the six museums listed below are some of the best. For a complete list, visit <http://www.si.edu/Museums>.

Smithsonian American Art Museum: Artworks—including paintings, sculpture, photographs, folk art, and decorative arts from the colonial period to today—offer an unparalleled record of the American experience. For more information, please visit <http://www.si.edu/Museums/american-art-museum>.

National Museum of American History: The museum explores the people and events that helped shape the scientific, cultural, social, technological, and political development of the United States. Among the museum’s highlights are the *Star-Spangled Banner* exhibit, which hosts the actual flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the National Anthem and the Inaugural Gowns of the First Ladies. For more information, please visit <http://americanhistory.si.edu/visit>.

National Portrait Gallery: The exhibits tell the stories of America through the individuals who have shaped our nation, from pre-colonial times to today, including poets and presidents, visionaries and villains, actors and activists. One of the museum’s highlights is the *America’s Presidents* exhibit, which features the nation’s only complete collection of presidential portraits outside the White House. For more information, visit <http://www.si.edu/Museums/portrait-gallery>.

Air and Space Museum: A perennial favorite for most visitors, the National Air and Space Museum has twenty-three galleries and exhibits hundreds of aircraft, spacecraft, missiles, rockets, and other flight-related artifacts. Notable aircraft and artifacts in the museum include the 1903 Wright Flyer, the *Spirit of St. Louis*, SpaceShipOne, the Apollo 11 command module, and a Hubble Space Telescope test vehicle. For more information, visit <http://www.si.edu/Museums/air-and-space-museum>.

National Zoological Park: One of the world’s best zoos, it is home to approximately 2,000 animals representing nearly 400 species, of which about a quarter are endangered. Among the most beloved are the Giant Pandas, Asian elephants, white-naped cranes, western lowland gorillas, Sumatran tigers, cheetahs, and North Island brown kiwis. For more information, visit <http://www.si.edu/Museums/national-zoo>.

National Museum of the American Indian: This museum is home to one of the largest and most diverse collections of Native American (indigenous) art and historical and cultural objects. The exhibitions are designed in collaboration with Native communities from across the hemisphere. For more information, please visit <http://www.si.edu/Museums/american-indian-museum>.

More Museums and Attractions

The National Gallery of Art: Explore thousands of significant works of art from the Renaissance to the present day. The growing collection includes European and American masterpieces in every medium. Admission to the Gallery is free. Visitors can take a free guided tour or an audio tour of the museum. Guided tours in foreign languages are also free, but must be booked in advance. The audio tour also comes in several foreign languages. The Gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information on the National Gallery of Art (and the exhibits in its “*East Wing*”) visit <http://www.nga.gov/content/ngaweb.html>.

The National Cathedral: Come see the beautiful architecture and grounds, learn more about its history, and enjoy the spectrum of spiritual and cultural activities offered year-round by Washington National Cathedral. The admission fee for sightseeing at the Cathedral is \$10 per adult, \$6 per child (ages 5–12), senior, military (active or veteran), or student. Children 4 and under are free. *Worshiping, prayer, and other spiritual visits are free; Sundays are free.* The Cathedral is open from 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. The Cathedral offers 30-minute tours, which start each half hour. For more information, please visit <http://www.nationalcathedral.org/visit/>.

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: A *living* memorial to the Holocaust, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum inspires citizens and leaders worldwide to confront hatred, prevent genocide, and promote human dignity. Admission to the Museum is free. From March through August, timed passes are required to enter the Permanent Exhibition, in order to prevent crowding. These passes are available at the Museum on the day of your visit or [online in advance \(external link\)](#). The earliest pass time for entry is 10–11 a.m. and the latest is 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. No passes are required for any other Museum exhibitions. For more information, please visit <http://www.ushmm.org/information>.

Newseum: The Newseum — a 250,000-square-foot museum of news — offers visitors an experience that blends five centuries of news history with current technology and hands-on exhibits. The museum is testament to the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, as it exhibits the value of free press in a free society. It tells the stories of the world's important events in unique and engaging ways. Tickets are available for purchase online and at our admissions desk, and are good for two consecutive days. Ticket prices range from \$13.95 to \$22.95. Children who are 6 and younger can enter for free. For more information, please visit <http://www.newseum.org/index.html>.

International Spy Museum: This museum largest collection of espionage-related artifacts ever placed on public display. Visitors can also ‘play spy’ for an afternoon! The museum has an interactive portion that allows visitors to adopt a ‘cover’, break codes, and identify disguised spies. Visitors can also meet James Bond's Villains in the special

Exhibit "Exquisitely Evil: 50 Years of Bond Villains." Tickets are available for purchase online and at the admissions desk. Ticket prices range from \$14.95 to \$20.95. Children who are 6 and younger can enter for free. For more information, please visit <http://www.spymuseum.org/>.

Seasonal Attractions

The National Cherry Blossom Festival: Each year, the National Cherry Blossom Festival celebrates spring in Washington, D.C., the gift of the cherry blossom trees, and the enduring friendship between the people of the United States and Japan. The Festival produces and coordinates daily events featuring diverse and creative programming promoting traditional and contemporary arts and culture, natural beauty, and community spirit. Events are primarily free and open to the public. For a schedule of events (March 20 - April 13, 2014), see <http://www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/>.

Baseball: Springtime is baseball season in Washington. The *Washington Nationals* will be playing the *Miami Marlins* every evening during the week of our conference. The stadium is located in downtown Washington, within an easy Metro ride or by taxi. Tickets should be purchased in advance. Information about *Washington Nationals* tickets can be found at http://washington.nationals.mlb.com/ticketing/?c_id=was.

The *Baltimore Orioles* will be playing the *Toronto Blue Jays* on April 11, 12 and 13 in Baltimore, Maryland. Information about the games and purchasing tickets is available at http://baltimore.orioles.mlb.com/ticketing/index.jsp?c_id=bal.

Soccer: *D.C. United* is the local professional soccer team. On April 12, *D.C. United* will play *New York* at RFK Stadium. The stadium is located in downtown Washington and is easily accessible by metro or taxi. Tickets should be purchased in advance. Information about *D.C. United* and ticket purchases can be found at <http://www.dcunited.com/>.

Hockey: Believe it or not, ice hockey is still in season in April! *The Washington Capitals* will play the *Chicago Blackhawks* on April 11 at the Verizon Center, located in the Chinatown area of downtown Washington, easily accessible by Metro. Tickets should be purchased in advance. Information about *The Washington Capitals* and ticket purchases can be found at <http://capitals.nhl.com/>.

Basketball: In April, *The Washington Wizards* will be playing the final few games of their season. There will be two games during the week of the conference. On April 9, *The Washington Wizards* will play the *Charlotte Bobcats* at the Verizon Center. *The Washington Wizards* will also play *Milwaukee Bucks* on April 12. The Verizon Center is located in the Chinatown, which is accessible by metro. Tickets should be purchased in advance. Information about *The Washington Wizards* and ticket purchases can be found at <http://www.nba.com/wizards/>.

Local Theatre

The Kennedy Center: The Kennedy Center, which opened in 1971, strives to fulfill President John F. Kennedy's vision by producing and presenting an unmatched variety of theater and musicals, dance and ballet, orchestral, chamber, jazz, popular, world, and folk music, and multimedia performances for all ages. The Kennedy Center is a large theatre complex and puts up several shows at a time.

During our conference, many musical and theatrical performances will be held at the Kennedy Center. Two of particular note will be the *New York City Ballet: Jewels and a Mixed Repertory Program* and the musical *Shear Madness*. Tickets should be purchased in advance. Information on all performances and ticketing can be found at <http://www.kennedy-center.org/index.cfm>.

Arena Stage: Founded in 1950, Arena Stage was one of the nation's original resident theaters. It has since become a national center for the production, presentation, development and study of the American theater. During our conference, *Camp David* will be at the Arena Stage. *Camp David* is a play about the Middle East Peace Talks between President Jimmy Carter, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. Tickets should be purchased in advance and are available on Arena Stage's website, <http://www.arenastage.org/shows-tickets/the-season/productions/camp-david/>.

Ford's Theatre: Ford's Theatre (a short walk from the Conference Center) celebrates the legacy of President Abraham Lincoln and explores the American experience through theatre and education. In addition to being a world class theater, Ford's Theatre is also the site of President Abraham Lincoln's assassination. During the conference, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* will be at Ford's Theatre. This play follows six awkward adolescents through their daunting and hilarious championship quest. Tickets should be purchased in advance and are available on Ford's Theatre website, <http://www.fordstheatre.org/event/25th-annual-putnam-county-spelling-bee>.

City Tours

DC by Foot: DC by Foot provides interesting and informative tours will take visitors from the National Mall and the monuments to Arlington Cemetery to the Pentagon to Georgetown and beyond. This company offers many different kinds of tours, including walking tours, bike tours, ghost tours, and a Cherry Blossom tour. For more information please visit, <http://www.freetoursbyfoot.com/washington-dc-tours/>.

DC Tours: This tour company offers many different tours, but perhaps the most popular tour is the *DC Hop-On Hop-Off Open-Top Double-Decker Bus Tour*. Visitors can tour the sights of the Nation's Capital aboard a new open-top double-decker bus.

This tour encompasses more than 50 stops throughout Washington. The “hop-on-and-off” flexibility can make the tour last all day or for two days of visiting monuments, museums, and shopping and dining facilities. Visitors can create their own tour by choosing where they stop.

For more information about the *Double-Decker Bus Tour*, please visit <http://www.dctours.us/offer/11681/Washington-DC-Hop-On-Hop-Off-Open-Top-Double-Decker-Bus-Tour#.UurMV7S1QXo>. For more information about DC Tours, please visit <http://www.dctours.us/tours-activities>.

DC Ducks: See Washington DC on the land and water with the most unique adventure of all the DC tours. Traveling in original World War II DUKW amphibious vehicles, this 90 minute tour will take you through the city of Washington DC before splashing down into the Potomac River. For more information, please visit <http://www.dcducks.com/>.

For information about short term bicycle rentals, see <http://capitalbikeshare.com/>.

Area Law Schools

Washington, D.C. hosts some of the world’s best law schools. If you wish to arrange a visit, all seven institutions are open to visitors and offer tours throughout the week. For more detailed information, please refer to the school’s website.

Catholic University Law School: <http://www.law.edu/admissions/tours.cfm>.

Georgetown University Law Center: <https://www.law.georgetown.edu/admissions-financial-aid/schedule-a-visit/index.cfm> (The Law School is located downtown on New Jersey Avenue N.W. , separate from the main campus of Georgetown University. For information about the University itself, including its large campus, consult: <http://www.georgetown.edu/admissions/plan-your-visit/>).

George Mason University School of Law: <http://www.law.gmu.edu/admissions/events>.

George Washington Law School: Information is available at: http://www.law.gwu.edu/Admissions/JD/Pages/Recruitment_Schedule.aspx. For information about the *undergraduate* program at George Washington University itself, see <http://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/campus-visit-options>.

Howard University School of Law: <http://www.law.howard.edu/339>.

UDC David A. Clarke School of Law: <http://www.law.udc.edu/>.

Washington College of Law at American University: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/admiss/visit.cfm>.

D.C. Neighborhoods

Visit some of these vibrant D.C. neighborhoods and experience the local lifestyle.

Eastern Market: Eastern Market is Washington's original and premier food & arts market. Located in the heart of the historic Capitol Hill neighborhood, Eastern Market is the city's destination for fresh food, community events, and on weekends, local farm-fresh produce and handmade arts and crafts. Each weekend, hundreds of D.C.'s best local artists and crafters set up tents in the street and plazas surrounding the market. For more information, visit <http://www.easternmarket-dc.org/>.

Georgetown: A nationally-designated historic district, Georgetown was founded in 1751, nearly half a century before the District of Columbia, as a bustling port city on the banks of the Potomac. Lined with quaint cobblestone streets and 18th and 19th century architecture, the neighborhood (on the western side of the city) is a delightful mix of the past and present. Georgetown is a great place to do some shopping and have a nice meal. It is easily accessible from the Conference Center by taxi or bus. For more information, visit <http://www.georgetowndc.com/>.

Chinatown/Gallery Place: “Gallery Place” is the ultimate urban retail destination in the heart of Washington, D.C.'s Chinatown neighborhood. The complex combines business, shopping, dining and entertainment all under one roof and within walking distance to many of Washington, D.C.'s cultural attractions, including the National Portrait Gallery. For more information, visit <http://www.galleryplace.com/>.

Shopping

In addition to *Eastern Market* and *Chinatown/Gallery Place*, downtown Washington offers many shopping opportunities. The *Georgetown Mall* is well-worth a visit. An easy way for shoppers to get around the city is the “**D.C. Circulator**,” which is inexpensive (\$1). See <http://www.dccirculator.com> for route maps and other information.

Old Town Alexandria (see below) is also an excellent shopping destination.

The *Pentagon City Mall* is a short ride on the Metro (Blue and Yellow lines) and is open 10 am.- 9:30 pm (11 am - 6 pm on Sunday). The Mall has more than 170 stores and restaurants, including Macy's, Nordstrom, The Ritz-Carlton, Ann Taylor, Apple, and Armani Exchange. See <https://www.google.com/#q=pentagon+city+mall>. *Tyson's Corner* in Virginia has several large malls with many stores, but is not readily accessible by Metro.

See <http://dc.about.com/od/shoppingmalls/a/ShoppingGuide.htm> for more information.

Virginia Attractions



Getting to Virginia: Visitors can travel from downtown Washington to Virginia on the Yellow, Blue, and Orange Metro Lines. From the Metro Stations, Virginia has an excellent public transportation system that allows visitors to travel to Virginia's historical sites.

Mount Vernon: George Washington, commander-in-chief of American forces during the Revolutionary War and the first President of the United States, called Mount Vernon home for more than 40 years. Situated along the Potomac River in Northern Virginia, Mount Vernon is just 16 miles south of Washington, D.C. Visitors to Mount Vernon can visit the Mansion, more than a dozen original structures, Washington's Tomb, and nearly 50 acres of his extensive plantation. The estate also includes a working blacksmith shop and the Pioneer Farm, a 4-acre demonstration farm with a reconstructed slave cabin and 16-sided treading barn.

Traveling to Mount Vernon will take up to an hour, but it is completely accessible through public transportation (Metro and bus). Tickets can be purchased online and at Mount Vernon. Ticket prices range from \$8 to \$16, and children 5 and younger are given free admission. For more information, please visit <http://www.mountvernon.org/>.

Old Town Alexandria: This beautifully preserved historic district is George Washington's adopted hometown and strives to continue a Colonial atmosphere. "Old Town" boasts wonderful shopping and many great restaurants; it is a wonderful place to spend an afternoon or an evening. The Torpedo Factory along the waterfront (open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) contains 82 artists' studios, six galleries and an archeological museum (<http://www.torpedofactory.org/>). Old Town is easily accessible by Metro (Blue and Yellow Lines). For more information, visit <http://www.visitalexandriava.com/about-alexandria/old-town-alexandria/>.

Alexandria Colonial Tours offers you Alexandria’s original “ghost tour” filled with ghost stories, legends and folklore. The Ghost and Graveyard Tour is a 33-year Old Town tradition. You will also hear about the city’s history and about America’s colonial culture. *Alexandria Colonial Tours* offers an entertaining and educational experience. All tours are led by colonial costumed guides with authentic 18th-century lanterns. For more information on tours of Old Town Alexandria, visit <http://alexcolonialtours.com/>.

Charlottesville: The City of Charlottesville is located in west-central Virginia, approximately 100 miles southwest of Washington, D.C. Situated at the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Charlottesville was established in 1762 by the Virginia General Assembly. It is home to the University of Virginia, which was founded by the 3rd President of the United States, Thomas Jefferson. Visitors also enjoy visits to nearby Monticello (the home of the Thomas Jefferson), Ashlawn-Highlands (the home of James Monroe), and Montpelier (the home of James Madison).

Charlottesville is roughly 2.5 hours from Washington D.C. by car or train. Trains depart from Union Station in D.C. Tickets can be purchased from Amtrak, at <http://www.amtrak.com/>. For more information about Charlottesville, please visit <http://www.charlottesville.org/Index.aspx>. For information about the University of Virginia, please visit <http://www.virginia.edu/exploring.html>.

Baltimore, Maryland Attractions



Getting to Baltimore: By car, Baltimore is an easy drive, about an hour north of Washington. The city is also easily accessible by train and bus, both of which depart from Union Station. Trains depart Union Station for the half-hour trip to Baltimore

from 3:15 a.m. until 10 p.m. daily. In Baltimore, you will arrive in Penn Station, which is about two miles north of the Inner Harbor.

For information on train tickets, visit <http://www.amtrak.com/home>.

For information on bus tickets, visit <http://www.greyhound.com/>.

National Aquarium: The National Aquarium is home to many spectacular exhibits and is a “must-see,” always a delight for families and those who care about the sea. The National Aquarium is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to inspire conservation of the world’s aquatic treasures. The Aquarium hosts more than 17,000 animals and award winning exhibits such as *Blacktip Reef*, *Dolphin Discovery*, *Animal Planet Australia* and more. While the ticket prices are relatively high, the admissions purchase supports vital conservation and education programs dedicated to saving wildlife. Tickets can be purchased online or at the aquarium. Ticket prices range from \$21.95 to \$34.95. Children 3 and younger are given free admission. For more information, please visit <http://www.aqua.org/>.

Baltimore Harbor: Baltimore's Inner Harbor is one of the most photographed and visited areas of the city. It has been one of the major seaports in the United States since the 1700s and started blossoming into the cultural center of Baltimore in the 1970s. Distinct in function and form, locals and visitors alike enjoy Baltimore's Inner Harbor and the surrounding neighborhoods that offer a variety of fine dining, cultural experiences and exciting nightlife. Seafood is of course a specialty. For more information, please visit <http://baltimore.org/about-baltimore/inner-harbor>.

Emergency Care

In case of an emergency, assistance can be summoned by your hotel’s front desk or by dialing 9-1-1 on your phone. Be sure to be able to describe your location accurately so that the emergency personnel know where to go. If you need a hospital, George Washington University Hospital’s Emergency Room is the closest to the Conference Center, and is located at 900 23rd St NW, Washington, D.C. 20037 (phone number: 202-715-400).