

Local Guide to the Hotel Area

The Grand Hyatt is located in downtown DC's Penn Quarter/Chinatown neighborhood, surrounded by ample options for eating, shopping, and entertainment. Even if you don't stray too far from the hotel, you will find plenty to do and opportunities to acquire forgotten necessities. Sections of this guide and a helpful map are also available on our [Pinterest Page](http://www.pinterest.com/ArlisNa2014/): <http://www.pinterest.com/ArlisNa2014/>.

Drugstores/groceries

Where to get the phone charger/reading glasses/toothbrush that you left at home.

- **Walgreens**, 801 7th Street NW
This 3-story behemoth is no ordinary Walgreens. Can you buy Band-aids here or fill a prescription? Yes. But you can also find a selection of groceries, accoutrements for your electronic devices, fro-yo, or even a manicure (3rd floor).
- **CVS**, 1117 10th Street NW
If for whatever reason you eschew Walgreens, this is the closest CVS. **You can also buy your SmarTrip metro cards here.**
- **Safeway**, 490 L Street NW
Open 24 hours.

Clothes shopping

Wardrobe malfunctions--they happen to the best of us at the worst of times. Fortunately, these stores are all within walking distance of the hotel:

- **T.J. Maxx**, 601 13th Street NW
- **Banana Republic**, 601 13th Street NW
- **Macy's**, 1201 G Street NW
- **H&M**, 1025 F Street NW
- **Anthropologie**, 950 F Street NW
- **Loft**, 707 7th Street NW

Coffee

If you're going to be choosy....

- **Vigilante**, 1017 7th St. NW, <http://vigilantecoffee.com/>
We hope this pop-up cafe never goes away. Just a few blocks east of the hotel, they roast their own beans and are super friendly (like, Midwest friendly). Limited, tasty breakfast options.
- **Chinatown Coffee Company**, 475 H St. NW
Based on CCC, you'd almost think DC had a quality local coffee culture. Seating is tight, so take your latte to-go.

- **Sip of Seattle**, 1120 G St. NW
I've never been here, but Yelpers love it and it's close to the hotel.

Breakfast/Lunch

Tasty and reasonably expedient places to get your fill both AM and mid-day.

- **Teaism**, 400 8th Street NW
True to the name, you will find many tasty brewed beverages here, but also a nice breakfast menu and a pan-asian lunch menu that includes lots of vegetarian options. Don't miss the salty oat cookies, or my personal favorite, the ginger limeade.
- **Lawsons Cafe**, 601 13th Street NW
Breakfast sandwiches and pastries, full deli selection for lunch. Try the "Democrat" - tuna salad, dill, havarti cheese, and bacon on sourdough.
- **District Taco**, 1309 F Street NW
Super tasty tacos and guac. If you go on a weekday, order online so that you can skip the line - the working crowd loves this place for lunch. Get the al pastor, or, if it's Friday, the fish tacos.
- [Dangerously Delicious Pies](#), 675 I Street NW
A Baltimore import, this bake shop offers sweet and savory pies and quiche. This may be your only chance to try their Baltimore Bomb, a pie made out of Baltimore's greatest export, [Berger cookies](#). Just don't plan to eat anything else for the rest of the day.
- **Taylor Gourmet**, 624 E Street NW
Sandwiches in the tune of Philly's 9th Street Italian Market. A fave of President Obama's.
- **SUNdeVICH**, 1314 9th Street NW
Sandwiches inspired by great cities of the world (I love the Istanbul), comprised of in-house-made and locally sourced ingredients. Also, whoopie pies.
- **Hill Country Barbecue**, 410 7th Street NW
Texas-style barbecue market.
- **Merzi**, 415 7th Street NW
Kind of like Chipotle except for Indian food. Good vegetarian options.

Dinner

Many of the restaurants listed for breakfast/lunch are also open for dinner (and vice versa), but if you're looking for a more relaxed (albeit chic) sit-down experience, consider these options.

These restaurants also have dignified, fancy bars for your ARLISian executive pow-wows.

- **Poste Moderne Brasserie**, 555 8th Street NW
With their open-air courtyard dining option, May is a lovely time of year to eat at Poste.
- **Matchbox Vintage Pizza Bistro**, 713 H Street NW
The pizza is good, but let's be real here. It's all about the tiny burgers and onion strings.
- **Proof**, 775 G Street NW

A fancy wine bar and restaurant, directly across from Smithsonian American Art Museum/National Portrait Gallery.

- **Acadiana**, 901 New York Avenue NW
Contemporary Louisiana fish house.
- **Graffiato**, 707 6th Street NW
Headed by former Top Chef contestant Mike Isabella; Italian food with a New Jersey twist.
- **Jaleo**, 480 7th Street NW
Original Spanish tapas, Jaleo is the flagship of chef Jose Andres' empire of DC small plates dining establishments. Try the fried dates wrapped in bacon (Dátiles Con Tocino Como Hace Todo El Mundo).
- **Zaytinya**, 701 9th Street NW
Small plates, Mediterranean-style and a lovely outdoor patio.
- **Oyamel Cocina Mexicana**, 401 7th Street NW
Small plates, Mexican-style. Get the guacamole that's made at your table.

After-hours

- **E St. Cinema**, 555 11th Street NW
A great selection of independent and foreign films, as well as a fully stocked bar and cult movies at midnight. Because you won't be sleeping at midnight, will you?
- [The Passenger](#), 1021 7th Street NW
High-quality cocktails in an intimate setting. If you really want to kick it up a notch, sidle up to the 10-seat bar in its Columbia Room, which co-owner Derek Brown refers to as his "cocktail club and laboratory bar."
- [A&D Neighborhood Bar](#), 1314 9th Street NW
For cocktails with locally made spirits (try DC's own Green Hat gin) and small plates featuring seasonal and local ingredients, try A&D.

Where to stretch your legs

- **The White House loop**
A loop of just over 2 miles will take you all the way around the White House. Head west on H, make a slight left on New York Avenue and another slight right onto Pennsylvania Avenue. After you pass the front of the White House, admire the Second Empire style Renwick Gallery building (the Smithsonian's gallery of craft and decorative arts, unfortunately closed for renovations) and turn left on 17th. Walk three blocks and you can either cross the street to visit the Corcoran, or turn left to skirt around the White House's South Lawn. If you're lucky, you may catch a glimpse of the White House beekeepers at work, or Bo and Sunny Obama getting a walk. From there, continue east on Pennsylvania, turn left on 13th, right on E, and left on 10th. Ford's Theatre will be on your right. Continue on 10th until you once again hit H and you will be almost back at the hotel.

History & Culture

As long as you're in the neighborhood....

- **Ford's Theater**, 511 10th St. NW
This Civil War-era theater is the site of the assassination of President Lincoln in 1865. After being shot, the fatally wounded president was carried across the street to the [Petersen House](#), where he died the next morning. The National Park Service operates both sites and offers tours.
- **Chinatown Friendship Archway**, 7th and H St NW
Our Chinatown may be two blocks big and full of chain-stores with their names in Chinese characters, but our authentic Friendship Arch is purportedly the largest single-span arch in the world (thanks to our sister city, Beijing!). And you will never forget where the Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro is.
- **Smithsonian American Art Museum & National Portrait Gallery**, 9th & F St. NW
These two connected institutions constitute the largest American art collection *in the world*. The galleries are beautiful and the exhibits innovative. Highlights include the Presidential portrait gallery at the NPG and the lovely courtyard atrium, complete with water sculpture, indoor trees, all the fresh air you could ask for, and a cafe.
- **National Building Museum**, 401 F St. NW
While not a Smithsonian, the NBM is a fantastic museum. The building itself is a 19th century red-brick interpretation of the Palazzo Farnese; the interior Great Hall is 15 stories of open space featuring arcaded galleries, a central fountain, and 75' Corinthian columns. Oh, and the exhibits are really good, too.
- **National Museum of Women in the Arts**, 1250 New York Ave NW
View signature works by Berthe Morisot, Judith Leyster, Gertrude Käsebier, or Alma Thomas in a stately Renaissance Revival building. Admission, which is normally \$10, is free on the first Sunday of the month, so take advantage on May 4th!