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## Getting Around DC Guide

The Washington DC Metro area has a lot of available transportation options. The information below should get you started.

### Where is the Conference Hotel?

The Washington Hilton (or Hilton Washington and Towers) is located at 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC (202-483-3000). The hotel is quite well known due to the large and curvy ballrooms, but unfortunately is best known as the place that John Hinckley, Jr. shot President Reagan and several others (by the Conference Center entrance on T Street, NW).

Driving directions to the hotel: The hotel website has directions from several locations.

<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/district-of-columbia/washington-hilton-DCAWHHH/maps-directions/index.html>. You can also use Google maps or other mapping websites for point-to-point directions.

**Hot Tip:** There are a lot of Hilton Hotels in Washington DC in addition to the Washington Hilton. When trying to get around, be sure to call it the **Washington Hilton** or **Hilton Washington** on Connecticut Avenue, NW just north of **DuPont Circle**.

### Getting to the Conference Hotel from the Airports

Washington, DC is served by three international airports. See below for transportation alternatives.

#### **Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA)**

National Airport is the closest airport to the Washington Hilton, and you can get from National Airport to the hotel by Metro, by taxi, and by shuttle.

Travel by Taxi: <http://www.metwashairports.com/reagan/1193.htm>. It will cost about \$25. The actual fare will depend on the time of day, the amount of traffic, and the number of passengers. Taxis queue up in designated areas. Look for signs when you leave baggage claim for your airline.

Travel by Metro: <http://www.metwashairports.com/reagan/1303.htm>. It will cost about \$3.05 during non-rush hour or about \$3.80 during rush hour. You can walk to the National Airport Metro station from Terminals B and C by taking the walkway. Follow the signs on the departure levels of the terminal. Use the DC Metro Trip Planner to get directions and times based on your arrival. See Metro (Subway) below for further instructions. Take the **Blue Line** train in the direction of Largo Town Center and transfer at Metro Center to the **Red Line** in the direction of Shady Grove, or take the Yellow Line train to Gallery

Place/Chinatown Station and transfer to the **Red Line** in the direction of Shady Grove. Get off at the DuPont Circle Station and follow the signs for the Q Street exit. You should cross Connecticut Avenue at Q Street by turning right when you get off the escalator. Turn left on Connecticut Avenue and you will be heading north. Walk north on Connecticut Avenue for about 0.4 miles (about 8 minutes).

**Warning:** The walk to the hotel is uphill. You can walk, flag a taxi, or take the #42 Metrobus north on Connecticut Avenue. In order to catch the bus you need to cross Connecticut Avenue at Q Street, and turn right. The bus stop is just south of Q Street, just before you reach Kramerbooks and Afterwords Cafe.

**Travel by Shuttle:** <http://www.metwashairports.com/reagan/1179.htm>. Check the listing for available shuttles, reservation information, and schedules. Cost to the Washington Hilton is about \$14 plus gratuity/tip.

### ***Dulles International Airport (IAD)***

Dulles Airport is west of Washington, DC in Sterling, Virginia.

**Travel by Metro:** <http://www.metwashairports.com/dulles/809.htm>. You can take bus 5A Express service in the direction of the L'Enfant Metro station. Get off at the Rosslyn Metro Station, and take the **Orange Line** in the direction of New Carrollton. Get off at Metro Center and take the **Red Line** in the direction of Shady Grove. Get off at the DuPont Circle Station and walk north on Connecticut Avenue for about 0.4 miles (about 8 minutes).

**Alternative Metro Route:** You can also take the Washington Flyer Bus Service to the Falls Church Metro Station, and take the **Orange Line** to Metro Center station. Transfer to the **Red Line** in the direction of Shady Grove, and exit at DuPont Circle. You should cross Connecticut Avenue at Q Street by turning right when you get off the escalator. Turn left on Connecticut Avenue and you will be heading north. Walk north on Connecticut Avenue for about 0.4 miles (about 8 minutes).

The cost is about \$8.70 non-rush hour, and slightly more during rush hour.

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**Travel by Shuttle:** <http://www.metwashairports.com/dulles/793.htm>. The shared shuttle is probably the easiest way to get from Dulles Airport to the Washington Hilton on Connecticut Avenue, NW in Washington, DC. The cost is \$29 one way plus gratuity/tip.

**Taxi:** Washington Flyer Taxi service is available. Follow signs to the taxi queue. It will cost about \$60 to take a taxi from Dulles International Airport to the Washington Hilton.

### ***Thurgood Marshall Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI)***

BWI is the furthest of the three airports from the Washington Hilton, but often has very low airfares. We do not recommend taking a taxi since taxi fares can cost upwards of \$90 or more one way.

Travel by Shuttle: <http://www.bwiairport.com/en/travel/ground-transportation>, and select one of the ground transportation shuttles. A shared van one way to the Washington Hilton will cost about \$37 plus gratuity/tip. The shuttle services have desks inside the terminal. Follow the signs to ground transportation.

Amtrak/MARC Rail: <http://www.bwiairport.com/en/travel/ground-transportation/trans/amtrak> or <http://www.bwiairport.com/en/travel/ground-transportation/trans/marc>. Trains are on fixed schedules. MARC is a commuter train that might work out if you are ready to travel to DC during rush hour Monday to Friday (early morning or afternoon). You can take a shuttle from the airport to the train station. Check the websites for more information.

Washington Metro: Metro offers BWI Express Metrobus service between BWI and the Greenbelt metro station. The service provides a direct connection between BWI and the Greenbelt Metro Station. The BWI Express/B30 service runs every 40 minutes, 7 days a week to the Greenbelt Metro Station, which is located on the **Green Line** of the Washington Metro System. Buses run 25 times each weekday and 21 times on Saturdays and Sunday, every 40 minutes. The total cost should be under \$12.

Follow the signs in the terminal to ground transportation, and look for the BWI Express Metrobus service. Take the BWI Express Metrobus to the Greenbelt Metro Station, and take the **Green Line** in the direction of Branch Avenue. Get off at the Fort Totten Metro station, and transfer to the **Red Line** in the direction of Shady Grove. Get off at the DuPont Circle Station and follow the signs for the Q Street exit. You should cross Connecticut Avenue at Q Street by turning right when you get off the escalator. Turn left on Connecticut Avenue and you will be heading north. Walk north on Connecticut Avenue for about 0.4 miles (about 8 minutes).

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### **Getting to the Conference Hotel from Union Station (Rail)**

Union Station near Capitol Hill is the rail station for downtown DC. You don't have to go far to go from one train to another, with a Red Line Metro Station adjacent to the train station. Check out the beautiful grand hall and great shops then head for the food court in the basement if you are hungry. The Metro entrance is on the first floor.

### Travel by Metro:

<http://www.unionstationdc.com/info/groundtransportation><http://www.metwashairports.com/dulles/809.htm>. Follow the signs to the Metro and take the **Red Line** in the direction of Shady Grove. Get off at the DuPont Circle Station and follow the signs for the Q Street exit. You should cross Connecticut Avenue at Q Street by turning right when you get off the escalator. Turn left on Connecticut Avenue and you will be heading north. Walk north on Connecticut Avenue for about 0.4 miles (about 8 minutes).

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### **Metro (Subway)**

The Metrorail system has six color coded lines. The direction of your train is determined by the last stop in the direction you are traveling. The stations where two or more Metrorail lines cross are called “transfer points.” Signs in the station will direct you to your train.

**Hot Tip:** If you get on your train the wrong way simply get off at the next stop, take the escalator to the plaza, and cross to the other side of the tracks going in the right direction.

The Washington Hilton is midway between the DuPont Circle and Woodley Park Metro stations on the **Red Line**. The **Red Line** runs under Connecticut Avenue. The DuPont Circle station is about a 0.4 mile walk that will take about 8 to 10 minutes.

To get to the DuPont Circle Station from the hotel: Exit the hotel and turn left on Connecticut Avenue. Walk downhill and cross Q Street. Turn right and the Metro entrance is on your left down the escalator.

To get to the Washington Hilton from the DuPont Circle Station: Take the Q Street exit at the DuPont Circle station. You should cross Connecticut Avenue at Q Street by turning right when you get off the escalator. Turn left on Connecticut Avenue and you will be heading north. Walk north on Connecticut Avenue for about 0.4 miles (about 8 minutes).

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Use Google Maps Get Directions feature to get point-to-point directions from the Washington Hilton to your destination using the street address or the name of your destination if a landmark, museum, or restaurant. <https://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en>.

The Metrorail service will get you close to many of your destinations. You may have a short walk to get where you want to go.

**Metro Fare:** Metro uses disposable fare cards that you can buy at the stations. Maps will show you the cost from your station to your destination station. Fares are higher on weekdays during rush hour (early morning or afternoon). Machines in the lobby areas sell Metro fare cards or SmartTrip cards. Use the station directory to calculate your fare: <http://www.wmata.com/rail/stations.cfm> by selecting your departure station, then selecting your destination station.

**Hot Tips:** The Woodley Park/Zoo Metro stop is one stop after DuPont Circle. It is further away (0.6 miles), but it is a downhill walk on Connecticut Avenue to the hotel. If you buy a SmartTrip reusable card, you save \$1.00 a trip, so if you will be taking the Metro more than 5 times, you recover the cost of buying the SmartTrip card. If you will be taking the Metro back to the airport at the end of your trip, put enough fare on your card for the round trip. Fare information is available on maps in the Metro stations.

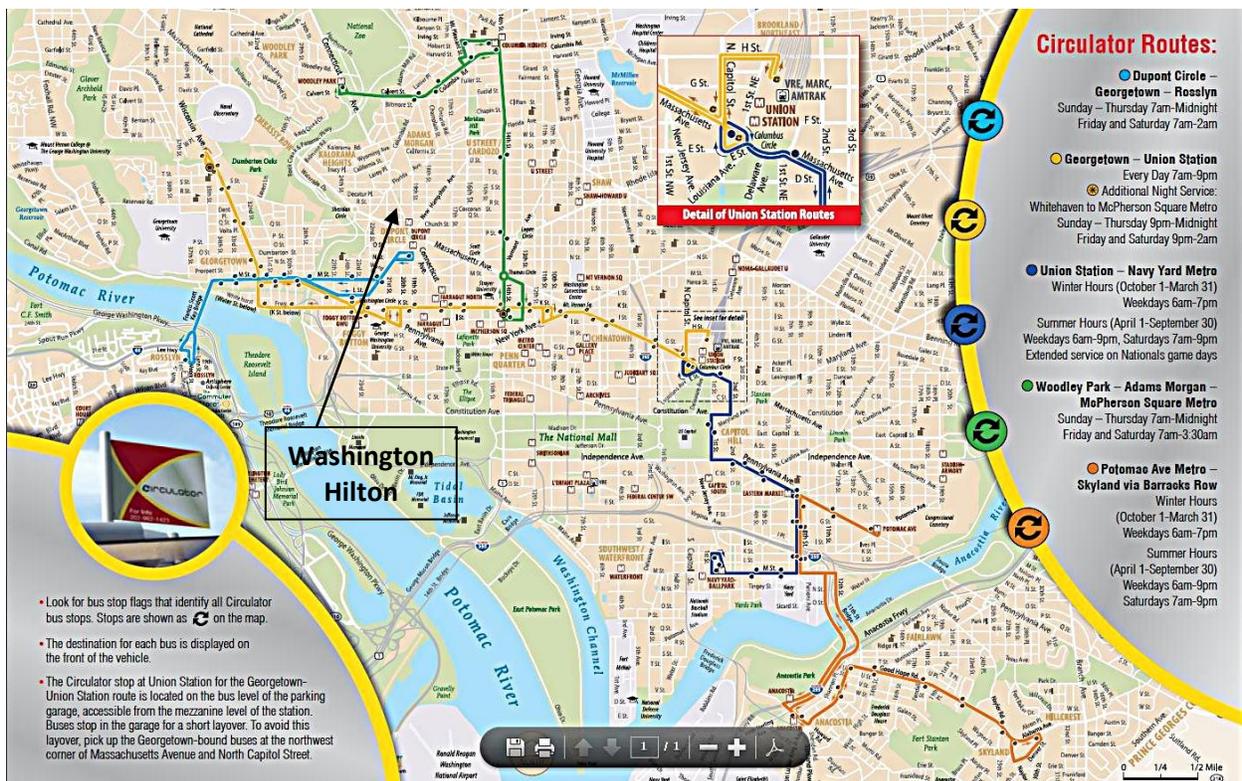


## Bus Service

**Metrobus:** The number 42 Metrobus runs north and south along Connecticut Avenue. The northbound bus stops in front of the hotel. Cross the street to get to the southbound bus in the direction of DuPont Circle (cross at a crosswalk for safety). You can use a Metro SmartTrip card, which is a pre-paid fare media. You can load the card with credits at Metrorail stations, and use the card for Metrorail or Metrobus services. You can also use cash but that will cost \$.20 more per trip. See <http://www.wmata.com/fares/metrobus.cfm> for fare information. Please note that Metrobus drivers do not make change, so make sure you have small bills and change if paying with cash.

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**DC Circulator:** The DC Circulator (<http://www.dccirculator.com/>) offers bus service between several very popular neighborhoods. The **Blue Route** serves DuPont Circle, Georgetown, and Rosslyn across the Potomac River in Arlington, Virginia. The **Green Route** serves Woodley Park, Adams Morgan, and the McPherson Square Metro Station on the **Blue** and **Orange** Lines.



## Taxis

Washington is in the process of transitioning its taxi system, and recently switched from a zone system to a meter by the mile system, where your rate is based on how far you are going and how long the taxi is stuck in traffic. Taxi drivers are supposed to start the meter once they know your destination. This keeps the system honest. If you don't see your driver activate the meter (you'll see the taxi fare counter light up), then ask the driver if he will activate the meter. Taxi drivers are not supposed to negotiate fares. Be sure to use a marked taxi. As in most large cities, you can try and flag a cab down by waving your hand (be careful of the other cars!). Your best bet would be to ask the doorman at the Washington Hilton to call up a cab from the nearby queue. Don't forget to tip the doorman for this service (\$1.00 should be sufficient). Some cabs take credit cards, some don't, but hopefully by the time of the AEA conference the transition will be complete and all cabs will take charge cards. Just in case, make sure to have cash, and your best bet is to have \$1.00, \$5.00, and \$10.00 bills so you don't get stuck if the driver does not have change. Check the official Washington, DC website for information on taxi use, rules, and fares, <http://dctaxi.dc.gov/node/310182>.

## Walking

Washington, DC is a large, urban city. As with any city, be careful and alert. We recommend not using earphones connected to loud music so you can be aware of what is going on around you. The streets around the hotel are usually well-populated and should be safe. If you can, walk with a friend or group, and do your best to hide valuables. Put the smart phone away and enjoy the walk. The Woodley Park (north of the Hilton) and Adams Morgan (east of the Hilton) neighborhoods have lots of great places to go for food and are within reasonable walking distance of the Washington Hilton. Walk south on Connecticut Avenue towards DuPont Circle, and enjoy the lovely urban architecture and variety of building styles and retail/restaurant options. Be careful to only cross Connecticut Avenue at designated crosswalks, located at most intersections.

Use Google Maps Get Directions feature to get point-to-point walking directions from the Washington Hilton to your destination using the street address or the name of your destination if a landmark, museum, or restaurant. <https://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en>. Select the walking figure to get walking directions.

## Capital Bike Share

<http://www.capitalbikeshare.com/>. When you become a member, the first 30 minutes of any bike ride are free. D.C. is a great city to borrow a bike to get exercise and go sightseeing.

## Car Rental/Car Share

Hertz Car Rental has a desk inside the Washington Hilton.

<http://www.hertz.com/rentacar/location/index.jsp?targetPage=locationDetailsView.jsp&eoag=WASC16&resAgnt=&locType=pUp>.

Zipcar is a membership service that lets you borrow cars by the hour or day for a fee.

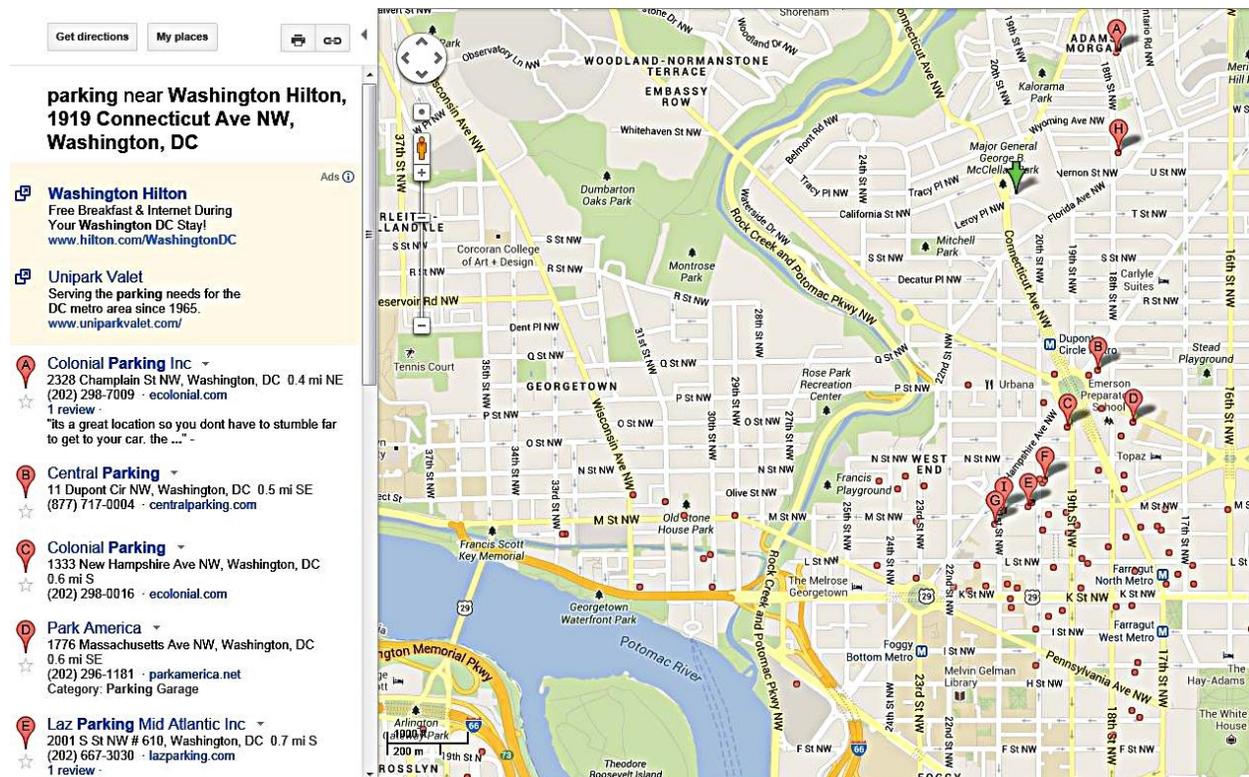
<http://www.zipcar.com/dc/check-rates>.

## Parking Near the Washington Hilton

Parking is not cheap in Washington, DC. If you are commuting to the conference, your absolute best bet is to take the Metro. If you have to park nearby, you can check the map below for garages near the Washington Hilton, or go to Google Maps (<https://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&tab=ll>), and search for “parking near Washington Hilton, Connecticut Avenue, NW DC”.

Are you really desperate, or maybe you are driving to the conference from out of town? Self-parking at the Washington Hilton will cost you \$36.00 per day. Hourly rates are available, but after a few hours you will pay the equivalent of the daily rate. Valet parking is available for \$46.00.

Street parking will be limited in terms of how long you can park. If you do part on the street please note that many neighborhoods in DC now use advance pay parking systems or limit parking to residents only. If paid street parking is available you use a parking payment machine usually located on each block, pay for one hour, two hours, or whatever the parking rules allow, print your receipt, and put it on your dashboard in plain sight. We do not recommend street parking around the hotel because it is so limited.



**parking near Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC**

- Washington Hilton**  
Free Breakfast & Internet During Your Washington DC Stay!  
[www.hilton.com/WashingtonDC](http://www.hilton.com/WashingtonDC)
- Unipark Valet**  
Serving the parking needs for the DC metro area since 1965.  
[www.uniparkvalet.com/](http://www.uniparkvalet.com/)
- Colonial Parking Inc** - 2328 Champlain St NW, Washington, DC 0.4 mi NE (202) 298-7009 - [ecolonial.com](http://ecolonial.com)  
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- Central Parking** - 11 Dupont Cir NW, Washington, DC 0.5 mi SE (877) 717-0004 - [centralparking.com](http://centralparking.com)
- Colonial Parking** - 1333 New Hampshire Ave NW, Washington, DC 0.6 mi S (202) 298-0016 - [ecolonial.com](http://ecolonial.com)
- Park America** - 1776 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 0.6 mi SE (202) 296-1181 - [parkamerica.net](http://parkamerica.net)  
Category: Parking Garage
- Laz Parking Mid Atlantic Inc** - 2001 S St NW # 610, Washington, DC 0.7 mi S (202) 667-3030 - [lazparking.com](http://lazparking.com)  
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