AIR AND RAIL TRAVEL

Air Travel to Washington, DC

Three major airports serve the Washington, DC metropolitan area: Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI), Dulles International Airport (IAD), and Reagan National Airport (DCA). The closest and easiest access airport to George Washington University is Reagan National.

Travel from Reagan National Airport (DCA) to the Avenue Suites Georgetown Hotel.

- The Reagan National Airport Metro station is connected to the airport and directions are clearly marked in the airport.
- Take the Blue Line train in the direction of "Largo Town Center."
- Ride the Blue Line six stops to the Foggy Bottom Metro station.
- Exit the station using the main exit. Walk 1 block north (right) on 23rd street. Turn left on Washington Circle NW. Walk approximately 1 block (heading west) around circle and then bear left on Pennsylvania Ave. NW. Continue walking about 1 more block on Pennsylvania Ave.
- The Avenue Suites Georgetown Hotel is located at 2500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20037. About .3 mile (3 blocks) from the Foggy Bottom Metro Station.

Note. The DC Metro begins running at 5:00am on weekdays, and 7:00am on weekends. It runs until Midnight (Sunday through Thursday) and through 3:00am on Friday and Saturday.  
Metro Map:  http://www.wmata.com/rail/maps/map.cfm  
Trip Planner:  http://www.wmata.com/ridetools/tripplanner/tripplanner_form_solo.cfm

The DC metro is similar to other metro/subways located in New York, Boston, and San Francisco. Metro Fare Cards can be easily purchased at the vending machine located at every Metro station. You can calculate exact costs by viewing the fare schedule located near the vending machines. If you purchase a paper fare card, add $1 dollar, each way, to the fare. Metro Fare Cards can be purchased with coin, currency, ATM or credit card. Keep your fare card easily accessible! You will need it when you enter and exit the station.

Travel from Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI):

- BWI operates a free shuttle from the airport terminal to the BWI Amtrak/MARC station every free shuttle from the airport terminal to the BWI Amtrak/MARC station every 12 minutes from 5:00am to 1:00am daily and every 25 min between 1:00am and 5:00am daily (This is a 5 minute ride between the airport and the train station.) The shuttle is accessible by following the signs to the shuttle stop.
just outside the baggage claim area in each terminal. Buses stop adjacent to the rail station garage directly in front of the rail station.

- MARC (commuter rail run by the state of Maryland) operates trains to Union Station Mon-Fri most times of day and tickets are approximately $5.
- If you’re traveling on the weekend, you can take an Amtrak train to and from BWI Amtrak Station and Union Station in Washington, DC and tickets cost approximately $12-13 each way.
- Once you're at Union Station, follow the Union Station directions listed below.
- If you arrive after hours to BWI, there are moderately expensive taxis and shuttles that can take you directly to your hotel in DC.
- For just $6 per person (exact change required), the B30 Commuter bus (located directly outside the BWI terminal) takes you to Greenbelt Metro station on the Green Line of the Washington DC Metro. Take the Green Line metro 13 stops in the direction of Branch Ave to L’Enfant Plaza.
- At L’Enfant Plaza transfer to either an Orange Line train that says "Vienna" or a Blue Line that reads "Franconia-Springfield"
- On either of those trains travel six stops to the Foggy Bottom Metro station and get off the train.
- Follow the directions to the hotel that are listed above (last two bullets) under the Reagan National Airport information.

From Dulles Airport (IAD):

- If you’re traveling during the hours of 5:50am to 11:35pm Mon-Fri. and 6:35am to 11:35pm on Saturday or Sunday, the Metro runs a shuttle bus to the Rosslyn Metro station on the Orange, Silver, and Blue Lines with just one stop in-between. From Rosslyn Metro station take a Blue Line train in the direction of "Largo Town Center" or an Orange Line train in the direction of “New Carrollton” just one stop and exit the Foggy Bottom - GWU station.
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- If you are traveling after hours you can take a cab to West Falls Church Metro Station and then take an Orange Line train in the direction of “New Carrollton” seven stops and exit at Foggy Bottom - GWU Station.

Note: Due to extreme traffic congestion in the DC Metro area, it is advisable to avoid the use of shuttles or taxis during rush hour on the weekdays as it is not uncommon that it can take upwards of an hour to travel 8 miles within the Washington DC district limits.

Super Shuttle: Shuttle service is available from all of the DC metro’s local airports to the GWU campus and local hotels. Reservations can be made on-line at www.supershuttle.com or by calling (800) BLUE-VAN (258-3826).

Taxi: Taxi cabs in Washington, D.C. are metered; you'll pay an extra $1.50 for each additional person. A rush-hour surcharge of $1 is in effect from 7:00 to 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. on weekdays. For more than one bag or suitcase per person, there is a $0.50/piece addition, and larger objects will cost $2.00 each. Because there is a $1.00 charge for radio-dispatched cabs, try hailing a taxi in a well-traveled location before calling. (Note: Check fares as these prices may have changed.)

Train Travel to Washington, DC

- Amtrak trains are regularly scheduled to Washington, DC and arrive at Union Station. Amtrak schedules can be reviewed at:
Once you arrive at Union Station, there are moderately priced cabs that can take you to the hotel, or you may take the Metro, which is connected to Union Station.

Take the Red Line train in the direction of "Shady Grove" or "Grosvenor."

Ride the Red Line three stops to the Metro Center station. Get off the train and walk downstairs.

Get on either an Orange Line train that says "Vienna" or a Blue Line train that reads "Franconia-Springfield." On either of those trains travel three stops to the Foggy Bottom Metro station.

Follow the directions to the hotel that are listed above (last two bullets) under the Reagan National Airport information

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

From Union Station Bus Terminal:

If you are arriving in DC by bus into Union Station: Walk into the station and follow signs to the Metro Station. Take the Red Line train in the direction of "Shady Grove" or "Grosvenor."

Ride the Red Line three stops to the Metro Center station. Get off the train and walk downstairs.

Get on either an Orange Line train that says "Vienna" or a Blue Line train that reads "Franconia-Springfield." On either of those trains travel three stops to the Foggy Bottom Metro station.

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DIRECTIONS TO THE ELLIOTT BUILDING OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

From the Avenue Suites Georgetown Hotel to the Elliott Building:

Turn right onto Pennsylvania Ave, NW
At Washington circle, continue straight following around the edge of the circle and staying on Pennsylvania Ave, NW
At 20th Street, turn right and walk four blocks to E Street NW
Turn left and walk half a block and the Elliot Building is on your left, 1957 E Street, NW
Walking distance is .9 mile

From Foggy Bottom Metro Station to the Elliott Building:

I Street (also known as Eye Street) will be almost straight ahead (a little to the right) when coming out of the Metro Station
The first street you will see will be 23rd Street. Turn left on 23rd Street and continue for three blocks
Turn left on Virginia Ave NW and then make a slight left onto E Street NW
The Elliott Building will be on your left
Walking distance is .6 mile

Parking

If staying at the Avenue Suites Georgetown parking is available to guests for a daily fee.

Garage and street parking is available to Elliott School visitors. The parking garage is on 19th Street, between F Street and E Street (closer to E Street), and there is a parking fee. There are often open metered parking spaces
in the area, but you cannot park in certain spaces during morning or afternoon rush hours: 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

For more information or inquiries about parking options for persons with disabilities, contact the GW Office of Parking Services at 202 994-PARK (7275).

- Additional Parking near George Washington University is available for a fee at the Marvin Center Garage and Colonial Parking at the Shops at 2000 Penn. The addresses of these lots are as follows:
  - The Marvin Center Parking at 800 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC
  - Colonial Parking at the Shops at 2000 Penn, 2000 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC