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# DC FALL GUIDE





## A LETTER FROM SPRING BOUTIQUE



There is something captivating about autumn in the District. Cool autumn breezes sweep down tree lined avenues, historic rowhouse steps feature festive seasonal decor, and our city landmarks take on a stunning colorful backdrop.

To help you navigate the season, I created this tailored DC Fall Guide highlighting the best local experiences across our vibrant neighborhoods. From weekend farmers markets in Dupont and Capitol Hill to waterfront gatherings at The Wharf and quiet park trails in Greater Northwest, this collection is designed to help you enjoy every weekend.

I hope these recommendations inspire new city adventures and cozy autumn memories with family and friends. It is always a pleasure sharing the best of our community with you.

Warmly,

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## *Georgetown*

Georgetown transforms into an enchanting autumn sanctuary where centuries of history meet vibrant seasonal life. Stone paved lanes and historic brick facades light up under a brilliant canopy of amber maple leaves, creating a breathtaking atmosphere for wandering. The fresh breeze along the Potomac River waterfront complements the cozy warmth of neighborhood cafes and world class boutiques. In Georgetown, autumn offers a timeless blend of heritage, scenic beauty, and cozy sophistication.

## *Events Around Town*

### Georgetown Heritage Canal Walking Tours

Fridays through Sundays in October

*Walk alongside historic lockhouses on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal towpath to learn captivating stories while enjoying peak foliage.*

### Georgetown Fall Market

Sat., Oct. 17 to Sun., Oct. 18 | 10 AM to 5 PM

*Book Hill boutiques showcase fall fashions, antiques, home decor, and French pastries along picturesque sidewalk displays.*



## *Capitol Hill*

Capitol Hill glows with historic splendor as autumn colors surround its iconic rowhouses and grand public parks. Front porches feature festive harvest decor, while golden leaves frame views of the Capitol dome against crisp blue skies. Bustling markets and neighborhood bistros create a welcoming hub where community connection flourishes. A walk through Capitol Hill in the fall is a quintessential Washington experience filled with warmth and neighborhood pride.

## *Events Around Town*

### Marine Corps Marathon

Sunday, October 25 | 7:55 AM

*Experience the thrill and excitement of the Marine Corps Marathon as thousands of runners race past historic monuments and cheer stations down Pennsylvania Avenue.*

### Hill O Ween at Eastern Market

Friday, October 30 | 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

*Gather at historic Eastern Market for trick or treating, live music, costume contests, and family friendly entertainment in a beloved community setting.*



## *The Circles* *(Logan & Dupont)*

Logan Circle and Dupont Circle blend architectural elegance with energetic city living during the autumn months. Grand Victorian homes surround lush circular parks where fallen leaves crunch underfoot during peaceful afternoon strolls. Outdoor cafes adjust their awnings and fire up terrace heaters, creating inviting spaces for hot drinks and conversation. The area radiates a trendy yet cozy atmosphere that captures the vibrant heart of District life.

## *Events Around Town*

### Art All Night: Dupont Circle

Saturday, September 12 | 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM

*Celebrate the heart and soul of DC's creative community with a wonderful lineup of local artists, makers, and performers. Explore art installations and enjoy live indoor and outdoor musical performances throughout the neighborhood.*

### Washington "Boos Fest" Halloween Bar Crawl

Saturday, October 24 | 6:00 PM

*Walk the haunted red carpet and join hundreds for a Halloween bar crawl through Dupont Circle featuring spooky cocktails, a costume contest, trick-or-treating, and live DJs.*



## *Southeast & Southwest* *(Navy Yard, The Wharf, etc.)*

Waterfront magic defines Navy Yard and The Wharf as crisp autumn air sweeps along the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers. Stone fire pits along lit piers invite outdoor dining, while sparkling water reflects the glowing colors of late afternoon sunsets. Boats rock gently in their slips, and lively riverfront walks host seasonal gatherings and open air markets. It is a dynamic destination where waterfront scenery and city festivities meet.

## *Events Around Town*

### Oktoberfest at The Wharf

Saturday, October 3 | 2 PM to 5 PM

*District Pier comes alive with traditional German music, pretzel eating competitions, and family games overlooking the water.*

### Celebración Día de los Muertos at The Wharf

Sunday, November 1 | 4 PM to 7 PM

*Honor loved ones with vibrant floral altars, live mariachi music, sugar skull decorating, and traditional dance performances along the waterfront.*



## *Greater Northwest* *(Glover Park, Cath. Heights, etc.)*

Northwest DC neighborhoods offer a serene and picturesque autumn escape tucked away from the busy city center. Tree lined residential avenues resemble vibrant forest passages, while the grand stone towers of the National Cathedral rise above golden tree canopies. Neighborhood park paths invite quiet morning walks, and independent local shops offer warm hospitality. It is a tranquil haven where natural beauty and peaceful community living shine.

## *Events Around Town*

### Boo at the Zoo

Fri., Oct. 16 – Sun. Oct. 18 | 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

*Put on your favorite costume and explore the Smithsonian's National Zoo after hours, collecting treats at trick-or-treat stations while enjoying festive decor, animal pumpkin enrichment, and after-hours access to select animal exhibits.*

### Tregaron Unplugged

Saturday, October 17 | 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

*Enjoy a free outdoor afternoon of music and movement across 13 historic acres in Cleveland Park, featuring live jazz, West African drumming and dance, acoustic performances, and outdoor yoga.*



# THINGS TO DO AROUND THE DISTRICT



## *Shopping*

### **Capitol Hill: Eastern Market Artisanal Stalls**

Located in historic Capitol Hill, Eastern Market comes alive on weekends with local farmers and artisans. Pick up fresh fall apples, hot spiced cider, and handcrafted ceramics while enjoying live street music and neighborhood warmth right in Capitol Hill.

### **Georgetown: Shop Made in DC Georgetown**

Discover a curated showcase of items created exclusively by District artists and designers. From autumn scented soy candles and local art prints to cozy knit scarves, it is the premier spot for locally sourced fall treasures in Georgetown.

### **Dupont Circle: Kramers Books & Afterwords**

Combine browsing for captivating fall literature with a warm coffee or cider at this iconic Dupont Circle institution. Their curated autumn book lists and cozy indoor atmosphere offer a comforting sanctuary on crisp afternoons in Dupont Circle.

### **Downtown: CityCenterDC**

For an elevated autumn shopping excursion in Downtown DC, CityCenterDC features luxury fashion houses framed by illuminated pedestrian walkways. Festive seasonal decor and open air plazas create a sophisticated shopping atmosphere.

### **Union Market District: Salt & Sundry**

Step inside Union Market District to explore this beautiful home and lifestyle boutique. Discover autumnal table linens, handcrafted cocktail mixers, ceramic mugs, and cozy home accents designed for seasonal entertaining right in Union Market.

### **Greater Northwest: Broad Branch Market**

Located in Chevy Chase DC, Broad Branch Market is a cozy neighborhood grocery and specialty market offering artisanal cheeses, fresh autumn produce, craft beers, and homemade baked treats for crisp fall picnics.



## *Fall Cocktail Bars & Dives*

Logan Circle:  
Churchkey  
Pearl Dive Oyster Palace

Dupont Circle:  
Bar Charley  
Residents Cafe & Bar

Mt. Vernon:  
Crimson DC  
Morris American Bar

Adams Morgan:  
The Green Zone  
Grand Duchess

Shaw:  
Death & Co. DC  
Dacha Beer Garden

NoMa:  
Red Bear Brewing  
Wunder Garten

Georgetown:  
the Sovereign  
Filomena Ristorante

Woodley Park:  
Duke's Counter  
Open City

The Wharf:  
Mi Vida  
Shelter at The Roost

Capitol Hill:  
Smoke & Mirrors  
Barrel DC



## *Restaurants*

Logan Circle:  
Etto  
Le Diplomate

Dupont Circle:  
Iron Gate  
Bistro Du Coin

Downtown:  
The Dabney  
Old Ebbitt Grill

Penn Quarter:  
Oyamel  
Rasika

Shaw  
Supra Georgian Restaurant  
Unconventional Diner

Navy Yard:  
The Salt Line  
Restaurant Choice

Georgetown:  
1789 Restaurant  
Clyde's of Georgetown

The Wharf:  
Officina  
Mi Vida

H Street:  
Maketto  
Cane DC

Capitol Hill:  
Rose's Luxury  
The Duck & The Peach

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