Summer Institutes: Teaching the Humanities through Art
Travel Information Sheet

About the Museum

Where is the Smithsonian American Art Museum located?

8th and G Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

The Smithsonian American Art Museum is comprised of two buildings: the main building and the Renwick Gallery. The Summer Institutes take place in the Smithsonian American Art Museum’s main building. This historic building is located in the Penn Quarter neighborhood, a few blocks north of the National Mall, and is shared with the National Portrait Gallery.

The Renwick Gallery is located on Pennsylvania Avenue at 17th Street N.W., Washington, D.C., across the street from the White House.

General information about the Museum’s locations and hours, a neighborhood map, local transportation, and parking can be found at https://americanart.si.edu/visit/saam.

What are the Museum’s hours?

The Smithsonian American Art Museum is open from 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Renwick Gallery is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

What are the closest Metro stops?

The Museum’s main building is conveniently located above the Gallery Place-Chinatown Metrorail station (Red, Yellow and Green lines). It is also within three blocks of the Metro Center Metrorail station (Red, Orange, Blue, and Silver lines). Metro hours, fare information, and maps are available at www.wmata.com. The DC Circulator (Georgetown-Union Station line) and several Metrobus lines also serve the Museum’s neighborhood. Hours, fare information and maps are available at www.dccirculator.com and www.wmata.com/bus.

Is parking available onsite?

There are several paid parking lots and garages near the Museum, and there is limited on-street parking at meters.
Travel to the Institute

What are the closest airports?

Located four miles south of the Smithsonian American Art Museum along the Potomac River and accessible on Metrorail's Yellow and Blue lines. Taxi fare to downtown is approximately $20.

Located 27 miles west of Washington, D.C., and offering a full range of domestic and international flights. Accessible on Metrorail’s Silver line. Taxi fare to downtown is approximately $60.

Baltimore/Washington International Airport – www.bwiairport.com
Located 30 miles north of Washington, D.C., offering domestic and international flights. There are multiple ground transportation options to Washington, D.C., including the MARC train to Union Station. One-way fares range from $8 to $60.

What is the closest Amtrak train station?

Union Station – www.unionstationdc.com
Located less than one mile east of the Smithsonian American Art Museum and accessible on Metrorail’s Red line.

Local Hotel and Restaurant Information

What hotels are within walking distance of the Museum?

Courtyard by Marriott
Washington Downtown/Convention Center
901 L Street NW

Grand Hyatt
1000 H Street NW

The Henley Park Hotel
926 Massachusetts Avenue NW
www.henleypark.com/

Hotel Monaco
700 F Street NW
www.monaco-dc.com/

J.W. Marriott
1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Morrison-Clark Historic Inn & Restaurant 202-898-1200
1015 L Street NW 800-332-7898 (reservation line)
http://www.morrisonclark.com/

Motto by Hilton Washington D.C. City Center 202-847-4444
627 H Street NW

Renaissance Washington, D.C., Hotel 202-898-9000
999 9th Street NW 888-236-2427 (reservation line)

Washington Marriott at Metro Center 202-737-2200
775 12th Street NW

Willard Inter-Continental Hotel 202-628-9100
1401 Pennsylvania Avenue NW 866-487-2537 (reservation line)
www.washington.intercontinental.com/

What dining options are within walking distance of the Museum?

Breakfast and lunch will be provided at the Institute each day. The Museum’s Courtyard Café is also open daily from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There are also many excellent restaurants within a few minute walk of the Museum.

For dinner suggestions in the Museum’s neighborhood, the following links may be helpful:

- Search by the “Penn Quarter/Chinatown” location to find nearby options:
  https://washington.org/find-dc-listings/restaurants

- Browse Washingtonian’s lists of best restaurants, cheap eats, and restaurant reviews:
  https://www.washingtonian.com/sections/food/