

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?

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport – www.metwashairports.com/reagan/reagan.htm

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.

Washington Dulles International – www.metwashairports.com/dulles/dulles.htm

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	202-589-1800
Washington Downtown/Convention Center	800-321-2211 (reservation line)
901 L Street NW	
https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wasyv-courtyard-washington-downtown-convention-center/	
Grand Hyatt	202-582-1234
1000 H Street NW	888-591-1234 (reservation line)
https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/washington-dc/grand-hyatt-washington/wasgh	
The Henley Park Hotel	202-638-5200
926 Massachusetts Avenue NW	800-222-8474 (reservation line)
www.henleypark.com/	
Hotel Monaco	202-628-7177
700 F Street NW	800-649-1202 (reservation line)
www.monaco-dc.com/	
J.W. Marriott	202-393-2000
1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW	800-393-2503 (reservation line)
www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wasjw-jw-marriott-washington-dc/	

Morrison-Clark Historic Inn & Restaurant 1015 L Street NW http://www.morrisonclark.com/	202-898-1200 800-332-7898 (reservation line)
Motto by Hilton Washington D.C. City Center 627 H Street NW https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/wasuaua-motto-washington-dc-city-center/	202-847-4444
Renaissance Washington, D.C., Hotel 999 9 th Street NW www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wasrb-renaissance-washington-dc-downtown-hotel/	202-898-9000 888-236-2427 (reservation line)
Washington Marriott at Metro Center 775 12 th Street NW https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/wasmc-washington-marriott-at-metro-center/	202-737-2200
Willard Inter-Continental Hotel 1401 Pennsylvania Avenue NW www.washington.intercontinental.com/	202-628-9100 866-487-2537 (reservation line)

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/>