



Information Package

52nd CGMS Plenary Session

Hosted by the National Oceanic &
Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

4 – 6 June 2024
Washington, DC



Venue

The CGMS-52 Plenary will be held at the Washington Plaza Hotel located at 10 Thomas Circle, Washington, DC 20005.

[Washington Plaza Hotel](#)

The Washington Plaza hotel is in the heart of Washington, DC near many of Washington's iconic museums, monuments and attractions.

Note: Information on accommodations can be found on pages 6 and 7.

Meeting Format and Registration

The meeting will be held in-person with a virtual option offered in parallel. For participants attending virtually, NOAA will provide the WebEx connection details in due course.

Please register as soon as possible and no later than 3 May 2024 using this link:
<https://www.eventsforce.net/cgms-52plenarysession>

Registration Deadline: 3 May 2024

Please see the information on Page 2 regarding Bilateral Meetings.

Important Deadlines

3 May 2024	Meeting Registration
3 May 2024	Visa Support Letters
14 May 2024	Bilateral Meeting Requests



Meeting Overview

Plenary Session, 4-6 June 2024, Grand Ballroom, Washington Plaza Hotel

- The Registration Table will open at 8:30 AM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) daily.
- The Plenary Sessions will run from 9:00 to Noon EDT and 13:15 to 15:00 EDT daily.
- Morning and afternoon coffee breaks will be provided.
- Lunch will be on your own. NOAA will provide a list of nearby local restaurants with directions.

Ice Breaker, 4 June 2024

- There will be an Ice Breaker on Tuesday, 4 June 2024 from 18:30 to 20:00 EDT at the Washington Plaza Hotel in the Ballroom Foyer.

Dinner, 5 June 2024

- There will be a dinner on Wednesday, 5 June 2024 at 18:30 EDT at the Washington Plaza Hotel in the National Ballroom.

Technical Visit, 5 June 2024 – National Air and Space Museum, Washington, DC

- See next page for more information.

Bilateral Meetings, 4 – 6 June 2024

- Four smaller conference rooms have been reserved in the hotel from 8:00 to 18:00.
- Requests to reserve bilateral meeting room space can be submitted to NOAA through this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/5Lo2orkf4wVbAwYH7>
- If you are unable to use the Google Form, please email your request to Tashaun.Pierre@noaa.gov and include the Agency Name, Point of Contact Name and Email Address, Number of People (up to 12) and preferred dates/times with at least one alternate date/time.



Technical Visit: National Air and Space Museum

There will be an opportunity to visit the National Air and Space Museum on 5 June 2024 from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. Please indicate during the registration process if you would like to attend the technical visit.

<https://airandspace.si.edu/visit/museum-dc>

NOAA will provide transportation between the National Air and Space Museum and the Washington Plaza Hotel.

Visas

A citizen of a foreign country who seeks to enter the United States generally must first obtain a U.S. visa, which is placed in the traveler's passport, a travel document issued by the traveler's country of citizenship.

Certain international travelers may be eligible to travel to the United States without a visa if they meet the requirements for visa-free travel. The Visa section of the website below is all about U.S. visas for foreign citizens to travel to the United States. [Travel.State.Gov](https://travel.state.gov)

If you require a personalized invitation letter for your visa application, please email CGMSSEC@EUMETSAT.INT.

COVID-19

As of May 2023, the United States ended the COVID-19 vaccine requirements for international air travelers. Noncitizen nonimmigrant air passengers no longer need to show proof of being fully vaccinated with an accepted COVID-19 vaccine to board a flight to the United States.



Airports

We recommend you fly into one of the following airports:

[Washington Dulles International Airport](#) (IAD)

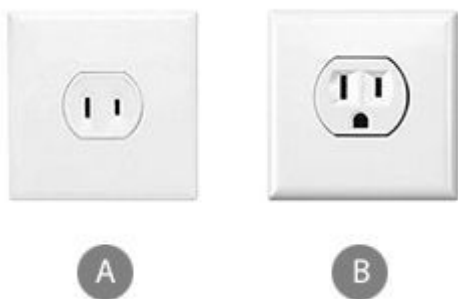
[Washington Reagan National Airport](#) (DCA)

Weather for Washington, D.C.

In early June, morning low temperatures tend to be in the lower 60s F (15-17 C) with a few of the cooler mornings dipping into the mid-50s F (12-13C). Afternoon highs early in the month tend to be near 80F (26-27C).

While there is always a chance of rain, June is generally sunny or at least partially sunny. Thunderstorms are possible in the afternoons/evenings.

The [National Weather Service Forecast Office for Baltimore/Washington](#) has up-to-date forecasts, watches, and warnings.



Electricity

The United States uses type A and B power plugs and sockets (outlets). The standard voltage is 120 V at a frequency of 60 Hz.



Currency and Costs

The currency in the United States is the U.S. Dollar. ATMs are readily available around the city and most places will accept credit cards or mobile pay apps.

In the USA, taxes are generally added on top of the cost of any item. The general sales tax for Washington, DC is 6%; however, there are exceptions since groceries and medicine are not taxed. Meals and drinks at restaurants are taxed at 10%. Hotels add 15.95% tax to your stay.

Tipping

Americans tip for most personal services including in taxis and ride shares (Uber, Lyft); hotels (porters/bell hops, housekeeping, waitstaff and room service), and service in restaurants, bars and cafes. We've provided a quick guide to tipping below to help you plan your trip.

- *Taxis & Ride Shares*: 15 to 20% of the fare
- *Restaurants*: 20 to 25 % of the bill before sales tax. Some restaurants will add gratuity automatically for large parties. If the bill reads "gratuity included" or "service charge included" you are not required to pay extra.
- *Hotels*: Approximately \$2 per piece of luggage for porters and bell hops, and \$2 -\$5 per day for housekeeping depending on the room type, number of occupants, condition of your room and if you've made special requests.
- *Bars*: \$1-2 for each beer or wine and 15-20% for more complicated cocktails.



Accommodations

[The Washington Plaza Hotel](#) (CGMS-52 Venue)

10 Thomas Circle NW
Washington, DC 20005
+1-202-842-1300

You can reserve at the Plenary Hotel using the link and code below. Please note there is no special rate for CGMS attendees, rather the reservations will be made at the best available rate.

[The Washington Plaza Hotel Reservation Link for CGMS](#)

CODE: CGMS24

The following hotels are within walking distance of the Venue.

[The Westin Washington](#), D.C. City Center (0.2 miles)

1400 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005
844-207-8733

[Hotel Zena, a Viceroy Urban Retreat](#) (322 feet)

1155 14th Street NW
Washington, DC 20005
+1-202-737-1200

[Residence Inn Washington, DC Downtown](#) (0.1 miles)

1199 Vermont Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20005
+1-202-898-1100

[Hamilton Hotel DC](#) (0.2 miles)

1001 14th Street NW
Washington, DC 20005
+1-877-714-7625

[Homewood Suites by Hilton Washington, D.C. Downtown](#) (0.2 miles)

1475 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20005
+1-202-265-8000

[The Madison Hotel](#) (0.3 miles)

1177 15th Street NW
Washington, DC 2005
+1-202-862-1600

[Viceroy Washington, D.C.](#) (0.3 miles)

1430 Rhode Island Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20005
+1-202-742-3100

[The Holiday Inn Washington-Central/White House](#) (0.3 miles)

1501 Rhode Island Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20005
+1-202-483-2000

[Morrison-Clark Historic Inn & Restaurant](#) (0.3 miles)

1011 L Street NW
Washington, DC 20001
+1-202-898-1200

[The Jefferson](#) (0.4 miles)

1200 16th St, NW
Washington, DC 20036
+1-202-448-2300

[Canopy by Hilton Washington DC Embassy Row](#) (0.4 miles)

1600 Rhode Island Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036
+1-202-293-8000

[The Darcy](#) (0.4 miles)

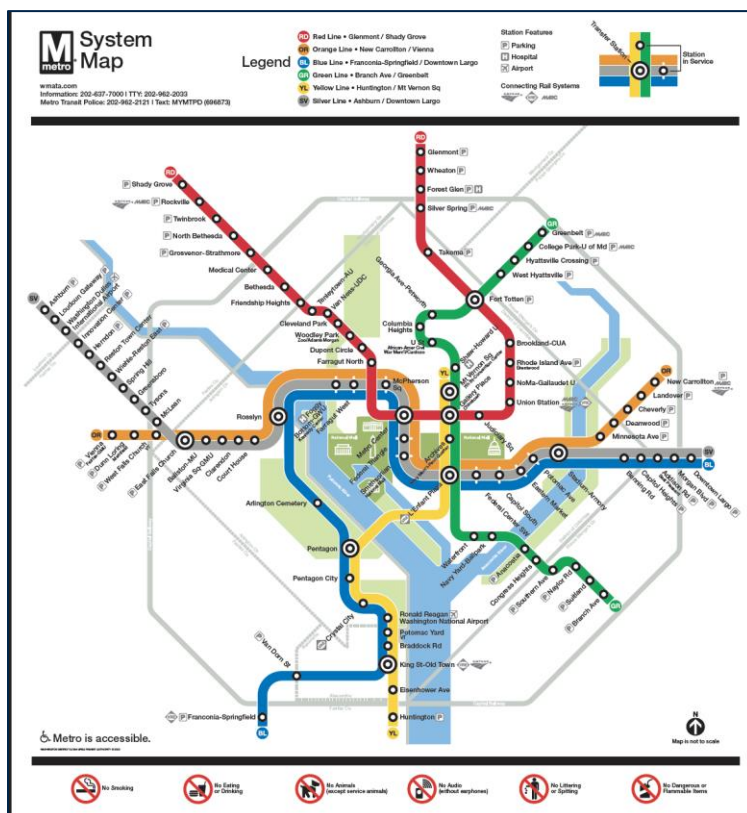
1515 Rhode Island Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 2005
+1-202-232-7000

[Capital Hilton](#) (0.4 miles)

1001 16th Street NW
Washington, DC 20036
+1-202-393-1000



Getting Around Washington DC



Metro Rail

The Washington DC Metro System is open Monday through Thursday from 5 a.m. to midnight, Friday from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. and Sunday from 7 a.m. to midnight. However, the first and last train service to Dulles Airport differ from the open and close time.

The closest metrorail stations to the CGMS-52 Venue (The Washington Plaza Hotel) are the McPherson Square Station (0.25 mi) on the Orange and Blue lines, and the Farragut North Station (0.51 mi) on the Red Line, and the Mt. Vernon Square – 7th Street Convention Center Station (0.59 miles) on the Yellow and Green Lines. The online [TripPlanner](#) is the best way to calculate your fare. You can enter an address or a metro station to begin your trip and an address or metro station to end your trip and it will provide

detailed directions, including walking directions to/from the station. TripPlanner is available in English, Chinese, French, Korean and several other languages.

[Metro fares](#) are calculated based on distance traveled and time of day. The TripPlanner will tell you the cost of each trip. Fare cards and passes as well as reloadable [SmartTrip Cards](#) are available for purchase at vending machines in the metro stations. You can also [add SmartTrip](#)

[in your Mobile Wallet](#) (Apple Wallet, Google Wallet) and use tap-and-go on your iPhone, AppleWatch or Adroid device.

The DC Circulator

The DC Circulator bus runs every 10 minutes and costs \$1 each way. Two bus stops are located within blocks of the hotel. 14th and K Street NW Stop (On 14th Street along Franklin Square Park) is on the Woodley Park - Adams Morgan - McPherson Square Line of the Circulator, and the K Street and 14th Street NW stop (on K Street west of 14th) is on the Georgetown-Union Station line. For more information about DC's local circulator service, visit www.dccirculator.com

Taxis and Ride Shares

Taxis and ride shares (Uber, Lyft, Via) are abundant in Washington, D.C.

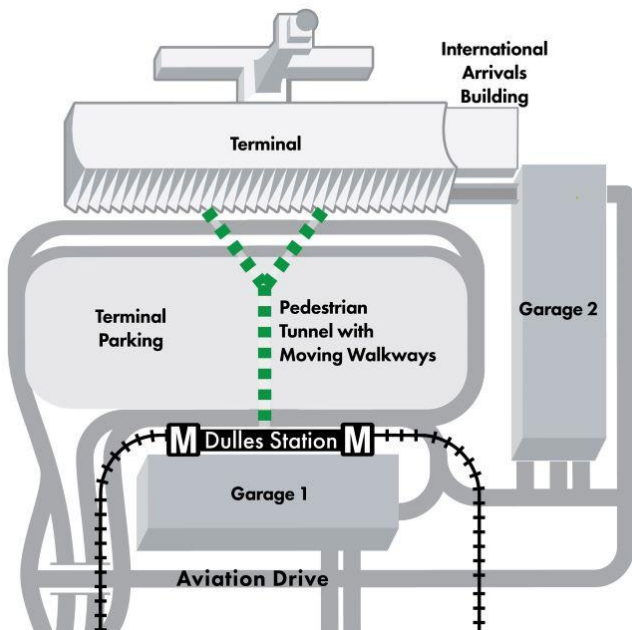
Capital Bike Share

The District's bike-sharing program makes bicycles available to anyone. Simply take a bike from one of over 165 stations in DC and Arlington, and return it to a nearby docking station. The closest docking station to the CGMS-52 venue is located on the opposite side of Thomas Circle from the hotel. For more information about memberships, fees and station locations, visit www.capitalbikeshare.com.



Directions to/from the CGMS-52 Venue

Directions from Washington Dulles International Airport



Metro (Estimated travel time: 65 - 75 minutes)

The Metrorail station at Dulles (Silver Line) is connected to the main terminal by an indoor pedestrian tunnel with moving sidewalks. It is approximately a 5-minute walk from the terminal to the Metro station. Trains depart the stations approximately every 10 minutes during rush hour, every 12 minutes during off-peak hours, and every 15 minutes after 9:30 p.m.

After you exit the secure baggage claim area on the International Arrivals Building (Level 1) you will follow the signs for the Metro down a ramp the lower level and the indoor pedestrian walkway. You can purchase fare cards at the metro station or see the information above regarding SmartTrip and

Mobile Wallet.

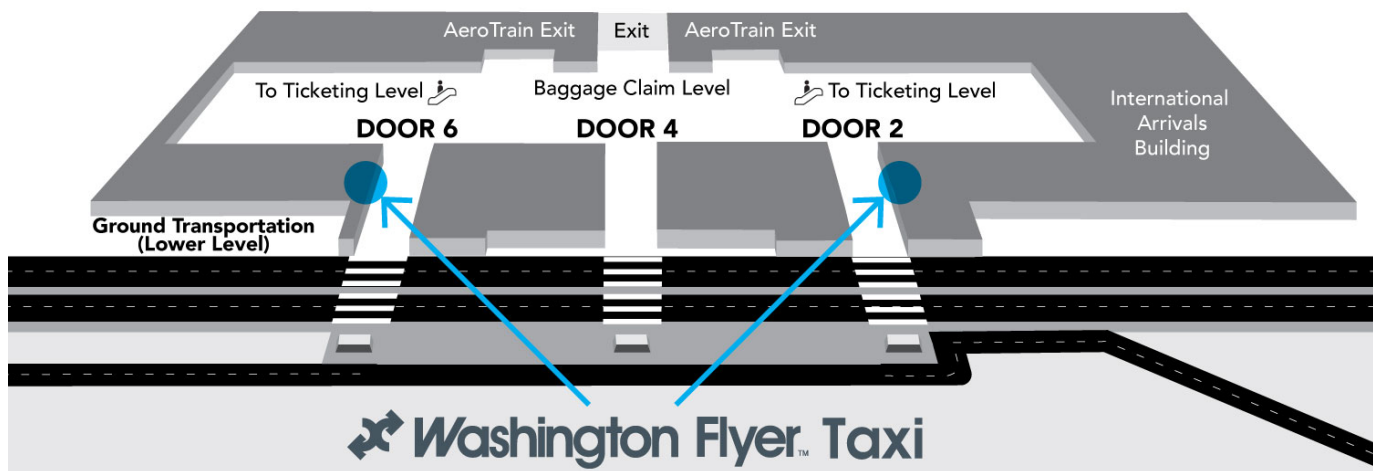
Upon entering the Metrorail station.

- Follow the signs for the Silver Line/Largo.
- Take the Silver Line towards Largo (17 stops, ~51 minutes)
- Exit the Metrorail station following the signs for 14th and I Streets

- Take the escalator and exit via 14th Street NW & Zei Alley NW at the southeast corner
- Head North on 14th Street
- At the traffic circle, cross Massachusetts Avenue
- Turn right on the M Street NW
- Cross Massachusetts Avenue at the Circle
- Turn right on M Street to Enter the hotel which will be in front of you

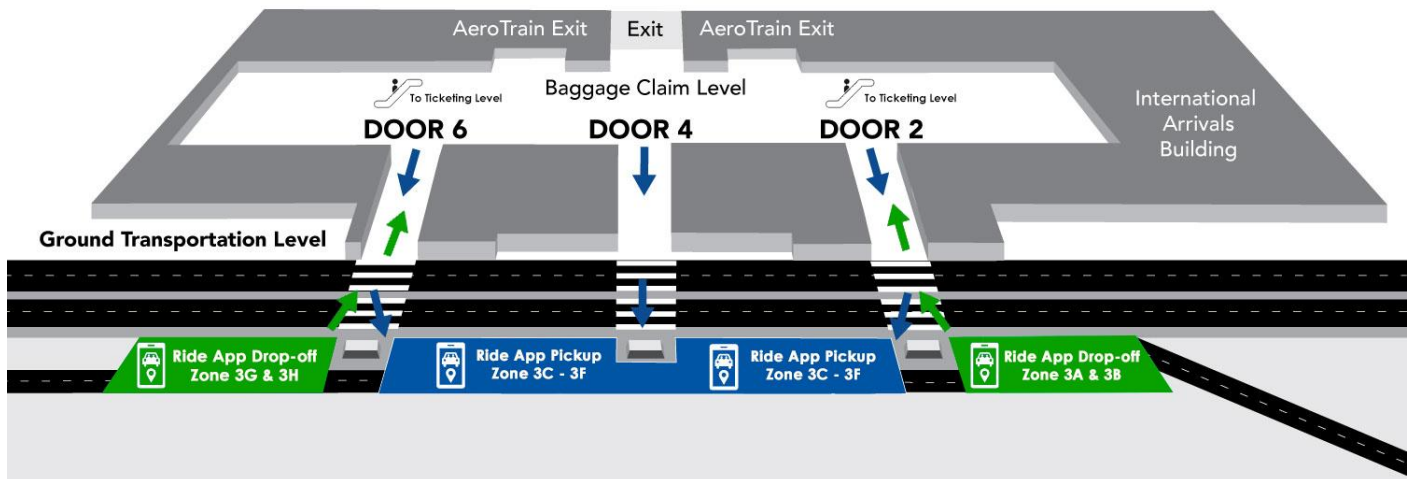
Taxis (Estimated Travel Time: 45 minutes)

The airport is served exclusively by [Washington Flyer Taxicabs](#). No reservations are needed for a taxi. Upon exiting the secure baggage claim area that services international arrivals, you will follow the signs for ground transportation to the lower level and exit via Door 2. You can pay by cash or credit card (American Express, Visa, Mastercard and Discover). Wheelchair accessible vehicles are available and service dogs are welcome. The [fare](#) to Washington, DC is approximately \$60 -75, but may be more at rush hour.



Ride App Pick Up (Estimated Travel Time: 45 minutes)

Uber and Lyft pick up and Washington Dulles International Airport. After you exit the secure baggage claim area, you will follow the signs down for Ride App Pickup, which will take you down a ramp to the lower level. You will follow the signs and then exit and cross to the 3rd curb. Numbered and lettered zones (3C-3F, with 3C closest to the International Arrivals building) make finding your ride easy.



Driving Directions (Estimated Travel Time: 45 minutes)

- Follow signs to exit the airport towards Airport Access Road.
- Stay straight to go onto Dulles Airport Access Road.
- Merge onto VA-267 East.
- VA-267 becomes I-66 East.
- Take the Independence Avenue exit.
- Stay straight to go onto US-50 East.
- Turn left onto 17th Street. NW.
- Turn right onto US-29/K Street NW.
- Stay straight to go onto 14th Street NW to Thomas Circle (a rotary).
- Exit Circle (rotary) at Vermont Avenue (the third exit), hotel entrance is on the right-hand side just off of the circle

Directions from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport

Metro (Estimated Travel Time; 25 minutes)

The Washington, DC Metrorail system has an elevated Metrorail station connected to the concourse level of Terminal 2 Reagan National Airport. Metrorail farecards may be purchased at machines located at all entrances to the Airport Metrorail station. The station is also fully accessible via elevators. From Terminal 2: Use either of two enclosed pedestrian bridges on the concourse level which connect directly to the station. From Terminal 1: Exit the terminal to the street side curb, and board any "Airport Shuttle" bus. At the stops for Terminal 2 or North/South Parking 1 & 2, you can access an enclosed bridge which connects to the Metrorail station.

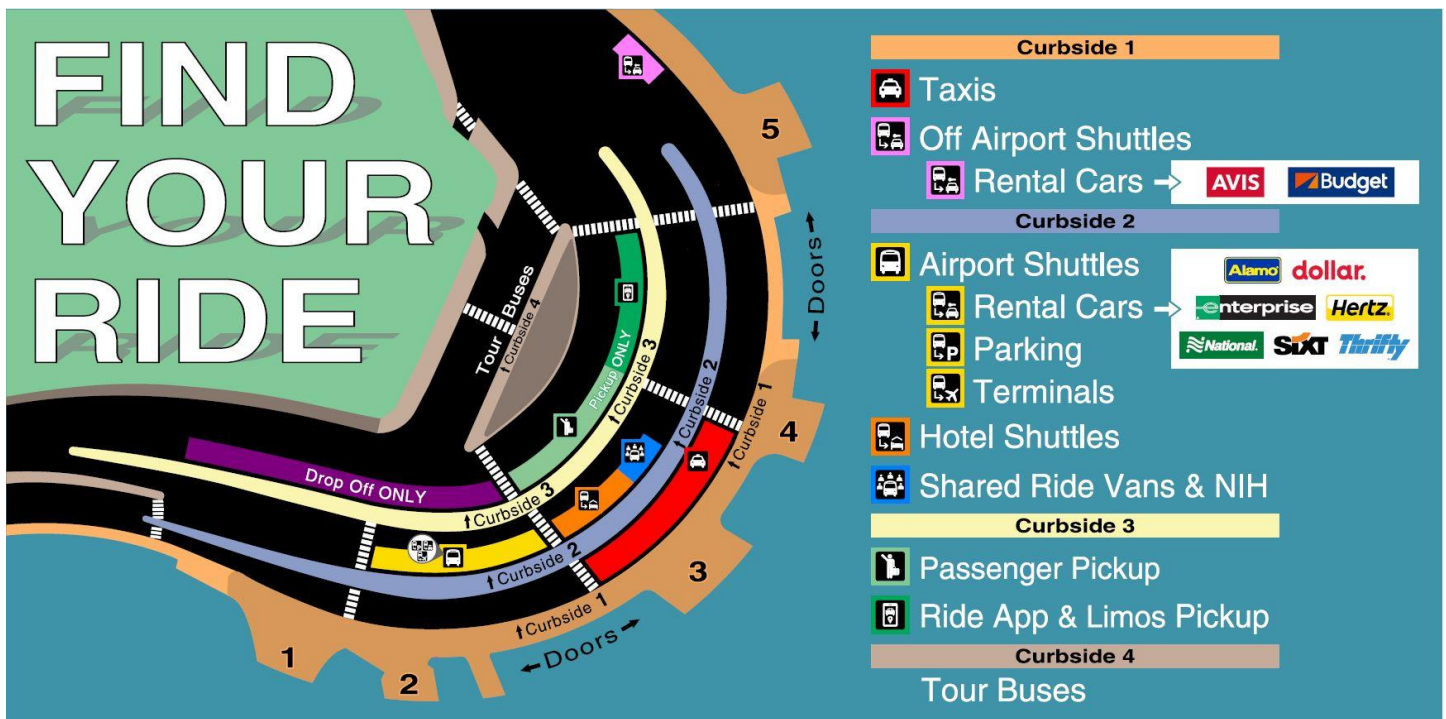
Upon entering the Metrorail station.

- Follow the signs for the metro station – it is a short walk from the terminal via moving walkways
- Follow the signs for Blue Line/Largo, Yellow Line/Mt. Vernon Square
- Take the Blue line to McPherson Square (7 stops, ~15 minutes)
- Exit the Metrorail station following the signs for 14th and I Streets
- Take the escalator and exit via 14th Street NW & Zei Alley NW at the southeast corner
- Head North on 14th Street

- At the traffic circle, cross Massachusetts Avenue
- Turn right on the M Street NW
- Cross Massachusetts Avenue at the Circle
- Turn right on M Street to Enter the hotel which will be in front of you.

Taxis (Estimated Travel Time; 25 minutes)

Taxi service is on a first-come, first-served basis. A DCA Taxi Dispatcher is available at designated Taxi stands. Exit from the baggage claim level outside to the terminal curbside. You will find taxi dispatch locations clearly marked. All taxicabs accept cash or credit card. All taxicabs dispatched at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport must have and use taxi meters. Wheelchair accessible vehicles are available and service dogs are welcome. Taxi Fares from the airport to the CGMS-52 are approximately \$20. Fares may be higher at rush hour.



RideShare (Uber, Lyft) (Estimated Travel Time; 25 minutes)

Uber and Lyft pick up at Reagan National Airport. Pickup locations for Terminals 1 and 2 are provided below. In the app, you'll be asked select the appropriate pick zone, and coordinate directly with their driver. Green flags located outside on the outer terminal curb designate the appropriate pick-up loading zones.

- Terminal 1: Customers can meet their ride on the third (outer) curb.
- Terminal 2: Customers can meet their ride on the Baggage Claim (Arrivals) Level -1st Floor on the outer curb. Please select Zone 1 through 4.

Driving Directions (Estimated Travel Time: 25 minutes)

- Exit the Airport North towards Airport Exit/I-395/GW Parkway North/US-50W/I-66/Washington.
- Merge onto George Washington Memorial (GW) Parkway North.
- Merge onto I-395 North/US-1 North toward Washington (crossing into District of Columbia).

- Keep left to take US-1 North via Exit 1 toward National Mall.
- Stay straight to go onto 14th Street NW to Thomas Circle (a rotary)
- Exit Circle (rotary) at Vermont Avenue (the third exit), hotel entrance is on the right-hand side just off of the circle.

Directions to Washington Dulles International Airport

Metro (Estimated Travel Time: 65 -75 minutes)

- Turn right on the M Street NW after you exit the hotel
- Cross Massachusetts Avenue at the Circle
- Continue south on 14th Street NW for three blocks
- Enter McPherson Square Metrorail Station (corner of 14th Street and I street)
- Follow signs for Silver Line/Ashburn
- Take the Silver Line to Washington Dulles International Airport (17 stops, ~50 minutes)
- Exit the metro station and follow the signs to the main terminal via the moving pedestrian walkways.

Taxi: If you would like to reserve a taxi to Washington Dulles Airport, you can +1-703-572-8294 to make a reservation for a Washington Flyer Taxi. They accept reservations at any time, however reservations placed 24-hours in advance are preferred to ensure vehicle availability and pick up in a timely manner. Non-Washington Flyer cab companies may drop off passengers at Dulles. It is easy to arrange a taxi through the hotel if you prefer.

Directions to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport

Metro

- Turn right on the M Street NW after you exit the hotel
- Cross Massachusetts Avenue at the Circle
- Continue south on 14th Street NW for three blocks
- Turn right on I Street NW and walk one block to the McPherson Square Metrorail Station
- Follow signs for Orange Line Vienna/Blue Line Downtown Largo.
- Take the Blue Line to Ronald Reagan National Airport
- Follow signs for the Terminal

Taxi: It is easy to arrange a taxi through the hotel or if you prefer you can call any local DC Taxi company. Yellow Cab Company of D.C. taxis can be reserved at 1-202-253-0598 or through their website <https://dcyellowcab.com/>.

Useful Websites

TRANSPORTATION

[Washington Dulles International Airport](#)

[Ronald Reagan National Airport](#)

[Metrorail \(Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority\)](#)

[DC Circulator](#)

[Washington Flyer Taxi](#)

[Yellow Cab Washington DC](#)

TOURISM

[Washington DC Tourism](#)

[Smithsonian Museums](#) (includes Air & Space Museum, Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center, American History, National Gallery, Natural History, African American History and Culture, American Indian, Portrait Gallery, American Art, African Art, Freer Gallery of Art, Hirshorn Gallery, Postal Museum, Renwick Gallery, Smithsonian Castle, Smithsonian Gardens)

[National Mall and Memorial Parks](#)

[White House Visitors Center](#)

[National Museum of Women in the Arts](#)

[National Zoo](#)

[International Spy Museum](#)

[U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum](#)

[Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts](#)

[Washington Nationals Baseball Team](#)

- 3 June 2024 Home Game vs. Mets
- 4 June 2024 home game vs. Mets
- 5 June 2024 home game vs. Mets
- 6 June 2024 home game vs. Atlanta Braves

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