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The Official Washington DC Visitor's Site is here (<https://washington.org/>)

Conference Sustainability

Please bring along a bottle for water. The hotel has conveniently located water dispensers throughout. The food includes many vegetarian and vegan items. (Given it avoids all animal-based items vegan food is suitable for vegetarians). Look for these. In an effort to be more sustainable we are not giving out the sort of swag that used to be given out at conferences.

Weather

June weather in Washington DC has an average daily high of 84° (Fahrenheit, 29° Celsius) and an low of 66° (Fahrenheit, 19° Celsius). Humidity can make it feel a lot hotter. Buildings are air conditioned so **be ready for hot temperatures outside and cooler indoor temperatures.**

Walking

Washington DC is an excellent city to walk around – it was planned to have a beautiful center. (It may be too hot and humid for some to be comfortable walking; warning it can be quite sweaty).

National Mall (0.9 miles from conference): A park connecting the United States Capitol and Washington Monument. It connects to the Martin Luther King Jr and Lincoln Memorial and (further) the Jefferson Memorial

The Smithsonian Institute has museums around the National Mall, including the National Museum of Natural History. These are typically of excellent quality and free, some require you to reserve a time. I'd recommend the National Museum of African American History and Culture given its interesting/important exhibitions and high-quality presentation (<https://www.si.edu/visit/museums>).

The White House (0.7 miles from conference): Home of the US President.

By Dulles Airport: The Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, Virginia

Part of the National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian this houses larger items. (A companion site is on the National Mall). It is a short Uber/Lyft from Washington Dulles Airport (we visited when our flight got cancelled). If you like planes and space shuttles this is for you, otherwise maybe less so. (<https://airandspace.si.edu/visit/udvar-hazy-center>)

Restaurants

There are plenty of places to eat and drink in central DC near the conference.

Getting Around

While many places can be walked to from the hotel the Metro is an excellent way to travel to further spots. If you have time, there are some interesting neighborhoods to visit, e.g., Alexandria, Georgetown, Adams Morgan (<https://www.wmata.com/>). This will also take you to Dulles and Reagan Airports.