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# Glimpses of Glamour

## An insider's guide to this historic capital city neighborhood

By Kathryn Streeter

F YOU'RE FLIRTING WITH a Washington, D.C., getaway, take the extra step to plan your stay in or near the historic Georgetown neighborhood.

The scenic area takes you back in time with brick sidewalks, cobblestone streets lined with luxury stores and stately townhomes.

Yet, there is so much more to appreciate about this part of the city seemingly far removed from official Washington. Here, experience historic Georgetown with a strong dose of insider tips.

For a locally inspired visit, plan to stay off the main drag — away from the crowds and street noise at the boutique The Poppy Georgetown Guesthouse &

**Gardens**. The idyllic sanctuary welcomes

four-legged friends, and sits tucked in the middle of historic townhouses on Georgetown's east end. Each of the property's 15 rooms is unique, with variations that include personal patios, sleeper sofas and a stand-alone soaking tub. Take note of the art installations, created by local artist Amy Kaslow, and be charmed by the lush patio gardens, perfect for breakfast — or intimate

evening conversation after a day of exploring.

Georgetown is best explored by foot to fully appreciate its beauty, so put on your walking shoes. As a nice overview, let **DC Design Tours** show you around. The

guided tour covers famous sights such as the Old Stone House, DC's oldest structure. Chesapeake & Ohio Canal and the **Exorcist Steps**, as seen in the classic 1973 horror movie. If desired, request a specially curated tour featuring homes of past noteworthy Georgetown residents like John F. and Jacqueline Kennedy, Madeleine Albright and Elizabeth Taylor.

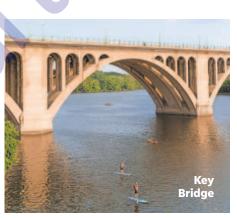
Visit the

Dumbarton Oaks

Gardens, stepping inside the museum if you can be pulled away from nature. In a slightly different part of the neighborhood,

stop by **Dumbarton House**, if only to notice the adorable adjacent secret garden, free to the public from sunup to sundown. Bookmark this little hideaway, close to The Poppy, which affords a quiet place to rest your feet during your stay.

Pop into the beloved butchery **Stachowski's Market** to pick up a legendary



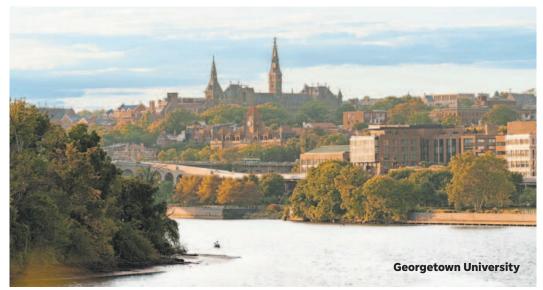


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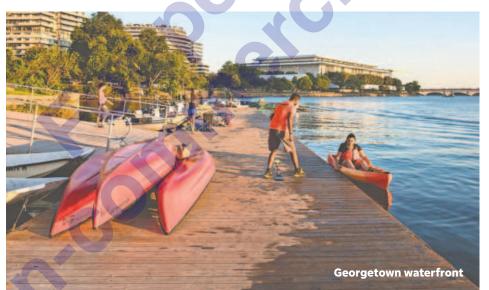














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pastrami sandwich and picnic at nearby Rose Park. Follow the popular walk/bike path over the P Street Bridge to the nearby Dupont Circle Farmers Market on Sundays, a bustling year-round affair.

Have a peek into independent bookseller **Bridge Street Books** near the intersection of M Street and Pennsylvania Avenue and proceed up the busy street with posh shops such as **rag** & bone, Glossier and Alo. On Wisconsin Avenue you'll spy **HOBO** and **Kendra Scott**, but for something unique to the area, discover locally made goods at **Shop Made In DC**.

With all the steps you'll be putting in, refuel with a bagel sandwich at **Call Your Mother** on the west end of Georgetown. Satisfy your sweet-tooth at **Georgetown Cupcake** — as featured on the *TODAY* show — before strolling the grounds of **Georgetown University**, America's oldest

Catholic university.

Soak in lively vibes at the **Georgetown**Waterfront, which has seasonal outdoor
entertainment such as weekly dance
parties. With planes overhead on their
landing path over the Potomac River,
admire Key Bridge and The Kennedy
Center — especially stunning at sunset.
Consider the free programming at The
Kennedy Center, just steps away using
the walking path along the river. For

those who love being on the water, hop aboard the **Tiki Boat Booze Cruise** or **Capitol River Cruises** for a sightseeing tour.

Eat, drink and be merry is an easy ask in Georgetown. For dinner, venture down a narrow alley off Wisconsin Avenue to the Belgian restaurant **Sovereign**, or tuck into the modern French eatery on Propect Street, **Brasserie Liberté**. End your evening with a nightcap at **Apéro** next to your home-away-from-home, The Poppy.