



# D.C., MARYLAND, AND VIRGINIA

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## *travel guide*





# WELCOME

This year, Barker's 30th Annual Adoption and Foster Care Conference will be held in Rockville, MD at The Universities at Shady Grove. We are excited to see you there! In this guide, you will find everything you need to know from recommended hotels, activities, and things to do while you are here.

*We hope you enjoy!*





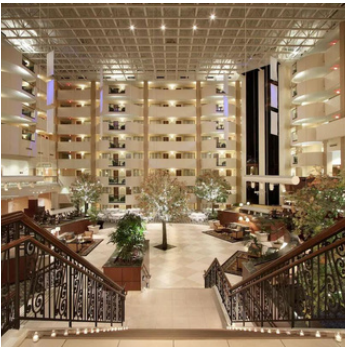


# WELCOME TO MARYLAND

If you are flying into Maryland, we recommend flying into Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport, also known as BWI. BWI is located anywhere from 40-50 minutes from The Universities at Shady Grove. From BWI, you can reach Rockville, MD by taxi, rideshare services, or rental cars.



## Hotel Accomodations



**Hilton Washington DC/Rockville Hotel & Executive Meeting Ctr**

1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD, 20852



18 minute drive to The Universities at Shady Grove



**Cambria Hotel Rockville**

1 Helen Heneghan Way Rockville, Rockville, MD, 20850



11 minute drive to The Universities at Shady Grove



**Hilton Garden Inn Rockville-Gaithersburg**

14975 Shady Grove Rd, Rockville, MD, 20850



5 minute drive to The Universities at Shady Grove





# THINGS TO

# DO IN MD

Enhance your experience in Maryland by visiting some amazing sites and engaging in activities while in Maryland.



## > ROCK CREEK REGIONAL PARK

Rock Creek Regional Park is a vast and diverse park that spans over 1,800 acres. It features serene lakes, such as Lake Needwood, a Nature Center that provides educational programs, hiking trails suitable for all skill levels and picnic areas with tables and grills for family gatherings.



## > ROCKVILLE TOWN SQUARE

Located in the heart of Rockville, MD, Rockville Town Square combines residential, retail, dining, and entertainment options in one bustling urban setting. Visitors can explore a diverse selection of shops, boutiques, restaurants, and cafes. Rockville Town Center also hosts a number of cultural events and festivals throughout the year.



## > BALTIMORE INNER HARBOR

Baltimore Inner Harbor is a vibrant and iconic waterfront area that serves as the cultural and entertainment centerpiece of Baltimore, MD. The Harbor offers a blend of attractions, dining, shopping, and recreational activities. Some attractions at the harbor include the National Aquarium, Maryland Science Center, USS Constellation and the historic ships at the Baltimore Maritime Museum.

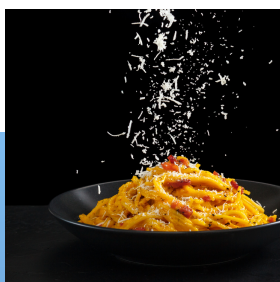




# RECOMMENDED

# RESTAURANTS

Maryland has a wide range of cuisines that make it a culinary hot spot for visitors. Check out our recommendations below!



## > L'AUBERGE CHEZ FRANCOIS

L'auberge Chez Francois offers a series of special culinary events showcasing delectable food, fine wine, craft beer, live music and our two on site-gardens (in season).



## > MOCO'S FOUNDING FARMERS

Moco's Founding Farmers offers local cuisine, American, Bar, Vegetarian Friendly, and Vegan Options.



## > SEASONS 52

Seasons 52 is an optimal destination for seasonal cooking and 52 wines by glass. Season's 52 oak-fire grill and brick oven roast techniques provides dishes full of flavor.





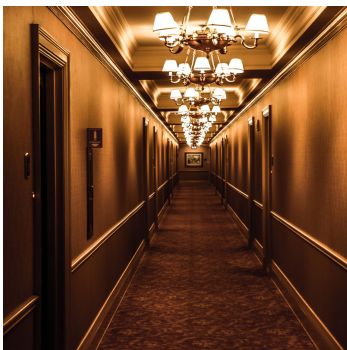
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# WASHINGTON, D.C.

If you are flying into Washington, D.C., we recommend flying into Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) and Dulles International Airport. You can reach Rockville, MD by using Washington, D.C, Metro system, taxi, rideshare services, or rental cars.



## Hotel Accomodations



**Embassy Suites by Hilton  
Washington, DC Chevy Chase  
Pavilion**

4300 Military Road Northwest,  
Washington, DC, 20015, US



40 minute drive to The Universities  
at Shady Grove

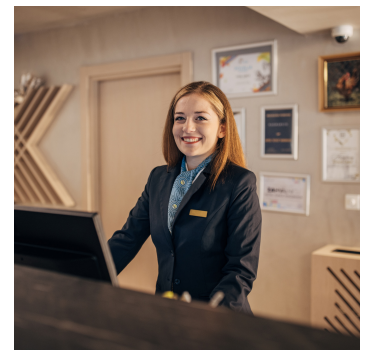


**Viceroy Washington, D.C.**

1430 Rhode Island Ave NW,  
Washington, DC 20005



1 hour drive to The Universities  
at Shady Grove



**Omni Shoreham Hotel**

2500 Calvert St NW, Washington,  
DC 20008



50 minute drive to The Universities  
at Shady Grove





# THINGS TO

# DO IN D.C.

Enhance your experience in Washington, D.C. by visiting some amazing sites and engaging in activities while in the district.



## > THE NATIONAL MALL

Explore the National Mall and visit iconic memorials, such as the Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument.



## > WORLD-CLASS MUSEUMS

Discover world-class museums like the National Air and Space Museum and the National Gallery of Art.



## > GEORGETOWN

Georgetown is a historic neighborhood with a unique blend of old-world charm and modern vitality. Georgetown is renowned for its well-preserved Federal-style architecture and historic landmarks, upscale boutiques, and an eclectic mix of restaurants and cafes.





# RECOMMENDED

# RESTAURANTS

Washington, D.C. is an excellent place to savor diverse cuisines and enjoy an entertaining and lively scene. Check out our recommendations below!



## > L'ARLENTE

L'ardente is an award winning restaurant recognized for their “glam italian” cuisine. Experience handmade pastas and pizzas, wood-fired steaks and exquisite seafood.



## > BAAN SIAM

Voted 100 very best Thai cuisine in D.C., Baan Siam offers northern Thai cuisines such as khao soy, fried rice dishes and more



## > CHARLIE PALMER STEAK

Charlie Palmer Steak is known for its signature Progressive American style in both food and design. Charlie Palmer Steak offers quality entrees by both land and sea.



# WELCOME TO VIRGINIA

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## Hotel Accomodations



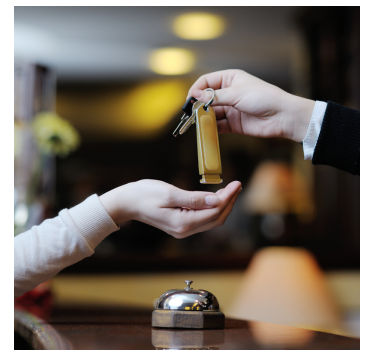
**The Ritz Carlton, Tysons Corner**

1700 Tysons Boulevard, McLean,  
Virginia, USA, 22102



**Hilton McClean, Tysons Corner**

7920 Jones Branch Drive  
McLean, Virginia, 22102, USA



**The Westin Tysons Corner**

7801 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church,  
Virginia, USA, 22043



30 minute drive to The Universities  
at Shady Grove



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# THINGS TO

# DO IN VA

Enhance your experience in Virginia by visiting some amazing sites and engaging in fun activities.



## > LURAY CAVERNS

Luray Caverns is the largest caverns in the eastern United States. Tour along lighted path walkways while discovering towering stone formations.



## > SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK

Escape to the stunning Blue Ridge Mountains, hike scenic trails, and drive skyline drive while savoring breathtaking views.



## > NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM

Explore thousands of aviation and space artifacts, including the Space Shuttle Discovery, a Blackbird SR-71, and a Concorde, in two large hangars.





# RECOMMENDED

# RESTAURANTS

Virginia offers distinct culinary experiences, from high-end steakhouses to a farm-to-table eatery. View our recommendations below!



## > THE CAPITAL GRILLE

The Capital Grille, located in Tysons Corner exudes sophistication and elegance. The restaurant's menu features a variety of perfectly aged steaks, hand-carved by their in-house butchers, as well as a selection of seafood.



## > FOUNDING FARMERS

Founding Farmers uses farm-fresh ingredients. The restaurant prides itself on its commitment to serving dishes made from scratch and supporting local farmers. There are vegan options available.



## > 2941 RESTAURANT

2941 offers contemporary American cuisine with a bold French and Mediterranean flavors.



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ADOPTION  
FOUNDATION since 1945



# THANK YOU



We hope that you will join us for Barker's 30th Annual Conference! Click the QR code to register today!

