

# WHAT TO DO, SEE AND EAT AT THE DISTRICT WHARF

The District Wharf, a trendy waterfront shopping and dining area, has a number of great eateries, events and stores that shouldn't be missed. The site is bustling with activity and is easily accessible, located just a few blocks from the L'Enfant metro station. Here's a guide to the best District Wharf has to offer:

#### MUSIC

#### The Anthem

This 6,000 seat concert hall will host plenty of big name bands and artists this summer. For those into 70s rock, Elvis Costello and Blondie will be performing July 26. The American folk punk band Violent Femmes will perform at the venue July 30 with alternative rocker Ben Folds. The English rapper 21 Savage will have a show Aug. 6.

#### **Union Stage**

Union Stage is the result of live music + tavern + pizza joint. Upcoming events feature performances from bands like The Mowgli's, The Marías, Fruit Bats, and the artist Mabel.

#### Free concerts every week

You read that right — The Wharf hosts free concerts on Transit Pier every Wednesday starting at 6:30 p.m.

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#### **EATERIES**

#### Dolcezza Gelato

Here's a taste of just a few of the unique flavors offered at this chic shop: blueberry lavender, Thai coconut milk, strawberry tarragon and avocado honey orange. Not feeling up for gelato? The store also offers coffee, espresso, milkshakes and Southern-inspired breakfast.

#### Maine Avenue Fish Market

This historic fish market — the oldest, continuously operating open-fish market in the country — sells fresh and cooked seafood. One vendor, Jessie's Cooked Seafood, serves up wildly popular crab cakes.

#### Southwest Soda Pop Shop

This Black-owned business run by four sisters offers a mix of fun milkshakes with flavors like "Cake Explosion" and "Banana Boat" and ice cream scoops that can be served in a cup, on a cone or between two cookies.

#### **Toastique**

A gourmet toast and juice bar, Toastique has a number of picturesque sweet or savory "toasts," colorful smoothies and juices and an array of bowls made with ingredients like activated charcoal, Dragon Fruit and Goji berries.

#### **BROWSING**

#### **Politics and Prose**

Carrying a wide selection of books as well as tchotchkes like themed socks and tote bags, this store also hosts occasional book talks at its Wharf location.

#### Shop Made in D.C.

This trendy knick-knack, stationery, home décor and art shop is a fun visit, with its selection of creative and colorful objects made by local artisans.

#### **Diament Jewelry**

Offering a unique selection of vintage and hand-made jewelry, this shop has affordable accessories made by the store owner and other, local artisans.







#### **Featured Places**



### HIRSHHORN

The Smithsonian's free modern art museum has a number of temporary exhibits and a great permanent collection, which includes pieces from artists Barbara Kruger (left) and Mark di Suvero (below).





What do Dorothy's ruby slippers, the batmobile and Julia Child's kitchen have in common? They're all items on display at the Smithsonian's free American History museum.



## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

#### LA Dodgers vs. Washington Nationals

Nationals Park

July 26 at 7:05 p.m., July 27 at 4:05 p.m. and July 28 at 1:35 p.m.

Tickets starting at \$28

America's favorite pastime meets the ultimate showdown of East Coast vs. West Coast. Attention all fans of free giveaway items: Nationals tote bags will be given to the first 25,000 fans at the game on Saturday.

#### Howl's Moving Castle showing

Angelika Pop-Up at Union Market July 24 at 7 p.m. and July 25 at 11 a.m.

Tickets \$10.50 per person

Fans of Hayao Miyazaki's films will love the ongoing Studio Ghibli film festival at Angelika Pop-Up. Howl's Moving Castle, celebrating its 25th anniversary, follows the adventures of a young girl who becomes involved with a powerful wizard.

#### Kaypi Peru Festival

National Museum of the American Indian July 26-28 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Free

This festival celebrates Peru's rich history and diverse culture and artistry. The event will feature an art market with items including embroidered fabrics, jewelry and metalwork. There will also be Peruvian food and traditional dance and music performances.

#### Jackie Kennedy 90th Birthday Walking Tour

Georgetown July 26 and July 27 at 6 p.m. \$8

Celebrate the ever-elegant Jackie O's 90th birthday with a walking tour around Georgetown: the town she attended university, worked as a newspaper reporter, became engaged to JFK and gave birth to her son, John Jr.



