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## EXPLORE NEARBY ADAMS MORGAN

Known as D.C.'s most diverse neighborhood, Adams Morgan, located just two metro stops away from the UCDC building, has a lot to offer: it's one of D.C.'s liveliest areas, especially in the evening, and it also has a rich cultural history. "Adams Morgan" is a combination of the names of two formerly segregated schools and their respective principals who worked together to cut across racial lines and create an integrated, healthier and happier neighborhood.

Nowadays, Adams Morgan's Main Street offers a range of eateries, including numerous Ethiopian restaurants, as well as vintage shops, picturesque architecture and hidden murals. The following recommendations highlight the best of what Adams Morgan has to offer:

### **Meeps**

A playful vintage shop with relatively affordable pieces, this clothing, costumes and accessory shop has developed a local following. Shoppers can browse vintage finds dating to the 1960s onwards.

### **Idle Time Books**

This bookshop, newly renamed "Lost City Books," has been in operation since 1981 and offers over 50,000 used, recent and out-of-print books. The shop's bright green exterior is hard to miss and the business is open seven days a week, from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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### **Songbyrd**

Songbyrd, a music house and record cafe, hosts live events and musical performances. DJs spin music in the bar located upstairs, while the downstairs, aka "The Byrd Cage," is used for comedy shows or dancing to music. There's also a full restaurant and vinyl shop on site.

### **Zenebech Restaurant**

This highly-rated Ethiopian restaurant is a family business that started as an injera bakery – a spongy flatbread traditionally used akin to a utensil. Zenebech still makes their injera in-house and uses authentic Ethiopian spices in their dishes.

### **Roofers Union**

The three-level Roofers Union boasts a rooftop bar and indoor floor-to-ceiling windows used to view the Main Street below. The American-style food can be nicely paired with the live music that plays on the weekends.

### **Smash! Records**

In addition to this records store's extensive music collection, it also offers indie and vintage apparel and accessories. Smash! specializes in punk, indie and alternative music.

## **I SPY WITH MY LITTLE EYE...**

The International Spy Museum sits at L'Enfant Plaza in all its architectural glory, drawing hundreds of visitors every day with the intrigue of espionage. If you've been debating whether or not

the \$25 (\$20 if you bring your student ID!) price of admission is worth the visit, rest assured it is. What sets the International Spy Museum apart from other museums in Washington DC is just how interactive it is. At the beginning of the visit, attendees are given a special card and get a spy identity. Kiosks around the museum offer different tasks for them to complete and their progress is saved on the card. Aside from being interactive, the International Spy Museum claims to hold the largest collection of spy artifacts put on public display. The museum covers espionage from ancient Greece all the way to modern day. With extensive exhibits and displays along the museum's 4th and 5th floors, it offers a fun and informative look into the shadowy world of spies.



## FEATURED PLACES



Sugar Lab specializes in hand-crafted gelato, made every day in-house. Customize your dessert with one of their bubble waffles or pick from a wide selection of toppings. Sugar Lab also offers milk teas and other drinks.



Let's Mix Bibija is an Asian fusion restaurant offering bibimbap bowls, pho, ramen, and banh mi in, and even has options for you to build-your-own burrito or quesadilla.



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# THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## **Water Lantern Festival**

*National Harbor*

*Saturday, August 3 from 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.*

*\$25-\$35*

Attend Washington DC's Water Lantern Festival and enjoy food trucks, music, and various activities. At 7:30 p.m. you'll be able to design your water lantern and launch it into the harbor.

## **Butterfly Pavillion**

*Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History*

*Daily from 10:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

*\$7.50, Free on Tuesdays*

Enjoy the Butterfly Pavillion at the Museum of Natural History and view a number of beautiful live butterflies from all over the world. This exhibit is ticketed, so be sure to get one online before attending.

## **Live Tarantula Feedings**

*Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History*

*Daily: Tues.- Fri. at 10:30 AM, 11:30 AM, and 1:30 PM, Sat. and Sun. at 11:30 AM, 12:30 PM, and 1:30 PM*

*Free*

The brave of heart can attend the Museum of Natural History's tarantula feeding demonstrations and get the chance to hold and ask questions about some of the museum's many-legged friends.

## **Chinatown Block Party**

*Chinatown Park*

*Friday, August 2 at 5:00 p.m.*

*Free*

Experience live performances while enjoying free activities like graffiti art, drumming, double dutch, and mega chess. There will also be dance workshops and DJing.

