



Neighborhoods

Adams Morgan

Adams Morgan is one of the District's most diverse, popular neighborhoods and is always teeming with excitement. Famous for its large, colorful street murals and Latin-influenced artistic scene, Adams Morgan has been likened to New York's Greenwich Village. The neighborhood's main drag, 18th Street, is lined with bustling bars and restaurants. A popular place on the weekends for twenty-somethings, Adams Morgan stays lively until 3:00 or 4:00 a.m. Rent ranges from \$600 for a room in a group house to as much as \$1,200 for a one-bedroom. Adams Morgan is full of fun bars and nightclubs like Adams' Mill Bar and Grill, The Blue Room, Tom Tom's, and Tryst Coffeehouse and Bar. Ethnically diverse eateries, like Meskerem Ethiopian Restaurant, the Grill from Ipanema Brazilian restaurant, and Pasta Mia are plentiful, too.

Alexandria

Located across the Potomac River from Georgetown, Alexandria, Virginia is another convenient area in which to live. Old Town Alexandria, a beautiful area with Georgian homes and tree-lined streets, is frequented for its shopping and its quaint charm. Alexandria, unlike some of the neighborhoods in the District, is close to several large malls including the Landmark Mall and Potomac Yards. Rent here is less expensive than in many areas of the District, ranging from approximately \$600 to \$1,000 for a studio or one bedroom. Casual Alexandria restaurants include Il Porto, Porter's, Cosi, Hard Times Café, and Pop's Ice Cream Parlor. Upscale restaurants include Stardust, the Charthouse, and Union Street Public House, and popular bars include Bullfeathers and Murphy's Tavern.

Arlington

The Arlington, Virginia area is expansive, encompassing a variety of neighborhoods including Ballston, Clarendon, Courthouse, Crystal City, Rosslyn, Shirlington, and Virginia Square. These areas in Arlington are easily accessible by Metrobus or Metro Rail, as well as Georgetown's shuttle, the "GUTS" bus. Like Alexandria, Arlington has several of its own hot shopping spots, including the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City, Clarendon Marketplace, Pentagon Row and Ballston Common Mall. Filled with high-

rise and garden-style apartment complexes, Arlington is home to many graduate students, young professionals and Pentagon employees. Rent ranges widely, depending on proximity to the District and to the Metro: a studio apartment is approximately \$800 to \$1,100, and a one bedroom roughly \$1,000 to \$1,600. Arlington nightlife is very lively; popular restaurants and bars include the Clarendon Grill, Clarendon Ballroom, Harry's Tap Room, Whitlow's, Mister Days, the Car Pool, Ireland's Four Courts, and the Rock Bottom Brewery.

Bethesda/Chevy Chase

Located just northwest of the District, in Maryland, Bethesda/Chevy Chase is a popular area for excellent restaurants and high-end shopping. Like the neighborhoods in Virginia, Bethesda has many high-rise apartment buildings and a wide variety of stores. Rent in the city's high-rises is generally steeper than in Arlington, ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,250 for a studio and \$1,000 to \$1,750 for a one bedroom. Popular places to eat in the area include: The Cheesecake Factory, Black's Bar and Kitchen, Tastee Diner, Clyde's, the Green Papaya, Jaleo, and Maggiano's. Popular night spots include Strike Bethesda, Flanagan's Irish Pub, Uncle Jed's Roadhouse, and Candy Apple Red. High-end shopping includes Tiffany & Co., Saks Fifth Avenue, Neiman Marcus, and the Chevy Chase Pavilion.

Capitol Hill

Capitol Hill is home to Congressional staffers, young professionals and other D.C. "movers and shakers." Students can find apartments in fashionable 19th-century row houses or small apartment buildings. Prices tend to decline as you move east of Union Station and away from downtown; rental units close to the Senate buildings and the Library of Congress tend to be the most expensive. An average one bedroom rents for around \$1,000 a month. Eastern Market, one of the country's oldest public markets, draws shoppers from around the city to its open stands selling vegetables, flowers, cheeses and crafts. Capitol Hill hot spots include Capitol Lounge, the Penn Avenue Pour House, the Red River Grill, La Loma Mexican Restaurant, and Bullfeathers Pub.

Cleveland Park/Woodley Park

Cleveland Park and Woodley Park are located near the National Zoo on the Metro's red line. Most homes and apartment in these quaint neighborhoods are located on quiet streets just off of Connecticut Avenue, the areas' main thoroughfare, although large apartment buildings also abound. Cleveland Park is known for its local flair, thriving on local family-owned markets, restaurants, boutiques, and hot spots like Atomic billiards and the Uptown Theater. Adjacent to Rock Creek Park, Woodley Park offers immediate access to miles of bike and running paths that traverse the city. Rents in Woodley Park and Cleveland Park are approximately \$1,000 for a studio and \$1,200 for a one-bedroom.

Dupont Circle

Located in downtown D.C., Dupont Circle is referred to by many as the most eclectic and fashionable part of Washington D.C., appealing to a variety of different lifestyles. Known for its artsy and hip shops, its great variety of restaurants, and the grandeur of its embassies, Dupont is a popular place to live for young professionals who work in the downtown area. It's popular with Georgetown students, in part because the university shuttle bus runs directly from Dupont Circle to campus. Many of the homes in Dupont Circle are brownstone row houses, some of which have been divided into apartments. Rent in Dupont Circle is typically more expensive than other D.C. areas, ranging approximately from \$1,100 to \$1,750 for a one-bedroom apartment. Dupont Circle's restaurants include Odeon Café, Wrapworks, Pizzeria Paradiso, Thaiphooon, Cafe Luna, the Daily Grill, Firehook Bakery, Galileo, and Lauriol Plaza. The Dupont Circle area is at its busiest on the weekends, and its more popular bars include Buffalo Billiards, the Front Page, the Big Hunt, the Brickseller, 18th Street Lounge, Kramerbooks, Lucky Bar, and Mackey's Public House.

Georgetown

One of Washington, D.C.'s long-time popular neighborhoods, this area is home to the Georgetown undergraduate campus, the Georgetown Medical School and all Georgetown Master's and Ph.D. programs (except the Law Center). Georgetown is renowned for its cobblestone streets, chic boutiques, and restaurants. Although Metro does not run to this area, both the Foggy Bottom station and the Rosslyn stations now have blue Metro shuttle buses that will drop you off along the two main streets in Georgetown: Wisconsin Avenue and M Street. The Georgetown University Transit Shuttle (GUTS) bus also runs from the Dupont Circle Metro station and from the Rosslyn station every day on a regular schedule. Georgetown is one of the most expensive areas to live in, with basement row house apartments running from \$1,000 to \$1,400 a month and regular one-bedroom apartments renting for as much as \$2,000 a month. However, it is easy to share a row house in this area, with most row houses having 3-4 bedrooms. Bars in this area appeal to the "college crowd", the most popular being The Tombs, Third Edition, Garrett's, Mr. Smith's and Mie N Yue. Popular restaurants include: Clyde's, Old Glory, The Guards, Nathan's, Tony and Joe's, and Filomena's. Georgetown is also home to Blues Alley, the most popular blues club in the city.

Silver Spring

Conveniently located on Metro's Red Line in Maryland, Silver Spring is a growing, diverse neighborhood that has undergone a renaissance in recent years. Most apartment housing is in large apartment buildings that offer the advantage of parking (often a rare commodity in D.C.!). While not as lively as Dupont Circle or Capitol Hill, Silver Spring

may be a good option for students looking for less expensive housing. An average Silver Spring apartment rents for \$700-\$1,000. Silver Spring is also home to the American Film Institute's Silver Theater and Cultural Center, which shows both classic and independent movies. Popular restaurants in the area include: Mi Rancho, Cubano, and Mrs. K's Toll House. Local bars include Mayorga Coffee Factory, Quarry House Tavern, and Denzo's Bar and Grill.