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What's New in the Capital Region USA 2017



MGM National Harbor Resort to open 8 December 2016 in Maryland

The newest addition to the MGM Resorts International portfolio, MGM National Harbor is due to have its grand opening on 8 December 2016. Its unrivaled setting offers stunning panoramic views of the eastern shore of the Potomac River in Maryland. The \$1.3 billion resort sits a short distance from Washington, D.C. to the north and historic sites, including George Washington's Mount Vernon estate across the river in Virginia. The 24-story, 308-room resort will feature premier amenities and experiences for locals as well as visitors from around the world including a dynamic casino with over 125,000 square feet of space that includes slots, table games and poker; a world-class spa and salon; an entertainment theater with flexible seating for up to 3,000; high-end branded retail; 27,000 square feet of meeting space; and restaurants from renowned local, national and international chefs.

For more information, visit www.mgmnationalharbor.com

Washington, DC's booming culinary scene acknowledged with a Michelin Guide

Driven by talented chefs, gracious service and an expanding number of independent neighbourhood restaurants, Washington, DC is an acclaimed dining destination. The *Michelin Guide Washington DC 2017* was launched in October 2016, becoming just the fourth US City to earn a dedicated edition of the prestigious French dining guide. The result of months of rigorous evaluation, the inaugural edition of the globally esteemed travel dining guide recommends 107 DC restaurants representing 33 cuisines. Twelve establishments earned stars for degrees of excellence. An additional 19 restaurants received a Bib Gourmand designation for "exceptional good food at moderate prices." Michelin inspectors awarded two stars emblematic of "excellent cuisine, worth a detour" to three area-restaurants. Minibar and Pineapple & Pearls in DC and the Inn at Little Washington in Rappahannock County, VA join only 20 other American restaurants with a two-star designation.

For more information, visit www.washington.org

New American Civil War Museum to open in Richmond, Virginia, in 2018

The world's premier collection of Confederate artifacts at the Museum of the Confederacy and the region's premier waterfront location at the American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar will combine to form the American Civil War Museum in Richmond. The new building on the historic Tredegar grounds will have more than 39,000 square feet of space for exhibitions and an experiential theater that will show a film about the fire that destroyed much of the city at the end of America's Civil War. The new museum is a \$30 million project expected to begin construction early next year.

For more information, visit <https://acwm.org/>

New Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Maryland to open 10 March 2017

Construction of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad State Park and Visitor Centre is now complete and exhibits will be installed in time for the grand opening on 10 March 2017. The 17-acre tract which is adjacent to the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge and 12 miles south of Cambridge will offer exhibits, programmes and tours. Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park was approved by Congress in late 2014 and authorised the National Park Service to acquire additional acreage in the area of Tubman's likely birthplace, the plantation where she worked as a young girl and the plantation from which she escaped slavery.

For more information, visit www.nps.gov/hatu

The Smithsonian in DC to host First Exhibition to span five decades of the Japanese artist Hirshorn's immersive installations

"Yayoi Kusama: Infinity Mirrors" at the Smithsonian's Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington, DC is the first institutional exhibition to explore the evolution of the celebrated Japanese artist's immersive, multi-reflective installations over more than five decades. On view from 23 February to 14 May 2017, this ambitious survey exhibition addresses the phenomenological impact of Yayoi Kusama's Infinity Mirror Rooms in relation to her career as a whole, and it presents six of her most iconic kaleidoscopic environments alongside two large-scale installations and key paintings, sculptures and works on paper from the early 1950s to the present.

For more information, visit <http://hirshhorn.si.edu/collection/yayoi-kusama-infinity-mirrors/>

The Famous Bristol Sessions in Virginia to get very own boutique hotel

The Sessions Hotel in Bristol, Virginia is slated to open in 2017. The owners are taking a grouping of historic buildings and turning them into a boutique hotel just down the street from the site of the landmark "Bristol Sessions" of 1927, that Johnny Cash called 'the big bang of country music', and the new Bristol Birthplace of Country Music Museum. It was recently announced that Southwest Virginia native and premier Chef Travis Milton will open his newest culinary offering there, "Shovel & Pick."

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/TheSessionsHotel>

Michelin Star Chef to open Baltimore restaurant and distillery in early 2017

Sagamore Spirit, a four-building restaurant and whiskey distillery complex being built on East Cromwell Street, is expected to draw about 100,000 visitors annually for tours and tastings once it opens in the first quarter of 2017. Sagamore Development Company has partnered with NoHo Hospitality Group and

the new venture will be led by Michelin starred Chef Andrew Carmellini. It will include a restaurant and event space, a 22,000-square-foot distillery, a 27,000-square-foot processing center and a 120-foot-high water tower, holding water brought from Plank's Sagamore Farm, a horse breeding facility in Baltimore County.

For more information, visit www.sagamorespirit.com

Washington, DC's hotel scene set to explode with 17 new hotels in the pipeline for 2017 and beyond

There are currently 17 hotels with 3,994 hotel rooms on the cards for the U.S capital city. The next hotels set to open include the [POD hotel](#) which will follow the same intelligent design and no fuss ethos of its sister hotels in New York. The new hotel, which is yet to announce an opening date, is being built in the hip Penn Quarter just two metro stops from Union station, and close to cool restaurants and museums. [The LINE Hotel](#), which is due to open early 2017, is a collective effort with local partners. The hotel will draw inspiration from the surrounding Adams Morgan neighbourhood - an area long respected for its diversity, rich culture, and personality. In addition to a newly constructed building, the 110-year-old neo classical church will be restored with the creation of dynamic public spaces serving both neighbourhood residents and hotel guests alike.

For more information, visit <https://washington.org>

Arlington welcomes new Hyatt Place Arlington in central Location

The brand-new Hyatt Place Arlington/Courthouse Plaza, near Arlington's Court House Metro Station is now open. This 8-story hotel, with 168 rooms and two suites, welcomes guests to rest easy in their LEED Gold certified accommodations. The hotel offers spacious and comfortable guestrooms, adequate workspace and modern conveniences, including the free a.m. Kitchen Skillet™ served daily in the Guest Kitchen with Starbucks® specialty coffees & teas, plus a 24/7 fitness centre allowing guests the freedom to fit in a workout anytime of the day or night.

For more information, visit <https://arlingtoncourthouseplaza.place.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html>

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