



Wisdom for Our Time: A Celebration of His Holiness the Dalai Lama | March 27-28, 2026

Guest Information for Enjoying Washington, D.C.

National Cherry Blossom Festival website: <https://nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/>

The National Cherry Blossom Festival runs from March 20 - April 12, 2026 across Washington, D.C. with many events and blooms centered around the Tidal Basin and National Mall.

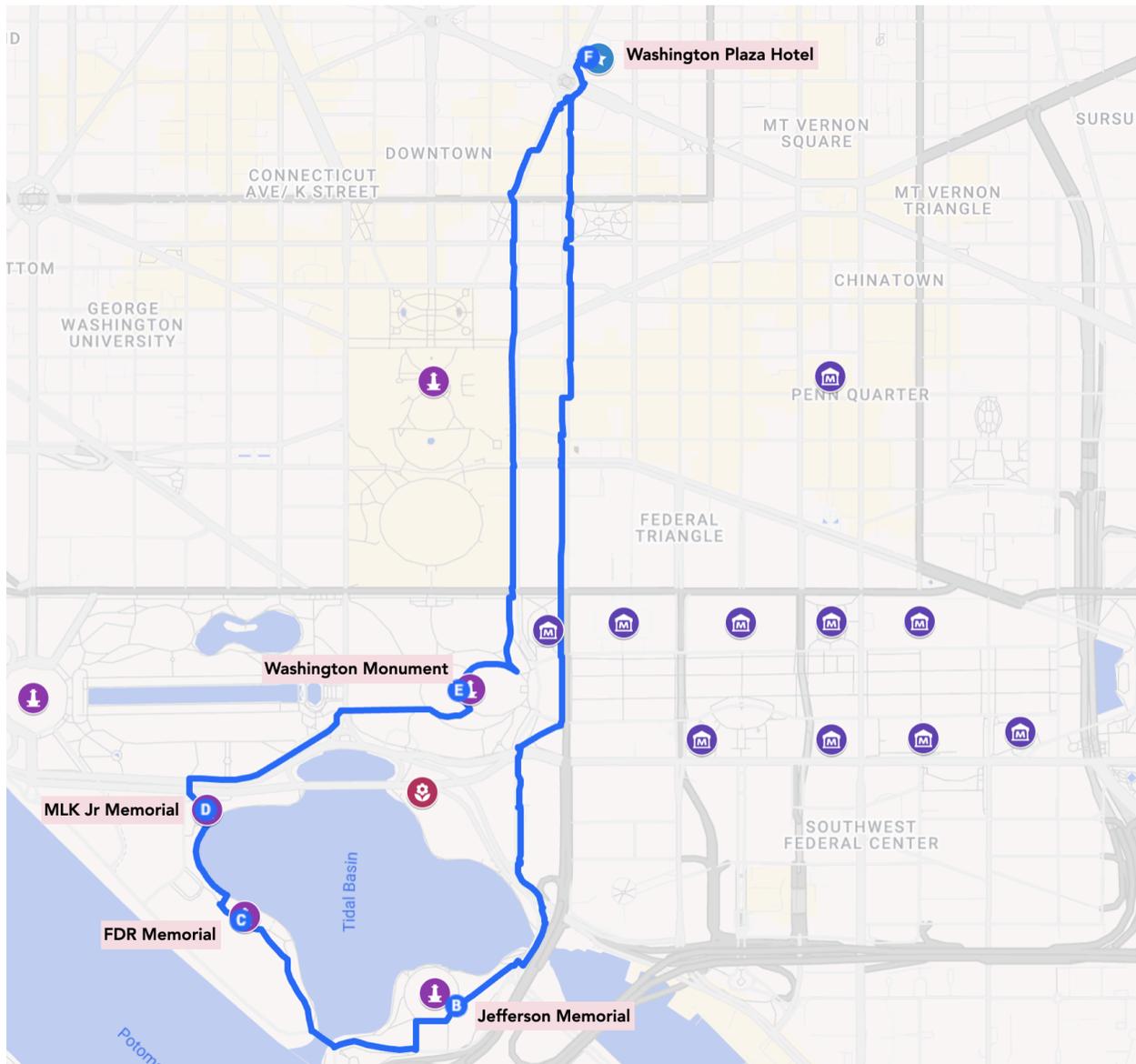


Guest website: <https://www.mindandlife.org/private/wisdom-for-our-time-2026-details/>



Getting to the Blooms

The Tidal Basin is walkable from the hotel. To shorten the trip, you may also take a taxi or rideshare south on 14th street, which brings you closer to the bloom area. Please be aware that traffic near the Tidal Basin becomes very heavy during the festival. The hotel is approximately 1.3 miles from the Tidal Basin/Washington Monument area. The walking loop around the Tidal Basin is approximately 2.7 miles.



Tour Options

- DC Monuments Tour: <https://www.dcmonumentstour.com/tours/washington-dc-day-tour>



Guided 2 hour tour of key DC monuments including Cherry Blossom viewing at the Tidal Basin in a Vintage Model T Car. \$69 per person with options for a private tour. Located at 515 15th Street between Pennsylvania Ave and F Street. *Pricing is not guaranteed. Please confirm directly with the tour operator and reserve through their website. Mind & Life is not sponsoring this tour.*

- Old Town Trolley Tour: <https://www.trolleytours.com/washington-dc/map>



Hop-on-Hop-off tour of key DC monuments including Cherry Blossom viewing at the Tidal Basin. The tour circuit lasts 1.5 hours. \$48.95 per person. The closest trolley stop is a 15 minute walk from the hotel near the corner of 15th and Pennsylvania Avenue, in front of the Willard Hotel. *Pricing is not guaranteed. Please confirm directly with the tour operator and reserve through their website. Mind & Life is not sponsoring this tour.*

Additional Tips

- Expect crowds—many visitors gather to enjoy the blooms.
- Wear comfortable walking shoes
- Bring water and a snack as food kiosks (if open) can be very busy.

Beyond the Blossoms

Here are a few other places for you to enjoy while visiting the area

- National Portrait Gallery | .8 miles from hotel | <https://npg.si.edu/>
- Smithsonian Institutions, including the Air and Space Museum, National Gallery of Art, National Museum of the American Indian, National Museum of African American History and Culture | 1.6 miles from hotel | <https://www.si.edu/>
- Dupont Circle (with embassies, restaurants, cafés, bookstores, and cultural venues) | .9 miles from hotel | washington.org/dc-neighborhoods/dupont-circle
- The Wharf district (many restaurants + shops along the waterfront) | 2.1 miles from hotel | <https://www.wharfdc.com/>
- Georgetown historic district (many restaurants + shops) | 1.9 miles from hotel
- Washington National Cathedral | 3.4 miles from hotel | <https://cathedral.org/>
- Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception | 2.8 miles from hotel | <https://www.nationalshrine.org/>
- Smithsonian National Zoological Park | 2.5 miles from hotel | <https://nationalzoo.si.edu/>
- Lincoln Memorial, Reflecting Pool, and Vietnam Veterans Memorial | 1.9 miles from hotel

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