

# NCSHA Staff Picks: DC in December





## Restaurants and Pubs

### **The Alibi**

237 2nd Street NW

*Inspired by British traditions and influenced by local American products, the menu in this cozy brick-lined tavern features slow roasts, fresh meat pies, fried fish, and other comfort foods made in house with age-old techniques. Great for Happy Hour. (Closed Sundays.)*

[www.thealibidc.com](http://www.thealibidc.com)

### **Brasserie Beck**

1101 K Street NW

*A contemporary European-style brasserie in the McPherson Square neighborhood, just blocks from the White House. Order the mussels and frites!*

<http://brasseriebeck.com>

### **Capitol Lounge**

229 Pennsylvania Avenue SE

*Be a part of Capitol Hill legend at this no-frills tavern where the walls are covered with political memorabilia. Great for cold beer and famous buffalo wings. Warning: Don't let the bartenders hear you talking about politics too loudly and don't order a Miller Lite.*

[www.capitolloungedc.com](http://www.capitolloungedc.com)

### **The Dabney**

122 Blagden Alley NW

*Located in Blagden Alley — a booming commercial core of craft cocktails and coffee, street art, and some of the city's most popular new restaurants — this Michelin-starred restaurant features Mid-Atlantic-inspired dishes cooked on an open hearth.*

<https://thedabney.com>

### **Jaleo**

480 7th Street NW

*A wide-variety of Spanish tapas from award winning chef Jose Andres. Washington Post food critic Tom Sietsma named Jaleo to the inaugural edition of his DC Dining Hall of Fame.*

<https://www.jaleo.com/location/washington-dc/>

### **Matchbox Penn Quarter**

750 E Street NW

*Matchbox serves a variety of new-American dishes but is best known for its brick oven pizzas and delicious mini burgers. A strong selection of beers and craft cocktails are available.*

<https://www.matchboxrestaurants.com/penn-quarter>

### **Union Market**

1309 5th Street NE

*Bon Appétit called Union Market one of the five best food halls in the United States. Great local food and drink in a revitalizing part of DC.*

<https://unionmarketdc.com>



## **ATTRACTIONS**

### **Barracks Row**

8th Street SE, between M Street SE and Pennsylvania Avenue SE

*The city's oldest commercial district takes its name from the country's oldest Marine Corps post nearby. You'll find everything from quick bites and pubby restaurants to Michelin-starred establishments like Rose's Luxury and Pineapple & Pearls.*

<https://www.barracksrow.org/>

### **A Christmas Carol at Ford's Theater**

DC Waterfront, Maine Avenue SW

*Join the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future as they lead the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge on a journey of transformation and redemption. Tickets include admission to this historic theater's museum.*

<https://www.fords.org/performances/current-and-upcoming/a-christmas-carol/>

### **District Wharf**

DC Waterfront, Maine Avenue SW

*A massive, mixed-use waterfront redevelopment in progress with fun options for food and music and stunning views of the city. On December 7, check out the free [Holiday Boat Parade](#) from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.*

[www.wharfdc.com](http://www.wharfdc.com)

### **Enchant at Nationals Park**

DC Waterfront, Maine Avenue SW

*The world's largest holiday light maze and market is making its Washington, DC, debut this winter. Enjoy seasonal food and drinks, browse the wares of more than 40 local and international artisans, ice skate through larger-than-life light displays, watch a movie, take in live music or a show, and meet Santa. Learn more and purchase tickets on the website.*

<https://enchantchristmas.com/dc>

### **Holiday Afternoon Tea at The Willard InterContinental Hotel**

1401 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

*Reservations required | \$75/adult | 202-628-9100*

*The Willard's Holiday Afternoon Tea is one of the hotel's most cherished holiday traditions. Seated in the grandeur of Peacock Alley, among the festive decor and elegant sounds of the harp, guests can enjoy a tantalizing array of festive teas, sandwiches, and seasonally inspired pastries.*

<https://washington.intercontinental.com/willard-holidays/holiday-afternoon-tea-in-peacock-alley/>

### **Millennium Stage at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**

2700 F Street NW

*Free performances every day at 6:00 p.m. Features a broad spectrum of national and international performing arts companies, from dance and jazz, to chamber music and folk, comedy, storytelling, and theater.*

[www.kennedy-center.org/video/upcoming](http://www.kennedy-center.org/video/upcoming)

### **Monuments at Night Tour**

*Explore the famous monuments and war memorials of Washington, DC, by the light of night on this self-guided sightseeing tour. Begin at the Washington Monument, travel along the National Mall towards the World War II Memorial, and stroll around the Reflecting Pool on the way to the Lincoln Memorial. From there, go to either the right or left (or both) to see the Korean War Memorial and the Vietnam Memorial. Total walking time: approximately 2 hours*

### **White House Holiday Tour**

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

*Contact your congressman's office immediately to inquire about timed-ticket entry availability.*

[www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/tours-events](http://www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/tours-events)

### **Washington National Cathedral**

3101 Wisconsin Avenue NW

*Free and self-guided tours daily; visit the website for events. Check out the Gargoyle Tour!*

<https://cathedral.org>

