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DEAR GUESTS

We wish you a comfortable stay in Washington D.C., one of Sofitel's luxury addresses, and a symbol of French elegance around the world.

This letter presents the program of the month at Sofitel Washington DC Lafayette Square. We are delighted to recommend some fantastic local events related to Sofitel Art de vivre: culture, design and gastronomy. Please feel free to contact our dedicated concierge team.

Cynthia VAN ZANDT,
Chef Concierge

CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY AT ICI URBAN BISTRO



This coming Mother's Day, treat your mom to delicious brunch at ICI Urban Bistro from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm.

Enjoy a 3-course meal created by Executive Chef, Gyo Santa featuring delicious selection of dish options, including ICI eggs benedict, shrimp & crab cocktail, roasted Amish chicken, Atlantic salmon, mushroom and chicken crêpes, and more, for only \$55 per person. Kid's menu is available at \$27 per person

Dine indoor or alfresco and enjoy the beautiful spring weather Washington D.C. has to offer. Outside seating is limited. Early reservation is highly suggested.

Moreover, as a special gift, every mom will receive a jar of **Le Miele** – honey produced from hives located on our rooftop.

For reservations, call (202) 730-8800 or visit our restaurant host desk.

PASSPORT DC AROUND THE WORLD IN THE MONTH OF MAY

Passport DC is celebrating its 10th year with an exciting schedule of international street festivals, performances and exhibitions. The highlight of the month long event is the Around The World Embassy Tour on Saturday, May 6 - over 35 embassies will open their doors to area locals and visitors alike to share music, culture, food and more from their countries. Throughout the month of May, other events include the 79th Annual Flower Mart at the National Cathedral on May 5th and 6th, European Union Open House

on May 13th, and the Fiesta Asia Street Fair on May 20th.

These events are free to the public, no tickets required, but a government issued ID is recommended. See your Concierge Team for Details.



MEMORIAL DAY CAPITOL CONCERT WREATH-LAYING & ROLLING THUNDER

Washington D.C. is the perfect place to spend Memorial Day Weekend and to honor and remember those who have sacrificed their lives to serve our country. The annual Rolling Thunder Motorcycle Rally begins at 12 noon on May 28th at the Pentagon, and travels throughout the downtown area. Later that day is the National Memorial Day Concert, held at 8pm on the west lawn of the Capitol.

Wreath-laying ceremonies will take place

throughout the area on Monday May 29th. See your Concierge team for times and locations. The Annual Memorial Day Parade will begin at 2pm on Memorial Day. Marching bands and Veteran units from all 50 states will be present. The parade starts at the corner of Constitution Avenue and 7th Streets, ending at 17th Street.



AROUND TOWN

A DAY AT THE MARKET

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR MARKETS THROUGHOUT THE CITY

It is no secret that the popularity of farmer's markets in urban areas has greatly increased over the past couple of years. Washington DC is no exception. We enjoy the White House farmer's market, on Vermont Ave. just behind the hotel, every Thursday, the Dupont Circle Market on Sundays and the Shaw market all weekend long. The original classic, Eastern Market, expands each weekend into an outdoor flea market with produce and artisan goods, and is on our metro line for a convenient trip. Slightly more tucked away in northeast is Union Market, with indoor restaurants, stands, and local shops. All summer long they will feature special events like outdoor movie screenings, free yoga classes and food events. See your Concierge for details. [See your Concierge team for directions.](#)



FRÉDÉRIC BAZILLE AND THE BIRTH OF IMPRESSIONISM THROUGH JULY 9

The National Gallery of Art presents a retrospective of **Frédéric Bazille**. Hailing from Montpellier in southern France, Frédéric Bazille was a Medical School dropout who was also a contemporary of Claude Monet, Auguste Renoir, and Alfred Sisley. His avant-garde colleagues led him to create paintings inspired by contemporary Parisian Life that laid the groundwork for Impressionism. [For directions, hours and admission information, visit your Concierge team!](#)

HAPPY HOUR AT LE BAR

UNWIND AFTER A LONG DAY AT OUR SIGNATURE BAR

From 4pm to 7pm, Monday through Friday, join us for libations and shared bites at our signature bar. Le Bar offers a beautiful lounge and patio, perfect for unwinding after a long day or sharing some quality time with friends while enjoying a variety of select wines, beer, and shared plates from our happy hour menu, featuring French duck rilette, cheese & charcuterie plate, and smoked salmon tartine.



WASHINGTON À BICYCLETTE

TOUR THE NATION'S CAPITAL ON A BIKE



Spring weather is on its way and we are welcoming it with open arms! There is no better way to visit Washington D.C. than on two wheels, and so we have collaborated with the Capital Bikeshare to create a special room package for guests.

Book the Washington à Bicyclette package when you make your reservation for Sofitel Washington DC Lafayette Square, and included with your rate you will receive two-day passes for bikes to tour the monuments. Better yet, we will send you on your way with a picnic snack for two. Our team of ambassadors will be available to explain how the passes work, and we will have extra on hand for purchase, should you be traveling with the whole family. [On y va!](#)

LIFE IS MAGNIFIQUE...

IN MONTREAL

FOCUS ON SOFITEL MONTREAL THE GOLDEN MILE

Located at the foot of lush Mount Royal Park and next to the renowned McGill University and Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, the Sofitel Montreal is a luxurious retreat in the heart of the historic Golden Square Mile. It is ideally located for business travelers as well as art lovers. Indulge your plate at the restaurant Renoir, relax in the cosmopolitan atmosphere of the Bar and give it your all in the bright meeting spaces. In contemporary surroundings, embellished with Victorian accents inherited from the former estate of William Cornelius Van Horne, a North American railroad pioneer, you will be seduced by the hotel's quality of service and its French "Art de Vivre".

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CONCERTS & PERFORMANCE

VERIZON CENTER AND BEYOND

Just minutes away from the Sofitel is Washington D.C.'s prime entertainment venue, the Verizon Center, situated in the heart of Gallery Place, Chinatown. Catch concerts and performances like the **The Weeknd** Radio Revolution Tour or the **Eric Church**. If a night at the theatre is more your style, The National Theatre is showing the Broadway hit, **Fun Home**, and the Keegan Theatre is featuring **John Patrick Shanley's Outside Mullingar**. See our Concierge team for available tickets to these shows and more!

KENNEDY CENTER CENTER STAGE

The Kennedy Center annually hosts more than 2,000 performances for audiences totaling nearly two million. Now in its 45th season, the Center presents the greatest examples of music, dance and theater; supports artists in the creation of new work; and serves the nation as a leader in arts education. With its artistic affiliate, the National Symphony Orchestra, the Center's achievements as a commissioner, producer, and nurturer of developing artists have resulted in over 200 theatrical productions, dozens of new ballets, operas, and musical works.

Washington National Opera

- Madame Butterfly

National Symphony Orchestra

- Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker
- Suite/Rimsky-Korsakov's Sheherazade
- Peter and the Wolf In Hollywood



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