

# CONCIERGE

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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



## TASTE THE FLAVORS OF SUMMER AT SOFITEL

We invite you to taste our colorful summer creations of mouthwatering and refreshing seasonal dishes and desserts at iCi Urban Bistro and Le Bar lounge.

Enjoy five new savory summer dishes, featuring our yellow fin tuna tartare, roasted moulard duck breast, grilled whole branzino, classic bouillabaisse, and homemade salmon gravlax. For menus and reservations, call (202) 730-8701 or visit [www.icurbanbistro.com](http://www.icurbanbistro.com)

## 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CAPITAL DRAGON BOAT REGATTA

THE WHARF  
August 26, 2017

The Capital Dragon Boat Regatta returns to the Washington DC Southwest Waterfront for its fourth year. The 2017 race is currently scheduled to be held on August 26th, 2017. The regatta aims to provide an excellent dragon boating experience to both athletes and spectators alike. This one day event will feature premier and festival racing in the heart of Washington DC. For more information, visit [www.capitaldragonboat.com](http://www.capitaldragonboat.com)



## WASHINGTON NATIONALS BASEBALL

NATIONALS PARK, SOUTHEAST  
August 2017 – October 2017

The Washington Nationals, the Major League Baseball team owned by the locally based Lerner family, play 81 home games each season at Nationals Park, located in Southeast Washington DC. The team won the National League East Division Championship for the first time in the 2012 season and for a second time in 2014. For schedules and tickets, visit [www.mlb.com/nationals](http://www.mlb.com/nationals)



## CITI OPEN® 2017

ROCK CREEK PARK TENNIS CENTER  
Through August 6, 2017

Washington DC tennis tournament started as one of the first open professional held in the United States. Citi Open 2017, was the Legg Mason Tennis Classic, has since been part of some of the most innovative changes in tennis. First to have blue courts, instant replay/video boards in the stadium, US Open Series, Sunday Main Draw start and, starting in 2009, an ATP "500" level tournament. Continuing that theme, the Event introduced a WTA International Level tournament in 2012. For schedules and tickets, visit <http://www.citiotennis.com/>



## RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

CROWNSVILLE, MARYLAND  
August 2017 – October 2017

The annual event is fun for all ages and an interesting way to learn about Henry VIII and his royal court. At the family-friendly event, held in Anne Arundel County about 30 miles from Washington, DC, you can see a fire-eater, watch jousting in full armor, marvel at jugglers and magicians, and listen to re-creations of Renaissance music. For more information, visit <https://www.rennfest.com>



## HIVE AT THE NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4, 2017



Cool off at the National Building Museum this month and enjoy Hive! Built of more than 2,700 wound paper tubes, and towering 60 feet in the air, this installation's tallest dome features an oculus over 10 feet in diameter. The tubes vary in size from several inches to 10 feet high and will be interlocked to create three dynamic interconnected, domed chambers. For more information, visit <https://www.nbm.org/exhibition/hive/>

## OUTDOOR MOVIE SERIES: FANTASTIC BEASTS & WHERE TO FIND THEM CANAL PARK, THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2017



See the stars beneath our stars! The Capitol Riverfront Outdoor Movie Series returns to Canal Park this year from June through August. Each movie in this year's lineup, selected and inspired by public demand, will begin at sundown. We invite movie-goers to arrive at Canal Park as early as 7:00 pm, bring a picnic, and enjoy the show! For more information, visit <http://www.capitolriverfront.org/>.



## FREE SUMMER 2017 CONCERTS VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN WASHINGTON DC

Summertime brings a variety of free concerts to the Washington DC area. So, pack a picnic, grab your lawn chairs and head outdoors to listen to great local music. Here are some suggestions of places to find free concerts in DC.

- » [Military Band Concerts](#) - The U.S. Capitol Building
- » [U.S. Navy Memorial](#) - 7th and Pennsylvania Ave. NW
- » [National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden](#) - 7th St, and Constitution Ave, NW
- » [Woodrow Wilson Plaza](#) - 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW

## LIFE IS MAGNIFIQUE... IN CHICAGO

### FOCUS ON SOFITEL CHICAGO MAGNIFICENT MILE

Set in Downtown Chicago and a 3-minute walk from Chicago-Red Metra station, this luxury hotel in a glass high-rise building is an 8-minute walk from the Miracle Mile and 1.3 miles from Millennium Park. The modern, stylish rooms feature free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs and 24-hour room service. Most have city views. Contemporary suites and villas add sound systems and living rooms with pullout sofas. An international restaurant has a chic bar and serves French-inspired cuisine. Another bar has floor-to-ceiling windows and a library. Other features consist of a fitness room, business center and a ballroom.

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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 Roger Waters or Earth, Wind and Fire.

### WOLFTRAP PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The NSO is highlighting the music of La La Land and Jurassic Park under the stars at a majestic performing arts center located on 117 acres of national park land in Fairfax County, Virginia. See our Concierge team for available tickets.

### The 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.

- » [The King and I](#)
- » [Cabaret](#)
- » [The Second City](#)

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