

## **Things to do on 8/31 after 3:00 pm (metro-accessible):**

### **1. Enjoy movie/short film at the IMAX or the local theater production, walking around the mall and enjoy fine dining in downtown DC**

If you would like to venture out to the Mall at downtown DC, you can consider this option: take metro (RED line then BLUE line) and get off at the metro station near the museum of your choice. For metro direction to each museum, please refer to this link: <http://www.si.edu/Visit/Maps>.

If you can arrive at the National Air and Space Museum by 4:50 pm, you may catch a 45 minutes short film at the IMAX Theater or enjoy the 25-minute show at the Albert Einstein Planetarium. Otherwise (i.e. if you can not make it early), you may book the 135 minute 3-D movie (Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2) at the IMAX theater of the National Museum of Natural History. For on-line booking of the movie/short film at the IMAX Theater, please see the following link: <http://www.si.edu/imax/shows.htm#nhb>.

Also, if you plan to watch the cheap theater productions (note: small budget production), there are three choices around the Washington DC area on 8/31:

- (1) " Imagining Madoff" (based on the true story of the Ponzi schemer Bernard Madoff

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/gog/performing-arts/imagining-madoff,1210504.html>

- (2) " Happy Day"

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/gog/performing-arts/happy-days,1211386.html>

but you have to take metro to Rosslyn, VA through BLUE and ORANGE lines after stop at the metro station from RED line:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/gog/theaters/artisphere,1172834.html> .

- (3) "Something-past-in-front-of-the-light"

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/gog/performing-arts/something-past-in-front-of-the-light,1211383.html>

If you are not planning to watch movie/short film or attend the theater, several museums (Air and Space Museum, American History Museum, Natural History Museum) are still open until 7:30 or 7:00 pm, please refer to the Smithsonian museum link and hours for more details :

<http://www.si.edu/Museums>

<http://www.si.edu/Visit/Hours>.

Finally, for the pre- or post- theater dining, please read the Washington post restaurant blog for recommendations:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/gog/best-bets/pre-theater-dining-deals,64341.html>

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/going-out-gurus/post/last-minute-picks-for-restaurant-week/2011/08/09/gIQATej4I\\_blog.html#pagebreak](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/going-out-gurus/post/last-minute-picks-for-restaurant-week/2011/08/09/gIQATej4I_blog.html#pagebreak)

## **2. Catch a glance of the monuments or memorials in D.C. after dark**

If you don't plan to watch the shows and museums while you're in downtown D.C., you may spend a few hours to see the illuminated monuments or memorials after dark. You may plan your trip based on the information on the National Park Service website:

<http://www.nps.gov/nacc/index.htm>.

To make sure you will experience most of the monuments/memorials, you may consider the night tour options by searching for monument tour at night from the web. The tour companies offer transportation service (coach bus, trolley) and the prices range from \$32 to \$45 per person for a 2.5 to 3 hours tour (typically starts at 7:30 pm).

## **3. Enjoy the independent films at the Bethesda Row Cinema and the restaurants around Bethesda:**

If you prefer to have a lighter late afternoon and evening schedule, you may consider this option since from Twinbrook metro station to Bethesda Metro station is less than 10 minutes away.

Please refer to the Bethesda Row Cinema webpage for features and show times:

<http://www.landmarktheatres.com/Market/WashingtonDC/BethesdaRowCinema.htm>

There are plenty of dining choices around the Bethesda Row Cinema, please refer to the following website to pick up the restaurant of your choice:

<http://www.downtownbethesda.com/guide/dining.php>

## **4. Go strolling down the Georgetown (not direct metro accessible):**

If you would like to catch a glance of the old-school DC, the waterfront sunset and would enjoy the fine dining, you may venture out to Georgetown. The closest metro station is the Foggy Bottom (through RED line to metro station, then Orange line to Foggy Bottom). But, you will have to take the cab to the Georgetown. Or, you can take RED line to the DuPont Circle and then take the DC circulator route which connects DuPont-Georgetown-Rosslyn:

<http://living-in-washingtondc.com/georgetownmetroconnection.php>

For Georgetown visitor guide, please refer to the following link

<http://www.washingtonian.com/articles/visitorsguide/2829.html>

## **5. Enjoy the shopping trip around the Friendship Height at Chevy Chase:**

If you prefer shopping than the activities listed above, you may try the shopping trip at the Friendship Height (on the RED line, about 15 minutes ride from Twinbrook station).

It has varieties of shopping choices (both high end and discount stores; some major department stores are also there including Lord and Taylor, Bloomingdale, Saks, etc). Please refer to the visitor guide for more details of the Friendship Heights shopping: [http://www.yelp.com/search?cflt=shopping&find\\_loc=Friendship+Heights%2C+Washington%2C+DC](http://www.yelp.com/search?cflt=shopping&find_loc=Friendship+Heights%2C+Washington%2C+DC).

There are many restaurant choices around the Friendship Height Metro: [http://www.yelp.com/search?find\\_desc=friendship+heights+restaurants&find\\_loc=Washington%2C+DC](http://www.yelp.com/search?find_desc=friendship+heights+restaurants&find_loc=Washington%2C+DC)

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The DC Metro map is listed below for your convenience :

<http://www.wmata.com/rail/maps/map.cfm>