

DSA Webpage: Know Before You Go Travel Restrictions and Safety

International Travelers

This page provides resources for DSA 2025 Conference attendees traveling internationally to Washington, DC. This does not constitute legal advice and DSA cannot guarantee entry to the United States.

If you have already registered for the conference but do not feel comfortable traveling to the United States, we invite you to participate virtually. DSA is unable to offer refunds for registration fees. Please reach out to email@email.com to arrange for virtual participation.

It is best practice to carry the following documents with you when you are traveling in the U.S.:

1. A valid passport (at all times)
2. Your current U.S. visa
3. Your I-20 form with a valid signature (for international students, i.e., students currently enrolled in an institution located in the United States)
4. Confirmation of your registration to attend the DSA 2025 Conference and/or a DSA 2025 name badge (at all times)
5. Proof of your hotel confirmation and ability to financially support yourself in the United States (such as a letter from your current employer or bank account statement).
6. A return flight ticket (at all times)

While digital copies can be stored on your phone, it is strongly recommended to carry hard copies of these documents. Digital documentation is not always accepted, and presenting your digital copies on a device to a U.S. Customs and Border Protection agent makes that device subject to search.

Additional Resources

1. U.S. Border Patrol and Customs Information [Search Authority](#).
2. U.S. Border Patrol and Customs Information on the [search of electronic devices at the border](#).
3. Electronic Frontier Foundation information on digital privacy at the U.S. Border, with a [long version](#) and a [short version](#) of guidance for travelers.
4. ACLU's Border Zone [Rights Guide](#).
5. For [LGBT2QIA+ travelers](#), in particular, gender-nonconforming and trans travelers, resources on flying to and in the U.S. from Advocates 4 Trans

Equality. Information specific to the District of Columbia is available on the [Trans Travel Guide](#).

6. U.S. Border Patrol and Customs Information – [Top Ten Travel Tips](#).
7. Information on international [travel rights and responsibilities](#) ([Spanish Version](#)) in the U.S. from CLEAR, the free legal assistance program at the City University of New York.

Additionally, we offer the following practical tips to guide your interaction with immigration officers at the port of entry or elsewhere:

- Be honest and transparent in your responses.
- Clearly explain the purpose of your visit and the duration of your stay.
- Remain respectful and courteous at all times.
- Remember that immigration officers may inspect your phone, laptop, or other electronic devices for information that could potentially make you excludable from the United States.

Recommended Reading and Engagement

Indigenous DC

We recommend exploring the [Guide to Indigenous DC](#), a walking tour map featuring sites of historical and contemporary importance to Native peoples across the Nation's capital.

This project is founded by Dr. Elizabeth Rule, an Assistant Professor of Critical Race, Gender, and Culture Studies at American University.

DSA Interactive Map

The DSA 2025 Dance Interactive Map is a collection of places where dance is happening in Washington, DC. This map is curated by Dr. Crystal U. Davis, Associate Professor of Dance Performance and Scholarship at The University of Maryland. Scan the QR code below to access the map.



DSA 2025 Dance Interactive Map Notes

1. [DC Square Dance](#) (see website for updated dates and times)
 - Location: St. Stephen and the Incarnation Episcopal Church (1525 Newton St NW, Washington, DC 20010)
 - Yellow Pin on the map
2. [Dancing at Glen Echo Park](#)
 - Green pin on the map
 - 6/25 7:30pm Folk Dance @ Bumper Car Pavillion at Glen Echo Park
 - 6/26 8:15pm Capital Blues Dance @ Ballroom Back Room at Glen Echo Park
 - 6/27 7:30pm Friday Night Contra Dance @ Spanish Ballroom At Glen Echo Park

- 6/28 7:30pm Bachata y Más (Bachata and More) @ Ballroom Back Room at Glen Echo Park
 - 6/28 8:00pm Swing Dance with Gottaswing @ Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park
 - 6/29 6:00pm Waltz Time @ Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park
 - 6/29 6:30pm Tango/Milonga Dance & Lessons @ Ballroom Back Room at Glen Echo Park
3. [Decades DC](#)
- Purple pin on the map
 - 4pm 6/29 Hip Hop, Afrobeats, Soca @ Decades DC
4. [Falun Dafa](#) Moving Meditation
- Orange pin on the map
 - June 29 10am Falun Gong/Falun Dafa meditation practice @ [National Mall in front of Air & Space Museum](#)
5. [Dance Place](#) Performance and Classes
- Blue pin on the map

While You Are Here

We are excited to welcome you to Washington, DC!

Dining

[Western Market](#) is a food court with a wide variety of options ranging from \$5-\$25 for breakfast and lunch and is about 10 minute walk.

Met Cafe the Venue is a cafeteria-style food option on the same block as the main conference venue. Located on the ground floor of the United Unions building, its an affordable and efficient eatery.

There are multiple [GW Campus Dining](#) options that range from \$10-\$20 within 10 minutes walking.

Lodging

DSA has reserved a room block at [Yours Truly](#). This hotel is within 20 minutes walking from all conference locations.

Hotels within 10 minutes walking to conference locations are [State Plaza](#), [Lombardy](#), [Arc Hotel](#), and [Hotel Hive](#).

Transit

Washington, DC has a safe and reliable transit system called the [Metro](#), which includes rail and bus routes. Riders can purchase fare cards at rail stations and fares range from \$2.25-6.75 per ride depending on time of day and distance traveled.

The closest rail stations to the conference venue are Foggy Bottom-GWU and Farragut West, both on the Orange, Blue, and Silver lines.

[Visitor parking](#) is available on the GW campus. The closest garage to the main conference venue is the Elliott School Garage, which can be accessed on 19th Street between E and F Streets, NW. Note that this garage is open 7am-11pm Monday through Friday and is closed on weekends.

The Metro connects to both Dulles International Airport and Reagan National for affordable transit into the DC metro area. For those arriving or departing directly

to the conference, we will have a classroom available for locked storage of luggage.

Technology

The George Washington University provides free WiFi access to guests through the [GWguest](#) network and [eduroam](#). Attendees with credentials from a university or college using eduroam can login to that network using their home institution credentials. [GWguest](#) is available to all attendees.

For presenters and panel chairs: AV is available for wireless connection in all classrooms and presenting spaces via Crestron Air Media. Please download to a device (laptop is recommended over a smart phone) prior to arrival; we recommend one device is used per session (i.e., please circulate all powerpoints and AV content to a central device). Once installed, connection typically takes less than 5 minutes for on-site use.

Windows

1. Download the [Windows installation file](#).
2. Right-click on the downloaded .exe file and select "Run as Administrator".
3. See [Connecting to an AirMedia with a Windows Laptop](#) for connectivity instructions.

macOS

1. Download the [macOS installation file](#).
2. Double-click the downloaded file to begin the installer.
3. See [Connect to an AirMedia on a Mac Laptop](#) for connectivity instructions.

iOS/Android

Visit our articles for [Android](#) or [iOS](#) for instructions on obtaining the Crestron AirMedia application and for connectivity information.

For more instructions, see:

<https://docs.crestron.com/en-us/9020/Content/Topics/PM/Present-with-AirMedia.htm>