

Getting around on the DC Metro

The Metro system in DC is an easy way to get around the DC area, with five different lines (Red, Blue, Orange, Green and Silver). Passengers can transfer from one line to another at transfer stations – indicated by the large circles on the map.



To travel on the metro, you need to know which Line(s) services the place you want to go, and then take the train that goes in that direction. Some stations are served by multiple lines, so you need to make sure you get on the correct colored Line to get where you want to go. The Crystal Gateway Marriott is located at the Crystal City metro stop serviced by both the Blue and Yellow Line.

The direction of the train is indicated by the last station on the Line. For example,

- If you want to go to the Smithsonian stop from the hotel, take the Blue Line in the direction of Largo (note that while the Yellow line services the Crystal Gateway Marriott, it does not service the Smithsonian station).
- If you want to go to the Archives station, take the Yellow Line from the hotel in the direction of Shaw/Mt Vernon.
- If you want to go to Tysons, take either the Blue Line (in the direction of Largo) or the Yellow Line (in the direction of Shaw/Mt Vernon Square) and transfer at Roslyn to the Silver Line (in the direction of Ashburn) or the Orange Line (in the direction of Vienna).

To get back to the hotel, take the Blue Line in the direction of Franconia-Springfield or the Yellow Line in the direction of Huntington. As you enter the metro station, signs will direct you to the correct platform to board the train.

The metro system is generally safe, but travel is not recommended past the following stations:

- Green Line past Navy Yard Station in the direction of Branch Ave
- Green Line past Gallery Place in the direction of Greenbelt
- Red Line past Union Station in the direction of Glenmont
- Yellow Line past Gallery Place in the direction of Shaw/Mt Vernon Square
- Orange Line past Capital South in the direction of New Carrollton
- Blue Line or Silver Line past Capital South in the direction of Largo

How to Buy a Metro Fare Card

- Apple Wallet or Google Wallet - <https://www.wmata.com/fares/mobilepay/> - you can pay with these without the need to purchase a fare card – just scan your wallet at the turnstiles.
 - And while there are smartphone apps available, the reviews have not been favorable and can only be used to manage your account – not pay for fares at the station.
- In person at a fare machine at any Metro Station – using a credit card. There are instructions on the fare machines that are fairly easy to figure out – or you can ask a station attendant for help. The machine will issue a fare card that is scanned at the turnstiles in the station. Both the turnstiles and the rate machines will tell you the remaining balance on your card. You can add value to the fare card as needed at

fare machines in each station. Any remaining balances on your fare card cannot be redeemed. You can also purchase a 1-day pass for \$13.50. The best way to calculate the cost of taking the metro is to use the trip planner -

<https://www.wmata.com/schedules/trip-planner/index.cfm>

- Commuter Store – there is a commuter store in the “Underground” close to the hotel at 251 18th Street South, Suite 1638-B that is open weekdays from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm. You can purchase a fare card during these hours. 703-413-4287.