

Arriving in Arlington

By Air

If you can, try to fly into [Ronald Reagan National Airport \(DCA\)](#). This airport offers spectacular views of DC as you land, and it is less than a mile from the conference hotel. The hotel shuttle runs 2 or 3 times an hour from 5 am to midnight, with pick-up stops located at each of the three terminals.

If you do not wish to use the shuttle, DCA boasts its own Metro station, from which the Yellow and Blue lines connect directly to downtown DC as well as points in Virginia and Maryland.

If you fly into [Dulles International Airport \(IAD\)](#) you will be about 30 miles from conference central in Arlington. A taxi ride from IAD to the conference hotel will be about \$50. Public transport is available: ride Metrobus 5A to the Blue Line for a journey of about 1 hour at a cost of \$9.

By Train

[Amtrak](#) train service to the Washington area is frequent and reliable. Most trains will deliver passengers to DC's historic Union Station. From there, you can take the Red and then Yellow lines to Crystal City Station, from whence the conference hotel is a 10-minute walk south.

Some Amtrak routes stop in Alexandria, VA. From here, you can take Metro's Blue or Yellow line north from King Street Station to Crystal City Station.

By Bus

Both national and regional bus companies serve DC, including [Greyhound](#) and [MegaBus](#).

Getting Around Arlington and DC

[Metro's](#) system of subway and surface trains is almost certainly the easiest way to get around the DC area for visitors. All riders must have a plastic "Smarttrip" card: note that these cards are personal, so cannot be used to pay more than one fare per trip. These cards can be bought at station vending machines, or online in advance of your trip. The fare system is arcane and convoluted, but if you maintain \$10 on your card, you will be good to go pretty much anywhere. The large white "M" signs identify metro stations. In the downtown area most stations are underground; however all stations have elevator access and cars are designed to be accessible. Smarttrip cards are also accepted on the [Metrobus](#) system, as well as on [Arlington Transit](#) buses.

The DC area is well served with traditional **taxis** and with drivers for **TNC's** (transportation network companies). If you require a wheelchair accessible cab, call Royal Taxi at 202-398-0500 or Yellow Paratransit at 202-544-1213. Note that the metro region is regularly quoted as having the second-worst traffic in the nation, so **driving** is not recommended to visitors as a mode of getting around, unless you must.

