Summer Institutes: Teaching the Humanities through Art
Frequently Asked Questions

About the Museum

Where is the Smithsonian American Art Museum located?

8th and G Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

The Smithsonian American Art Museum is comprised of two buildings: the main building and the
Renwick Gallery. The Summer Institutes take place in the Smithsonian American Art Museum’s main
building. This historic building is located in the Penn Quarter neighborhood, a few blocks north of the
National Mall, and is shared with the National Portrait Gallery.

The Renwick Gallery is located on Pennsylvania Avenue at 17th Street N.W., Washington, D.C., across the
street from the White House.

General information about the Museum’s locations and hours, a neighborhood map, local
transportation, and parking can be found at https://americanart.si.edu/visit/saam.

What are the Museum’s hours?

The Smithsonian American Art Museum is open from 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Renwick Gallery is
open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Check https://americanart.si.edu/visit for current information on
hours, as Covid-19 may affect the museums’ schedule.

What are the closest Metro stops?

The Museum’s main building is conveniently located above the Gallery Place-Chinatown Metrorail
station (Red, Yellow and Green lines). It is also within three blocks of the Metro Center Metrorail station
(Red, Orange, Blue, and Silver lines). Metro hours, fare information, and maps are available at
www.wmata.com. The DC Circulator (Georgetown-Union Station line) and several Metrobus lines also
serve the Museum’s neighborhood. Hours, fare information and maps are available at

Is parking available onsite?

There are several paid parking lots and garages near the Museum, and there is limited on-street parking
at meters.
Travel to the Institute

What are the closest airports?

Located four miles south of the Smithsonian American Art Museum along the Potomac River and accessible on Metrorail’s Yellow and Blue lines. Taxi fare to downtown ranges from $12 to $15.

Located 27 miles west of Washington, D.C., and offering a full range of domestic and international flights. The Silver Line Express Bus provides service between the Dulles main terminal and the Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail station for $5 each way. Taxi fare to downtown is approximately $60.

Baltimore/Washington International Airport – [www.bwiairport.com](http://www.bwiairport.com)
Located 30 miles north of Washington, D.C., with over 670 domestic and international flights. There are multiple ground transportation options to Washington, D.C., including train, taxi, SuperShuttle and BWI Express bus. One-way fares range from $7 to $60.

What is the closest Amtrak train station?

Union Station – [www.unionstationdc.com](http://www.unionstationdc.com)
Located less than one mile east of the Smithsonian American Art Museum and accessible on Metrorail’s Red line.

Local Hotel and Restaurant Information

What hotels are within walking distance of the Museum?

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What dining options are within walking distance of the Museum?

Lunch will be provided at the Institute each day. The Museum’s Courtyard Café is also open daily from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There are also many excellent restaurants within a few minute walk of the Museum.

For dinner suggestions in the Museum’s neighborhood, the following links may be helpful:

- Search by the “Penn Quarter/Chinatown” location to find nearby options: https://washington.org/find-dc-listings/restaurants

- Browse Washingtonian’s lists of best restaurants, cheap eats, and restaurant reviews: https://www.washingtonian.com/sections/food/

Where can I find more information about visiting Washington, D.C.?

Explore these websites to find out more about other attractions, events, and museums in Washington, D.C., during your visit.

www.timeout.com/washington-dc/

www.washington.org/100-free-and-almost-free-things-do-dc/