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DEAR GUESTS

We wish you a comfortable stay in Washington D.C., one of Sofitel's luxury addresses, and a symbol of French elegance around the world. This letter presents the program of the month at Sofitel Washington DC Lafayette Square. We are delighted to recommend some fantastic local events related to Sofitel Art de vivre: culture, design and gastronomy. Please feel free to contact our dedicated concierge team.

Cynthia VAN ZANDT,
Chef Concierge

GAME ON WITH THE WASHINGTON WIZARDS

CAPITAL ONE ARENA
December through April 2018

Help us cheer on our Washington Wizards during their home games this month against the Pistons, Grizzlies, Clippers, Cavaliers, Magic, Rockets and Bulls. The fun doesn't stop after New Year's! In early January, the Wizards are home against the Kicks, Bucks, Jazz, Magic and Nets. The Caps hit the ice against St. Louis, Vancouver and Carolina. For more information and tickets, visit our concierge desk.



"SEASON'S GREENINGS" CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

U.S. BOTANIC GARDEN
Through January 1, 2018

For 2017, the theme is Roadside Attractions. Explore classic attractions like Texas' Cadillac Ranch, Colorado's hot-dog-shaped Coney Island Hot Dog Stand, South Dakota's Corn Palace, New Jersey's Lucy the Elephant, and many more. The exhibit is truly amazing with all of the buildings made of real plant materials! For more information, visit www.usbg.gov



13TH ANNUAL DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY MARKET

DOWNTOWN DC
Through December 23, 2017

Market is located on the F Street sidewalk in front of the Smithsonian American Art Museum & National Portrait Gallery between 7th & 9th Streets, NW. Bringing a unique and festive shopping "village" to the heart of Downtown DC, the market features more than 150 regional artisans, crafters and boutique businesses of ethnically produced goods. Hundreds of diverse gift items, such as jewelry, pottery, paintings, and textiles will be offered by 60 exhibitors each day. Visit <http://downtownholidaymarket.com/> for more information.



'TIS THE SEASON OF MUSIC AND GIVING

In line with this year's Sofitel 'Art De Noël' theme, a Christmas melody will take shape within the hotel with icons and ornaments of vinyl records, instruments, and music notes displayed in the lobby. A Christmas sound, familiar to all, will be heard throughout the halls and public spaces.

Together with the Children's National Hospital, join us on December 8th, 2017, from 4pm to 5pm, in the Paris ballroom's pre-function room to write uplifting greeting cards to hospitalized kids in the DC area. Mulled wine, hot chocolate and holiday cookies will be served.

NATIONAL HANUKKAH MENORAH 2017

WHITE HOUSE GROUNDS
December 12, 2017, 4 p.m.

A National Hanukkah Menorah is lit on the White House grounds, at the Ellipse each December during the eight day Jewish holiday commemorating the Jewish Maccabees' military victory over Syrian oppression more than 2,000 years ago. The event features musical performances and fun for the whole family. For more information, visit <http://nationalmenorah.org/>



THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART SCULPTURE GARDEN ICE-SKATING RINK

THROUGH MARCH 11, 2018

Ice skating amid magnificent works of art and towering sculptures by contemporary artists including Louise Bourgeois, Sol LeWitt, Roy Lichtenstein, Roxy Paine, Tony Smith, and others in a lush garden. The ice rink at the National Gallery of Art's Sculpture Garden is a quintessential winter experience in Washington, DC. It opens up in mid-November and lasts until mid-March, and it's a scenic atmosphere firmly planted on the outskirts of the National Mall.



JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE CHRISTMAS DINNER

DECEMBER 24TH AND 25TH, 2017

Celebrate Christmas at iCi Urban Bistro with a three-course dinner created by Executive Chef Gyo Santa featuring Alaskan King Crab Salad, Roasted Rack of Lamb, and the traditional French holiday cake, Bûche de Noël. \$65 per person. Kids menu is available at \$24 per child under the age of 12. For more information and reservations, visit <http://www.iciurbanbistro.com/>.

GIVE THE GIFT OF HONEY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Produced from beehives located on the rooftop, our natural honey makes the perfect gift this holiday season. It is available for purchase in a 4 ounce or 16 ounce jar at our restaurant, iCi Urban Bistro. The honey comes from the various flowers of the White House Gardens and its neighboring parks.

Producing over 350 pounds of honey this past spring, our beehive program is part of our sustainability commitment to protect and preserve our environment.



LIFE IS MAGNIFIQUE... IN LOS ANGELES

FOCUS ON SOFITEL LOS ANGELES

Ideally situated on the corner of La Cienega and Beverly Boulevard opposite the Beverly Shopping Center this West Hollywood hotel is conveniently located near Cedar Sinai Medical Center Rodeo Drive Melrose Avenue and Sunset Boulevard. Discover a unique blend of French fashion mixed with Hollywood glamour at this elegant hotel. Choose from 295 rooms on 10 floors including 26 suites and two Imperial Suites all featuring Sofitel's luxurious feather top and duvet sleep system - SoBed. **Insider's Tip: Make sure to request a room with a view of the Hollywood sign!**

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CONCERTS & PERFORMANCE

CAPITAL ONE ARENA AND BEYOND

Just minutes from the Sofitel is Washington, DC's prime entertainment venue; the Capital One Arena, situated in the heart of Gallery Place, Chinatown. This month, catch concerts or performances such as **Andrea Bocelli** or the **Trans-Siberian Orchestra**. If a night at the theatre is more your style, venture over to Ford's Theatre for A Christmas Carol, Shakespeare Theatre Company for Twelfth Night or The Washington Ballet for **The Nutcracker**.

THE KENNEDY CENTER - CENTER STAGE

The Kennedy Center annually hosts more than 2,000 performances for audiences totaling nearly two million. Now in its 45th season, the Center presents the greatest examples of music, dance and theater; supports artists in the creation of new work; and serves the nation as a leader in arts education. With its artistic affiliate, the National Symphony Orchestra, the Center's achievements as a commissioner, producer, and nurturer of developing artists have resulted in over 200 theatrical productions, dozens of new ballets, operas, and musical works.

- The Second City's Twist Your Dickens
- National Symphony Orchestra: Handel's Messiah
- An American In Paris

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