

Shopping in DC

(Sales Tax on top of your purchase: DC: 5.75%; VA: 4.5%)

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✓ Shopping Luxury:

- Ø Tyson's Galleria (at Tyson's corner)
- Ø Saks 5th avenue
 - § Friendship Heights Metro

✓ Shopping Regular:

- Ø Hecht's: don't forget your 15%-20% coupons available at the last page of Washington Post A section, usually everyday from Wednesday through Saturday
 - § Metro Center
 - § Friendship Heights
 - § Ballston's one (don't go this one, no good brands at all)
- Ø Fashion Center: one-stop shopping. you will see Macy's, banana republic, J.Crew, Anne Taylor, Loft, etc. If you have time on Wednesday, go to Macy's as they run Wednesday sale (look for coupons at Wednesday Washington Post, sometimes no coupons required for Wednesday discounts).
 - § Pentagon City,
- Ø Tyson's Corner: everything, big department stores and fashion stores, restaurants, such as Nordstrom, Bloomingdale's, Hecht's, Lord & Taylor, and L.L.Bean. shopping names are Eddie Bauer, Banana Republic, Rainforest Cafe, Ann Taylor, Restoration Hardware, Kenneth Cole, The Disney Store, and so forth
 - § 1961 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA 22102-4562 (1-888-2TYSONS, 703-893-9400, no direct metro access)
- Ø Georgetown on M Street: some fashion store suitable for young people, if you look for jeans, keen on banana republic, or joyful attire, H&M is a new comer there, probably worth some of your time. It's especially good for people looking

Ø Shopping Discount:

- Ø Loewman's: Discount store for some very good but not-that-luxury brands. Recommended, and you may find some very good stuff. Carry brands better than those found in Filene's Basement, say, Burberry, Prada. However, for brands you can also find in Filene's Basement, go ahead with Filene's.
 - § Friendship Heights, next to Cheesecake Factory Restaurant.
- Ø Filene's Basement: strongly recommended. This is the place where you always find bargain apparel and accessory stuff of reliable quality, such as Polo Ralph Lauren, AK, CK, Max Studio, and other popular brands that are priced unreasonably high in China. Right place for shopping gifts for your friends in China. By the way, it's a basement as suggested by the name of the store, so don't miss it, it's always one floor "downstairs".
 - § 529 14th Str. NW 202-638-4110 (metro center, F/13 NW)
 - § 1133 Connecticut Avenue, NW, 202-872-8430 (Between Dupont Circle and Farragut North metro)

- § 5300 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, 202-966-0208 (Friendship Heights)
- ∅ Marshall's: carry less-expensive stuff than Filene's, but you've got to be patient, don't mind mess on the ground, and have a lot of time. You will find treasure at bargain price there. However, if you don't have time, it's not worth going.
 - § next to Border's bookstore, opposite to Bestbuy (at Pentagon City Metro)
 - § Friendship Heights
- √ **Shopping Really Cheap:**
 - ∅ Ross for Less: you can go, but you may get disappointed if you don't have time, or you don't know what you are really looking for.
 - § one at Seven's Corner, one at Balley's Crossroad, no metro access.
- √ **Shopping Bulk, and shopping especially for men's and kid's apparel and accessories.**
 - ∅ Costco Wholesale: membership card required. shop for necessities, not fancy, but reliable quality.
 - § Fashion Center (at Pentagon City Metro)
- √ **Shopping Specific:**
 - ∅ for shoes and bags:
 - § DSW: if you are a shoes lover, you've got to check this place out. DSW stands for designer shoes warehouse. not recommended for bags.
 - pentagon row, at Pentagon City
 - § Loweman's: less collection compared to DSW, but nice selection. especially good for ladies' handbag shopping.
 - § Filene's Basement: worth going, especially you also look for apparels and accessories.
 - ∅ for nutrients, chocolates and other gifts
 - § Costco Wholesale: one-stop shopping for Vitamins, fish oils, chocolates. good quality and good price.
 - § Chinatown: for jingsheng, at Da-Xing, next to CVS, if you don't have time to wait for delivery by order online (<http://big5.hsuginseng.org/index.htm>)
 - ∅ for beauty stuff
 - § all department stores: good because you keep give-away gifts, which usually you don't get when you shop those duty-free stores at airports.
 - ∅ for book
 - § Barnes & Noble
 - Metro Center
 - Clarendon
 - § Borders
 - Metro Center
 - Farragut West
 - Pentagon City