Instructions to use the Metro in Washington, DC

To use the Metro in DC, you will need a Metro Card. These are available multiple ways, but we recommend adding the SmarTrip App to your phone, and purchasing an electronic card. There is a link below with instructions for both Apple Wallet and Google Wallet, but it is very simple. We recommend setting this up before you land at the airport.

https://www.wmata.com/fares/mobilepay/

For Apple Users:

- 1. Open the Wallet app on your I-phone and tap the "+"
- 2. Choose Transit Cards, then choose SmarTrip
- 3. Enter the amount to add to your SmarTrip. The trip from Reagan International Airport (DCA) to Mount Vernon Square cost \$3.05, so purchase a small amount. You can add later, but there's no function to cash out remaining balances on the app, but you can call SmarTrip Customer Service at 1-888-762-7874.
- 4. Confirm the purchase
- 5. Your card is now in your wallet, and will look like the screenshot below.



For Android Users:

- 1. You will need to have the following:
 - a. Android operating system version 5 or newer.
 - b. NFC capable phone
 - c. Google Wallet app
 - d. A credit card in your Google Wallet
- 2. Open the Google Wallet app.
- 3. Select "Add to Wallet", then "Transit Pass", then "SmarTrip Washington D.C."
- 4. Select "Add Money" and then enter desired "Amount to Load". There is a \$4 minimum. The trip from Reagan International Airport (DCA) to Mount Vernon Square cost \$3.05, so purchase a small amount. You can add later, but there's no function to cash out remaining balances on the app, but you can call SmarTrip Customer Service at 1-888-762-7874.

Other options:

There is a kiosk at the airport station where you can buy a physical card and load it with money, or you can go to www.wmata.com, select fares, then pass options and buy passes. These are more expensive and less flexible, as you have to buy a certain number of days, where the electronic card allows you to put a flat dollar amount on your card.

Getting to the hotel from the airport

To board the trains, you pull up the mobile card (in your Apple wallet, or Google wallet), and scan it on the machine.

From Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport is connected directly to Metro's Yellow Line. Follow the signs to the covered walkways and into the station. Take the Yellow line to Mt. Vernon Square Station. The hotel is north of the airport.

From Washington Dulles International Airport

Washington Dulles International Airport is connected directly to Metro's Silver Line. Follow the signs to the underground walkway, which is approximately five minutes from the terminal. Take the Silver Line to the Metro Center station, change lines to the Red line to the Judiciary Square Station. The hotel is east of the airport.

The hotel is the Holiday Inn Express at 317 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20001. We recommend using your phone for directions once you exit the Metro.

