

DuPont Circle

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1. Heurich House Museum

This epic mansion was constructed 1892-1894 for Christian Heurich, whose brewery was the largest in DC and whose beer made him a household name. The castle was a technological wonder of the era and was held in the family until 1956. You can tour the house today to glimpse the interior of the Brewmaster's Castle. For extra holiday fun, purchase tickets for the Christkindlmarkt 2021, held December 3-5 in the castle's garden.

2. Mansion on O: 1336 Park Rd NW Originally designed in 1892 as a cluster of rowhouses for the Clark family, the current structure was purchased in 1980 by H.H. Leonards. Leonards eventually combined all the adjacent rowhouses into a single structure and opened them as a museum. This is one of the most unusual places in DC, with hidden passageways, secret rooms, and a reputation for hosting high-end clientele, including Presidents, musicians, ambassadors, and Civil Rights heroine Rosa Parks.

3. Kramer's: DC is home to a plethora of independent bookstores, including local institution Kramers (formerly Kramerbooks.) Founded in 1976, it has become an integral part of the Dupont Circle neighborhood and pioneered the concept of merging cafe dining with book shopping. When the bookstore was previously opened 24 hours a day, it became known as "one part bookstore, one part restaurant, one part singles bar." Although the hours have changed, it still makes a great date night destination!

4. Phillips Collection: Celebrating its centennial in 2021, the Phillips Collection is America's first modern art museum. The museum's structure, built in 1897, was once the private home to the Phillips family, who were avid collectors of art, particularly modern art and its influences. The permanent collection of nearly 3,000 works showcases pivotal pieces by Renoir, Courbet, van Gogh, Matisse, Monet, Picasso, Rothko, Miro, and more.

5. Shop Made in DC: This local store highlights unique, handmade District of Columbia-themed gifts and artwork, crafted by local artisans. The goal of the store is to support and grow the DC maker community while highlighting the unique culture and community of DC. That is absolutely a must-stop shop for last minute holiday gifts and goodies!

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