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Destination DC and FotoWeekDC Offer Picture-Perfect Vacations

Ten Unique Hotel Deals Should Click with Festival Attendees

(Washington, DC) – Destination DC, the official convention and tourism corporation for Washington, DC, offers hotel packages starting at \$94.99 per night for the duration of FotoWeekDC (November 9-18, 2012). FotoDC's presentation of the fifth annual photography Festival will feature exhibitions from their annual International Awards Competition as well as high quality work from many different individual photographers, arts foundations and professional photography associations. Nearly 40,000 attendees are expected at FotoWeekDC in 2012.

"Fall is a wonderful time to visit Washington, DC with beautiful weather and scenery to experience," said Elliott L. Ferguson, president & CEO of Destination DC. "Our relationship with FotoDC makes it easier for passionate amateurs and professional photographers to focus on what the festival offers: exhibition openings, workshops and portfolio reviews."

The ten participating hotels gift each room occupant with an extra incentive to explore the city: a \$10 Metro SmarTrip card. Participating hotels include:

- Comfort Inn and Suites near Union Station (rates from \$94.99/night) offering complimentary accents like a shuttle bus and WiFi.

- Helix, a Kimpton Hotel (rates from \$118.82/night) located near Logan Circle's galleries in the Arts District.
- The Dupont Circle Hotel (rates from \$152.10/night), recently finished a \$52 million renovation.
- The St. Regis Washington, D.C. (rates from \$310.25/night), a luxuriously appointed hotel two blocks from the White House that has hosted every president since it opened in 1926.

Other participating hotels include The Comfort Inn Downtown/Convention Center; Hampton Inn Washington DC-Convention Center; Omni Shoreham Hotel; Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel; Residence Inn Washington, DC/Dupont Circle; Washington Marriott Wardman Park.

The 2012 International Awards Competition will honor extraordinary work by established and emerging artist photographers from the Washington, DC region and around the world. "In its 5th year, we are proud to say that the International Awards Competition has become more prestigious than ever, with great exposure for photographers from across the globe. We are excited to present two new categories, and believe the awarded work will lead to our most exciting FotoWeek Festival ever this November," said Theo Adamstein, founder and executive director at FotoDC.

For more information or to plan your visit to Washington, DC, please visit Washington.org.

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About Destination DC

Destination DC, the lead destination marketing organization for the nation's capital, is a private, non-profit membership organization of more than 800 businesses committed to marketing the area as a premier global convention, tourism and special events destination with a special emphasis on the arts, cultural and historic communities. www.washington.org

About FotoDC/FotoWeekDC

FotoDC's mission is to provide exposure for photographers and to make diverse, high-quality photography accessible to audiences through the exhibition of inspiring and provocative images, dynamic programming,

and collaborations with the local and international community. FotoWeekDC continues to play a central role in FotoDC programming, with its annual Festival in November. FotoWeekDC is made possible by support from the following generous foundations and sponsors: the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities, National Endowment for the Arts, Vornado/Charles E. Smith, Open Society Foundations, Destination DC, Goethe-Institut Washington, Lindblad Expeditions, National Geographic, the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation, the ASMP Foundation, TTR Sotheby's International Realty, B&H Photo Video, and Blurb. For further information please visit www.FotoWeekDC.org. FotoDC is featured as "One of the Best" DC nonprofits in the 2012-2013 edition of the Catalogue for Philanthropy.

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