

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

GENERAL QUESTIONS

What sort of weather should I expect in DC? DC weather can be quite unpredictable, but we are expecting a nice warm day for our wedding. Early September temperatures in DC average between 70-85° F (20-30° C). Rain is not uncommon, so prepare accordingly.

Are there any other wedding events planned? Yes – more information is provided below about the Welcome Dinner planned for Thursday and the Farewell Luncheon scheduled for Sunday. Nothing formal is planned for Saturday, September 5, but guests are encouraged to explore and enjoy our home city of DC!

I am visiting from out of town, what do you recommend seeing/eating while I am in DC?

There are a ton of exciting and free things to do in DC. A great place to start is with the monuments and museums located downtown around the National Mall. Check out page 3-4 below for a list of some of our favorite sites and restaurants.

Are there any cultural practices I need to prepare for before attending the wedding? Nope! It's just like any other wedding. Wear what you like, but please, no bolo ties or tie-dye dresses. 😊

What type of ceremony are the bride and groom planning? The bride and groom are planning a secular, western-style ceremony, to be officiated by our dear friend, Allison Blajda.

CEREMONY AND RECEPTION

Where is the ceremony? On the grounds of Dumbarton House, located at 2715 Q St. NW, Washington, DC.

Where is the reception? The reception will take place at the same location as the ceremony.

What time does the ceremony start? The ceremony will start at 5:00 PM. We recommend arriving at 4:45 PM to allow sufficient time find your seat. The Reception will continue until 11:00 PM.

When is the RSVP date? Please RSVP by Friday, August 1, 2015, so we can reserve your seat and provide final numbers to our caterer.

What is the best way to get there? We recommend that guests take a cab or uber to the venue, or they can walk from Dupont metro station (10-15 mins).

Is there parking available? Unfortunately, nearby street parking is quite limited since Dumbarton House is located in a dense residential area. Guests can park at the Palomar Hotel for \$20 per day, or otherwise are welcome to search for public garages or legal street parking nearby.

Who can I call if I get lost? Romina Laouri (our wedding planner) at 202-731-0263; romina@sweetstoriesevents.com

Can I bring a guest? Unfortunately, due to venue size restrictions, we can only accommodate those guests who are directly addressed in the invitation email.

Are the ceremony and/or reception outside or inside? Weather permitting, both the ceremony and reception will be held outdoors.

What kind of food can we expect? There will be a buffet with a variety of Middle Eastern and American dishes.

Will you serve alcohol? Yes – we'll have an open bar for guests who wish to partake.

What should I wear? We trust you have excellent taste, but we do recommend wearing comfortable shoes to allow for all-night dancing!

WELCOME DINNER (THURSDAY SEP 3)

Location: At Nathan's mom's home (Kerry) at 10520 Wayridge Dr, Montgomery Village, MD. The house is approximately 40 minutes north of DC.

Time: Drinks at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM

How to get there: We recommend driving if possible. The closest metro station, Shady Grove, is 15-20 minutes away by car. To facilitate ride sharing, we've created [this](#) google sheet where drivers and passengers may indicate their departure locations and available/needed seats.

Attire: Dressy casual. Weather permitting, it will be held in the garden, outside.

Point of Contact: Kirkley Strand (Nathan's sister) 301-602-4738; kirkley9@gmail.com

FAREWELL LUNCHEON (SUNDAY SEP 6)

Location: Hiba's parents' house at 6509 Trask Terrace, Alexandria, VA. The house is approximately 40 minutes south of DC.

Time: The farewell luncheon will take place from noon to 4:00 PM

How to get there? We recommend driving, or taking the metro to Van Dorn Metro station then taking a cab (10-15 minute ride). To facilitate ride sharing, we've created [this](#) google sheet where drivers and passengers may indicate their departure locations and available/needed seats.

Attire: Casual – dress comfortably.

Point of Contact: Karam Iqteit (Hiba's brother), 202-260-3855; kiqteit@ttrsir.com

Missed anything? Please feel free to email the points of contact above, or otherwise send a short email to hiba.and.nathan@gmail.com. We'll do our best to respond during this exciting time!

OUR FAVORITE RESTAURANTS

GEORGETOWN

il Canale* – Italian, Pizza (\$\$)
1063 31st St NW
(202) 337-4444 | ilcanale.com

Good Stuff Eatery – Burgers, Milkshakes (\$)
3291 M St NW
(202) 337-4663 | goodstuffeatery.com

Sweet Green – Fast-Casual Salads (\$)
3333 M St NW
(202) 337-9338 | sweetgreen.com

Filomena Ristorante* – Italian (\$\$\$)
1063 Wisconsin Ave NW
(202) 338-8800 | filomena.com

DUPONT

Pizzeria Paradiso – Pizza, Italian, Beer (\$\$)
2003 P St NW
(202) 223-1245 | eatyourpizza.com

Scion – New American, Brunch (\$\$)
2100 P St NW
(202) 833-8899 | scionrestaurant.com

ADAMS MORGAN/WOODLEY PARK

Sakuramen – Ramen, Korean (\$\$)
2441 18th St NW
(202) 656-5285 | sakuramen.net

Hot N Juicy Crawfish – Seafood, Cajun (\$\$)
2651 Connecticut Ave NW
(202) 299-9448 | hotandjuicycrawfish.com

FOGGY BOTTOM

Founding Farmers* – American, Organic (\$\$)
1924 Pennsylvania Ave NW
(202) 822-8783 | wearefoundingfarmers.com

U STREET/ LOGAN CIRCLE

Le Diplomate* – Brasseries, French, Cafes (\$\$\$)
1601 14th Street NW
(202) 332-3333 | lediplomatedc.com

Barcelona* – Tapas, Wine, Spanish (\$\$\$)
1622 14th St NW
(202) 588-5500 | barcelonawinebar.com

Ben's Chili Bowl – Historic, Diner (\$)
1213 U St NW
(202) 667-0909 | benschilibowl.com

&pizza – Fast-Casual Pizza (\$)
1250 U St NW
(202) 733-1286 | andpizza.com

METRO CENTER

Old Ebbitt Grill – Historic , Bars, American (\$\$)
675 15th St NW
(202) 347-4800 | ebbitt.com

District Taco – Fast-Casual Mexican (\$)
1309 F St NW
(202) 347-7359 | districttaco.com

H Street Corridor

Ethiopic* – Modern Ethiopian (\$\$)
401 H St NE
(202) 675-2066 | ethiopicrestaurant.com

Granville Moore's* – Mussels, Beer (\$\$)
1238 H St NE
(202) 399-2546 | granvillemoores.com

TENLEYTOWN

2 Amy's – Pizza, Italian (\$\$)
3715 Macomb St NW
(202) 885-5700 | 2amys.tripod.com

*Reservations recommended

SIGHTSEEING IN DC

There are a ton of tourist attractions in DC – great museums, monuments, and neighborhoods to explore. It would be impossible to share a comprehensive list, but here are a few recommendations:

Washington Nationals baseball* – the first-place Nats are in town on Labor Day Weekend. If you want to catch a game, you can buy tickets at stubhub.com or nationals.com

Museums – there are many great museums in DC, and most are free!

- National Air and Space Museum
- American History Museum
- Natural History Museum*
- National Botanical Garden*
- National Museum of the American Indian
- National Gallery of Art
- National Archives
- Spy Museum (paid entry)
- Newseum (paid entry)*
- ... and many more – visit the Smithsonian Institute online at si.edu for more information

Nature/Adventure

- Hiking in Rock Creek Park*
- Kayaking or paddleboarding on the Potomac River
- Renting bikes to ride along the canal in Georgetown or tidal basin
- Paddleboating in the Tidal Basin
- Visiting the National Arboretum* – a gorgeous, oft-overlooked park in Northeast Washington.

Neighborhoods

- Eastern Market* – a historic indoor/outdoor market including food, crafts, and other artisan goods, surrounded by beautiful homes and many great restaurants. Located near Capitol Hill.
- Georgetown* – stroll and shop on Georgetown’s historic streets and take a walk along the waterfront.
- Old Town Alexandria – a short metro or car ride away, explore this historic waterfront neighborhood filled with shops and restaurants.
- Adams Morgan – a historic and lively area filled with bars and ethnic restaurants.
- H Street Corridor (NE)* – an up-and-coming neighborhood filled with many new interesting restaurants and bars.

Monuments/Buildings

National Mall

Lincoln Memorial
Vietnam Memorial
World War II Memorial
Korean War Memorial*
Washington Monument
US Capitol Building*

Tidal Basin

Jefferson Memorial*
FDR Memorial
MLK Memorial

Other Notable Sites

National Cathedral*
Arlington Cemetery
The White House
Library of Congress
National Zoo

*Hiba and Nathan’s favorites!