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**AT THE 93<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL,  
EXPERIENCE THE MELROSE HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D.C.  
WITH A CHERRY ON TOP!**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. – (February 28, 2005)** – The Melrose Hotel, Washington, D.C., with its ideal location on Pennsylvania Avenue between historic Georgetown and the White House, is THE place to enjoy this year’s National Cherry Blossom Festival, taking place March 26 – April 8. Each year, hundreds of thousands of people travel to our Nation’s Capital in honor of the original gift of 3,000 cherry trees from the city of Tokyo and this year, the upscale Melrose Hotel is going over the top with spectacular culinary offerings, special packages for overnight stays and transportation to and from the Festival’s black tie event. Top that off with CHERRIES prepared in a variety of delicious ways and donations to the National Cherry Blossom Foundation and its clear The Melrose Hotel is doing it up right!

Because the Festival is a celebration of gifts from Japan, a significant demand for the tastes of the Japanese culture emerges. Therefore, The Melrose Hotel will host a “Sushi and Sake” celebration daily from 3 to 6 p.m. throughout the Festival in The Landmark Restaurant. The event offers a spectacular array of fresh seafood, flown in from Hawaii, and prepared fresh each day, along with some of the finest Southeast Asian sakes available in Washington, D.C. Prices for this event are \$100 per person for adults and \$50 for children. Each ticket price includes a donation of \$10 and \$5 respectively to the National Cherry Blossom Foundation. The daily event will be limited to 100 people per day and reservations must be made in advance by calling The Landmark Restaurant directly at 202-955-3846.

On Thursday evening, April 7, in conjunction with the Festival’s black tie cruise on the Odyssey, the hotel will offer a package that includes an overnight stay, either in a deluxe room or a one bedroom suite and a copy of the recently released commemorative book on the history of the Cherry Blossom Festival. The package also includes limousine transportation to and from the embarkation area for the Odyssey. Prices are \$199 for deluxe rooms and \$249 for one bedroom suites, and additional nights will be available should guests choose to extend their stay.

In addition to the above events, The Melrose Hotel will “GO CHERRY!” This means that

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cherries will make an appearance in various ways throughout the hotel. A chocolate cherry martini will be served in The Library Bar. Cherry pancakes will be available at breakfast in The Landmark Restaurant, as well as through room service. Warm cherry pie with ice cream will be available for dessert around the clock and for the children, a cherry lollipop upon check-in.

So make your reservations now for the excitement of the Festival, the beauty of the cherry trees, this rare Japanese culinary art form and the comfortable luxury of The Melrose Hotel, Washington D.C. Be sure to ask about special room rates available throughout the Festival. We'll look forward to seeing you here. For reservations and information on all of the above, call 202-955-6400 or 1-800-MELROSE or visit [www.melrosehoteldc.com](http://www.melrosehoteldc.com) or [www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org](http://www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org).

**About the Melrose Hotel, Washington, D.C.:**

The Melrose Hotel, Washington, D.C. is located on Pennsylvania Avenue between historic Georgetown and the White House. The Landmark Restaurant and The Library Bar are located in the hotel and offer “Elegant Comfort Cuisine” and famous martinis. Melrose Hotels include Melrose Hotel, Dallas, Melrose Hotel, New York City and Westin Great Southern Hotel in Columbus, Ohio.

**About Melrose Hotels:**

Melrose Hotels was established in 2000 with the purchase of the historic Melrose Hotel in Dallas, Texas. The company continues steady growth with several subsequent acquisitions, including The Melrose Hotel, Washington D.C., The Melrose Hotel, New York City and The Westin Columbus in Columbus, OH. For more information or to make a reservation, visit [www.melrosehotel.com](http://www.melrosehotel.com).

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