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**“INSIDERS TIPS” FROM THE STAFF OF THE MELROSE HOTEL,
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

-- The Melrose Hotel staff tells you what you won't get in a guidebook --

WASHINGTON, D.C. – (September 17, 2004) – With millions of people coming from all over the world annually to visit our Nation's Capital, there is no lack of sources for information on what to see and do. Travelers use the Internet, guidebooks and various tourist information centers regularly. Steve Keup, general manager of The Melrose Hotel, Washington, D.C., felt travelers would appreciate finding out about the “Hot Spots” and “Bests” that are likely not found in the traditional guidebooks.

“Any guidebook or tourist information center can tell you where the tourists like to go,” said Keup. “The Melrose team knows the ins and outs of this city and all of its ‘little known secrets’. There are so many other wonderful ways to enjoy Washington, D.C. and its surrounding areas and we believe travelers will benefit greatly from knowing about them.”

- Best Way to See the City - *By Night, whether by Land or by Boat*
- Best Places for Star (or at least Politico) Sightings - *The Palm Restaurant, Café Milano*
- Best Place to find the Third Tallest Escalator in the Western Hemisphere - *Wheaton Plaza Metro Station, on the Red Line*
- Best Day Trip – *Annapolis, Maryland, Harpers Ferry, or St. Michaels*
- Best Sushi in the City – *Japan Inn in Georgetown, Kaz's on 19th Street*
- Best New Tour Idea – *“Segs In The City” (Segway) Tour, offered by Bike the Sites*
- Best Old Tour Idea – *Ghost & Graveyard Tour, offered by Alexandria Colonial Tours*
- Best Golf Course – *Raspberry Falls Golf & Hunt Club in Lake Ridge/Woodbridge, VA*
- Best French Restaurant in the City – *Marcel's at 24th and Pennsylvania*
- Best Venue for Salsa Dancing – *Friday Nights at Yucca Café*
- Best Place for Dim Sum and/or Mongolian BBQ – *Tony Cheng's in Chinatown*
- Best Consignment Shopping – *Second-Hand Rose in DuPont Circle, The Junior League Shop in Georgetown*
- Best Freebie in the City – *Performances on the Millennium Stage of the Kennedy Center, 6pm Daily*
- Best Cheap Multi-Course Dinner (with Belly Dancing) – *Marrakesh Moroccan Restaurant*
- Best Cheap Multi-Course Dinner (without Belly Dancing) – *Pre-Theater, Prix Fixe Menus at any of the Great Downtown Restaurants Surrounding the National and Warner Theaters*
- Best Place to Bond with Nature – *Great Falls, VA for Kayaking (close by), Deep Creek Lake, MD for Water sports in the Summer, Skiing at Wintergreen or Liberty in the Winter (three hours away)*
- Most Comfortable Beds in the City – *The Melrose Hotel*

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- Best Way to Spend a Weekend Afternoon – *Touring one of the many fabulous Northern Virginia or Maryland wineries*
- Best Spa Experience – *LA Sports Club*
- Best Way to Be in the Know Without Reading a Newspaper - *Attending a “Capitol Steps” performance, Friday-Saturday nights at 7:30pm at the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center*
- Best Place to find Local Artwork at a Reasonable Price – *The Spectrum Gallery in Georgetown*
- Best Place to Feel a Little “On the Edge” – *The Adams Morgan Neighborhood*
- Best Place to Feel Safe – *Directly in front of the White House*
- Best Place for VIP Treatment (and Dancing) - *Home Nightclub in Chinatown*
- Best Little-known Jazz Club – *Bohemian Caverns on U Street*
- Best All-Night Dining – *Bistro Francais in Georgetown, The Diner in Adams Morgan*
- Best Bar Scene – *Zola*
- Most Comfortable and relaxing bar scene – *The Library Bar at The Melrose Hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue, NW*
- Best New Museum in the Country – *The Spy Museum*
- Best Reason to Get Up Early – *To Get Tickets to Tour the Capitol Building, the Washington Monument, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing*
- Best Jogging Trail – *Rock Creek Park or Around the National Mall*
- Best Way to Find Out What There Is To Do In The City – *Speak to your Concierge*
- Best Martinis in town- *The Library Bar at The Melrose Hotel on Pennsylvania Ave. NW*

Finally, it goes without saying that the “Best Place to Stay” when visiting the Nation’s Capital is The Melrose Hotel. For reservations and information on all of the above, call 202-955-6440 or 1-800-MELROSE or visit www.melrosehotel.com.

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.

About The Melrose Hotel Company

A subsidiary of Berwind Property Group, Ltd., Philadelphia, The Melrose Hotel Company 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 Westin Great Southern Hotel in Columbus, Ohio and most recently, The Melrose Hotel, New York City. For more information, visit www.melrosehotel.com.