

**A CULTURAL SYMPHONY:**  
**THE NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC, THE MET, AND THE GUGGENHEIM**  
**Saturday, January 25 – Sunday, January 26, 2025**

Your tour packet includes:

- ❖ **Link to Microsoft Form to complete your Participant Information Form & Acknowledgement of Responsibility Statement**
- ❖ **Tour Bulletin**  
Please read this carefully. It contains essential information and useful advice for your tour.
- ❖ **Tentative Itinerary**
- ❖ **Map and directions for Mayflower Hotel pickup and fringe pick up at the DoubleTree Hilton Laurel fringe stop.**

**If you are traveling with a guest, please share this information packet with them.**

Nametags will be provided at the start of the tour. Please wear them throughout the tour. Doing so helps everyone get acquainted and assists the tour staff in carrying out their responsibilities. If you have an alternative name you prefer for your nametag, please indicate this on the Participant Information Form.



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### Tour Bulletin

The following information has been compiled to help you prepare for your trip and to serve as reconfirmation of your registration. You will receive a final tour reminder email the week leading up to your trip. If you still have questions or concerns after reading this information, please email the Study Tours department at [associates-studytours@si.edu](mailto:associates-studytours@si.edu).

As you read on, you will see that there are a few items that we will need from you prior to the start of the tour. Please complete these items ASAP. They are as follows:

- **Link to Participant Information Form (PIF) & Electronic Responsibility Statement** (completed via Microsoft Forms)

**Please be sure to complete this information promptly.** Our ability to facilitate your enjoyment of the tour, and to assure your comfort and well-being during the tour, depends on your accurate representation of your needs and preferences and our receipt of that information in a timely manner. The Electronically Acknowledged Signed Responsibility statement is required before you can be admitted to the tour. *It is particularly important that you advise us of the extent of any physical limitations that affect your ability to walk, stand, climb stairs, or otherwise participate in tour activities and to provide precise information on serious food allergies.*

## **General Information**

### **Departure Locations and Times**

Although we do everything we can to notify you in the event of a change, we always recommend you check your email for notification of any last minute changes.

The tour bus departs at **8:00 a.m.** from the DeSales Street entrance of the Mayflower Hotel. DeSales is a one-block street, one-way going east from Connecticut to 17th Street and is between L St. (also one-way going east) and M St. (one-way going west). A PMI 24-hour parking garage is available on DeSales St. across from the Mayflower. The cost of parking is approximately \$35/day. Email PMI customer service at [monthlycontracts@pmi-parking.com](mailto:monthlycontracts@pmi-parking.com) for further information or to confirm rates. The bus will return to the DeSales St. side of the Mayflower Hotel at **10:30 p.m.** on Sunday evening. There is a taxi stand at the Mayflower Hotel's Connecticut Ave. entrance and Metro entrance at L Street and Connecticut.

A fringe pickup stop is made at **approximately 8:40 a.m.** at the **DoubleTree by Hilton, Laurel, MD, 15101 Sweitzer Ln, Laurel, MD 20707**. The drop-off stop here will be about 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, for those picked up on the way out or upon request.

Please remember tours are not delayed for missing participants or anyone not ready to board at the scheduled time, so please be kind to others, and be prompt!

## **Bus & Seating**

The bus is provided by Eyre Bus Service and is equipped with a restroom. Please advise the Smithsonian Representative or Driver if something on the bus needs attention or the temperature is not comfortable. The tour staff normally occupies the front seats on both sides of the aisle. Seat selection is otherwise open when the bus is first boarded each day. Once everyone has selected their seat, please continue throughout the day to use that same seat or any seat that was not selected after all had boarded.

Please note that if participants with certain disabilities or conditions need special seating, *tour staff may reserve seats or request participants to move who boarded prior to the tour staff*. If the disabilities requiring special seating are not apparent, participants requesting such seating are asked to provide a statement from their physician confirming the situation and what is needed. This must be done prior to the tour by contacting our office at [associates-studytours@si.edu](mailto:associates-studytours@si.edu).

## **Smoking**

Is not permitted on the bus, including in the restroom, or at any time when the group is gathered together in a limited space for a tour activity. If you are a smoker, and have requested to share a room, please be sure to note this on your participant information form. PLEASE NOTE: All rooms at the EVEN Hotel Midtown East are non-smoking.

## **Tour Staff**

Ursula Rehn Wolfman – Professor Ursula Rehn Wolfman was born in Steinfeld, Austria and educated in Germany, England, France and the United States. She received the Diplôme Supérieur from the Université de Paris (Sorbonne) in Paris in literature and philosophy and completed her graduate studies at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, and the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, with a doctorate in French literature and art history. Her particular field of interest is the relationship between the arts, i.e., literature, architecture, painting, sculpture and music. As an independent scholar, she has lectured at Georgetown University (as adjunct professor) and at many museums, both local and national, for the Smithsonian Associates. She also lectures on numerous international tours for Smithsonian Journeys in France, Spain, Germany, Austria, Eastern Europe, the Baltic region and Russia.

Smithsonian Representative – **Mort Glassberg** will be handling all logistics and assisting you with any problems or question that you may have concerning the tour schedule or operation. Mort is a seasoned Smithsonian Associates Study Tours volunteer who has traveled with Associates on numerous tours, most recently *Ancient Wonders at the Penn Museum*, *America's Main Street: The White House and Pennsylvania Avenue*, and *North to Freedom: Harriet Tubman's Eastern Shore*. Please feel free to approach him at any time.

## **Clothing**

Casual clothing is appropriate for all group activities. Please bring layers and wear comfortable, sturdy shoes for walking and standing at sites.

## Departure Times & Schedules

You will be given a final version of the Itinerary and Participant List when the tour departs. This will be on colored paper, different from the tentative itinerary enclosed here. We recommend that you keep it with you at all times as it can help you follow the activities more closely. Itineraries are always subject to change, however, so it is important to stay alert to announcements concerning changes throughout the tour. Also, you will notice a cell phone number on your final itinerary. Please feel free to use this for any urgent matters.

Adhering to the schedule is essential to completing all tour components and fulfilling our obligations to those who arrive on time. Tours may depart without latecomers. In such circumstances, latecomers are responsible for arrangements and expenses associated with their rejoining the tour or returning to their home. Don't let this happen to you!

## Accommodations

You will be staying at EVEN Hotel Midtown East, located at 221 E. 44th Street New York, NY 10017. The telephone number is 212-239-0002. We recommend that you leave this number with anyone who would need to reach you in an emergency.

You may be required upon check-in to provide a credit card to the hotel for any incidentals charged to your room outside of group activities.

## Check-out Procedures

No special check out procedures are necessary, however, please remember to pay any incidental charges you may have made to your room prior to departure time.

## Meals

The following meals are included in your tour package. *Be sure to indicate dietary restrictions on your Personal Information Form.* Contact us at [associates-studytours@si.edu](mailto:associates-studytours@si.edu) if you have any questions.

Saturday lunch	<i>Smoked Turkey, Bacon, Tomato, Avocado, Mesclun, &amp; Honey Dijon Mayo on Country Bread; with an Assorted Fruit Salad, French Herb Potato Salad &amp; Brownie or Cookie. (Le Bon Café)</i>
Saturday dinner	<i>On your own</i>
Sunday breakfast	<i>Breakfast voucher provided for use in hotel restaurant (EVEN Hotel, Midtown East)</i>
Sunday lunch	<i>On your own</i>
Sunday dinner*	<i>Appetizers Served Family Style: Mesclun Salad and Fried Calamari; Choice of: <b>1) Roasted Chicken Breast; 2) Grilled Salmon; or 3) Tagliatelle Pasta.</b> Family Style Dessert Platter featuring Petit Fours, Brownies, and Fresh Fruit. Coffee, Tea, and Soda. (The Brass Rail)</i>

**\*Please select entrée choice in advance on your electronic Participant Information Form**

You are welcome to bring whatever snacks and/or beverages (such as a thermos of coffee, bottled water, etc.) you normally need or desire between mealtimes. Please review the itinerary with any personal needs or preferences of this nature in mind. If you have special concerns about your food needs or preferences, please contact our staff at [associates-studytours@si.edu](mailto:associates-studytours@si.edu) as soon as possible. Note that alcoholic beverages are not included with meals and

would be at your own expense.

### **What is Included**

Participants purchase their own snacks and beverages other than those included with meals. Your tour fee includes bus transportation, tuition, accommodations, admissions, and meals listed above.

### **Gratuities**

Gratuities have been included for all group meals and for the bus driver. Where appropriate, donations have been made on behalf of the Smithsonian. Although a housekeeping surcharge is included, additional gratuities for the chambermaid are not included, and are at your own discretion. Your Smithsonian Representative and Study Leader are professionals who do not receive tips.

### **Cancellation & Trip Insurance**

Please review the cancellation policy located on the back page of your Associate Magazine or on the web at [smithsonianassociates.org/ticketing/help/refund-policy](https://smithsonianassociates.org/ticketing/help/refund-policy). This information is important, as we are not able to make exceptions regardless of the reasons for cancellation. This tour is 100% non-refundable after **January 10, 2025**. Up until that time, cancellation fees apply. If you have chosen to purchase trip cancellation insurance, you would need to consult your individual policy for cancellation details, in addition to contacting us.

### **Some Additional Items to Bring Along**

- Additional face masks if you would like to wear one
- Your vaccination card (or a photograph of your vaccination card)
- Umbrella and/or fold-up lightweight rain poncho and good walking shoes
- Camera, lenses, batteries, chargers
- Regional area map if desired
- Wet wipes or hand sanitizer for freshening up
- Whatever snacks and/or beverages (such as a thermos for coffee, bottled water, etc.) you normally need between mealtimes. Please review the itinerary with these needs in mind.
- Layered clothing including jacket for variable weather

### **Post-Tour Questionnaire**

Your opinion is important in our continuing effort to provide you the best in value and educational travel. At the end of your tour, you will receive an evaluation form on which you can express your satisfaction with, or concerns about, each aspect of the tour. Each evaluation is carefully reviewed, so candid comments are appreciated. We appreciate your time completing this evaluation. Only you can tell us we have met our goal in providing a quality educational travel experience.

*We appreciate your participation in this program and  
hope it meets your highest expectations!*



## AN ARTFUL WEEKEND IN NEW YORK

Saturday, January 25 – Sunday, January 26, 2025

Study Leader: **Ursula Wolfman**

Smithsonian Rep: Mort Glassberg

Tour Cell Phone: TBD

### **Saturday, January 25**

8:00 a.m. Departure from the Mayflower Hotel

8:40 a.m. Pick up at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Laurel, MD

Enjoy a boxed lunch from Le Bon Cafe *en route* – a rest stop will be made

1:30 p.m. Approximate arrival into NYC

2:00 p.m. **New York Philharmonic at the Lincoln Center**, Wu Tsai Theater, David Geffen Hall  
“A Tribute to Boulez” featuring works by J.S. Bach, Schubert, Webern, Boulez, and Stravinsky

4:30 p.m. Depart

5:00 p.m. Check into the **EVEN Hotel, Midtown East**  
*The evening is yours to enjoy!*

### **Sunday, January 26**

Breakfast at the hotel

9:15 a.m. Approximate departure from the hotel. Stay tuned for information regarding timing, baggage & loading.

10:00 a.m. **Metropolitan Museum of Art**

10:15 a.m. *Guided tour of museum’s musical instruments, highlighting connections between the musical traditions of different peoples, places, and time periods*

1:45 p.m. Depart

2:00 p.m. **Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum**

*Guided tour of special exhibition, Harmony and Dissonance: Orphism in Paris, 1910–1930*

4:00 p.m. Depart

4:45 p.m. Early dinner at the **Brass Rail**

6:15 p.m. Depart for Washington, DC

10:00 p.m. Approximate drop off DoubleTree by Hilton, Laurel, MD

10:30 p.m. Arrival at Mayflower Hotel

**If you enjoyed today’s program, we hope you’ll consider making a donation to Smithsonian Associates. Your contribution will help ensure that we are able to continue offering the outstanding programming you’ve come to expect from Smithsonian Associates. For more information go online to [SmithsonianAssociates.org/levels](https://SmithsonianAssociates.org/levels) or call 202.633.8663.**

NOTE: If you have Special Requirements (e.g. dietary or mobility), please notify the tour office at [associates-studytours@si.edu](mailto:associates-studytours@si.edu) when registering for a future tour.



# MAYFLOWER HOTEL

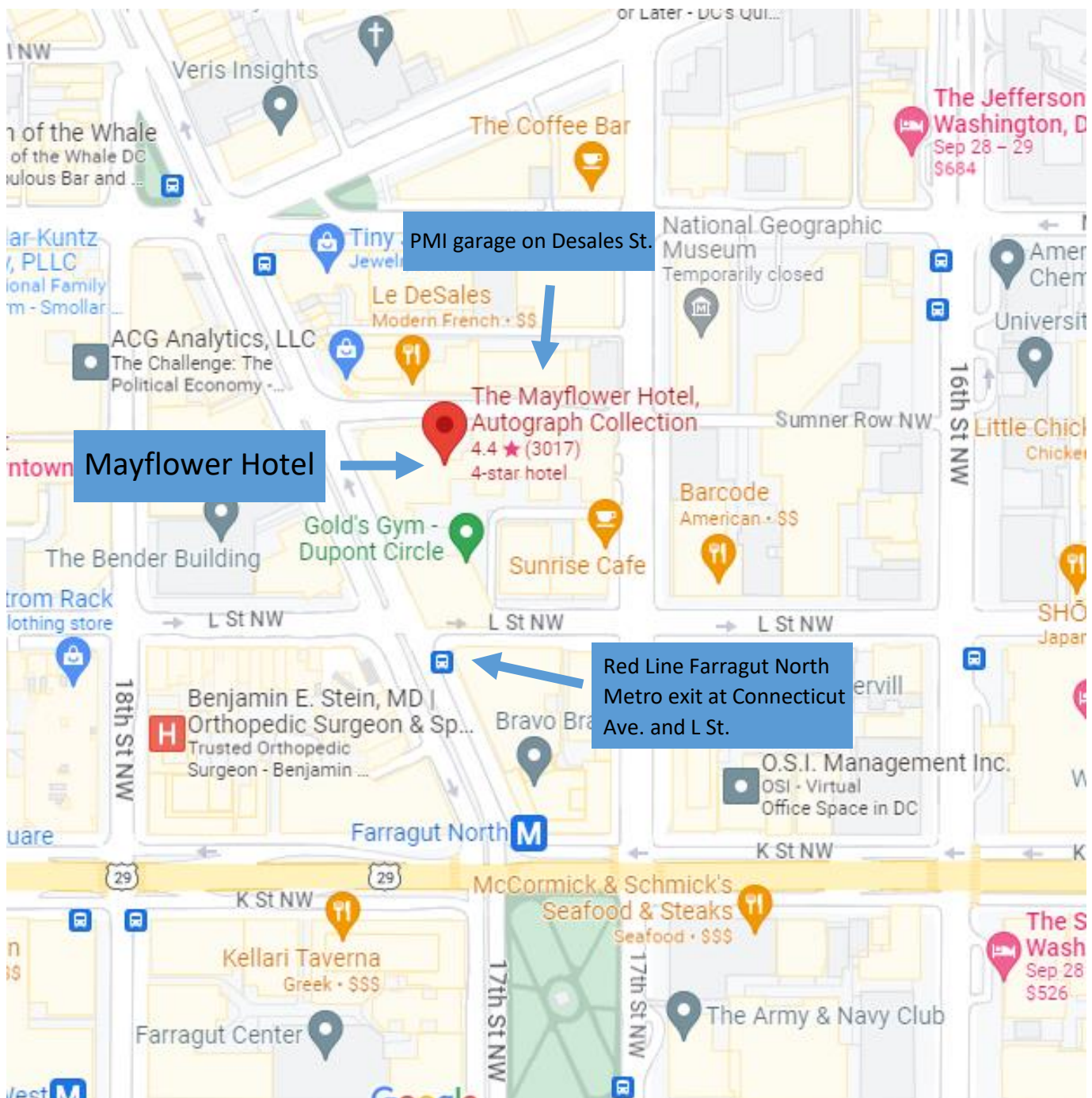
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The **Eyre bus** normally departs and returns from DSales Street NW, just east of Connecticut Avenue (on the north side of the Mayflower Hotel). The bus does NOT normally wait on Connecticut Avenue.

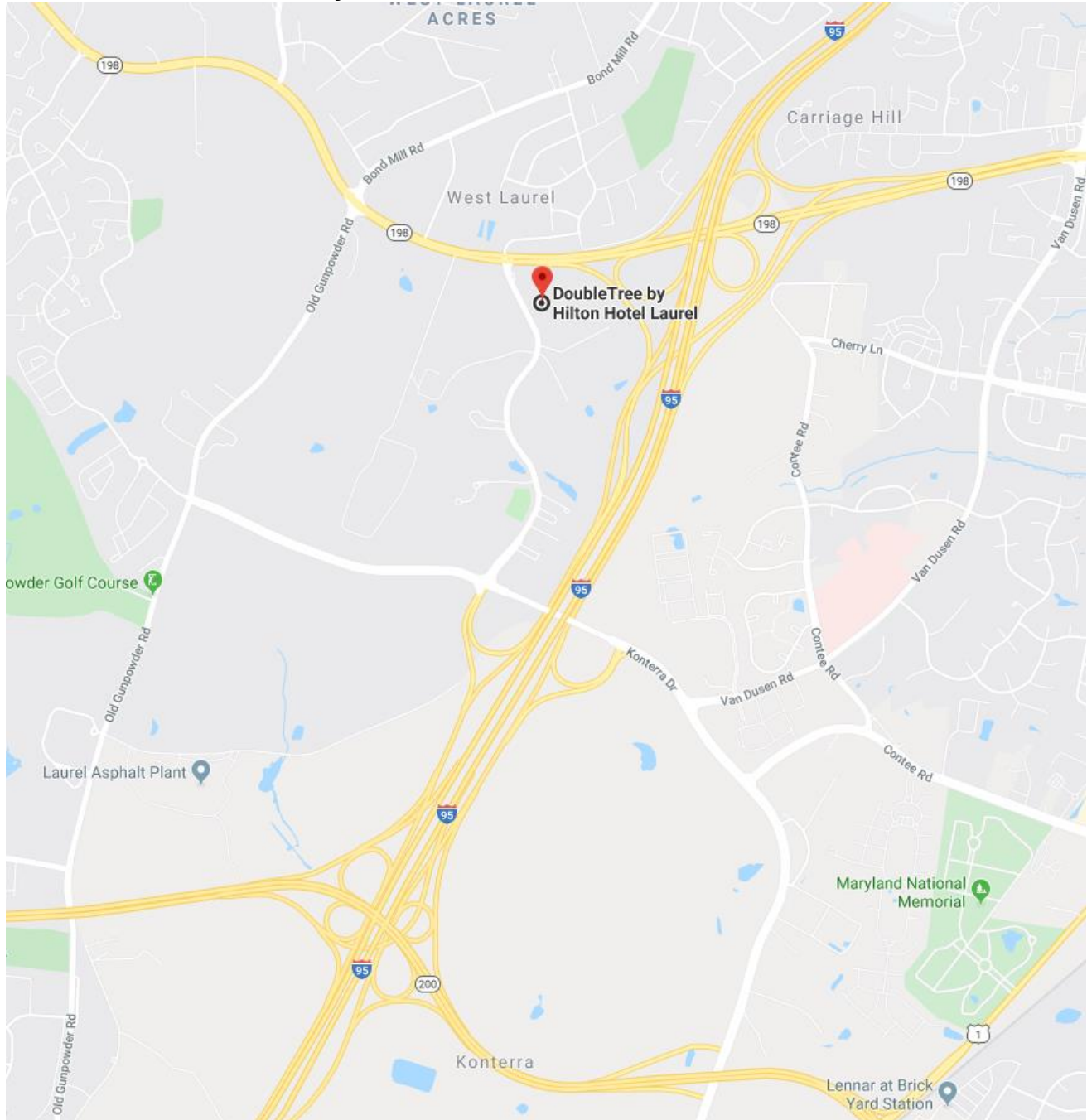
**Metro:** Take the Red Line to the FARRAGUT NORTH station. Exit onto Connecticut Avenue and L Street. Walk a block north on Connecticut Avenue, passing the main entrance to the Mayflower Hotel, and turn right onto DeSales Street.

**Car:** DeSales Street is one way eastbound between Connecticut Avenue and 17<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Parking:** Use the 24-PMI parking garage at 1725 DeSales Street. PMI information: 202-785-9191.



## DoubleTree by Hilton – 15101 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, MD



### **From I-95 NORTHBOUND**

Use the right two lanes to take Exit 33 A-B to merge onto Sandy Spring Road towards Burtonsville. Turn left on Sweitzer Lane. Turn left into the Doubletree Hilton.

### **From I-95 SOUTHBOUND**

Use the right two lanes to take Exit 31 for MD-200 toward US-29/I-270. Keep left at the fork to continue toward Konterra Drive. Keep left at the fork to continue on Exit 32, follow signs for Konterra Drive. Turn left on Konterra Drive. Turn right on Sweitzer Lane. The Doubletree Hilton is on your right.

**The bus will pick up under the portico of the main hotel entrance**