



Know Before You Go

Schedule

Monday, July 10, 2023

- Registration: 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm (Crowne Plaza Crystal City Hotel)
- Dinner on your own

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

- Breakfast on your own
- Registration: 8:00 am to 10:00 am (Crowne Plaza Crystal City Hotel)
- Policy Briefing on Capitol Hill: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (Capitol Hill Visitor Center SVC 215)
- Congressional Visits on Capitol Hill: 12:00 pm to 5:30 pm
- Opening Reception: 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm (Rayburn Foyer, Rayburn House Office Building)
- Dinner on your own

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

- Networking Breakfast: 8:00 am to 10:00 am (Crowne Plaza Crystal City Hotel)
- Congressional Visits on Capitol Hill: **ALL DAY**
- Evening Reception: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm (Crowne Plaza Crystal City Hotel)
- Dinner on your own

Thursday, July 13, 2023

- Breakfast on your own
- Congressional Visits on Capitol Hill: **ALL DAY**
- OPTIONAL: Travel Media Meetup with Pineapple Public Relations: 10:30 am to 1:30 pm (Crowne Plaza Crystal City Hotel) **SOLD OUT**

Basic Meeting Expectations

- Arrive at least 10 minutes before your scheduled appointment time.
- Be prepared and familiar with your talking points.
- Be responsive and prepared to answer questions or provide additional information.
- Do not be offended if a Representative or Senator is late, or you must meet with staff. Their schedules can change quickly.
- If your Representative or Senator is not a member of the Congressional Travel & Tourism Caucus, ask them to join.
- Tips for meeting with members of Congress will be provided in your packet.

Policy Briefing on Capitol Hill

Policy briefings will ensure you are fully updated and prepared to make the most of your time in Washington. Hear from legislators, policy advisors and federal agency partners on numerous issues impacting travel and tourism in the Southeast.

You will need to clear security to enter Senate and House office buildings. Be prepared to walk through metal detectors and have your bags go through X-ray machines.

Entrance: First Street, SE

Welcome Reception

Congressional Summit Opening Reception: Tuesday, July 11, 5:30pm to 7:00 pm

Location: Rayburn Foyer, Rayburn House Office Building

Entrance: Independence Avenue

Networking Breakfast at Hotel

The Networking Breakfast offers an opportunity to get updated on the policy priorities and talking points, if you missed the policy briefing. Also, you can connect with your state delegation before heading off to Capitol Hill for the day's visits.

Attire

The dress is business attire.

Wear comfortable shoes (you will be doing a lot of walking on marble floors and concrete sidewalks).

Transportation

The hotel is located two blocks from the Crystal City Metro station. Taxis, Uber, and Lyft are plentiful in DC. Please do not rent a car; parking is difficult to find and expensive.

While You Are On Your Own

Enjoy Washington on your own and the multitude of culinary opportunities our capital city has to offer.

Click here [For Places to Eat](#) in Destination DC.

Click here [For Places to Eat](#) in StayArlington.

Click here for [Lunch Options](#) on Capitol Hill.

Air Quality Alert

The DC area has been experiencing a high level of pollution. Masks are recommended.

Temperature

DC will be hot and humid during the Summit. Highs in the low 90's and lows in the mid 70's. Scattered thunderstorms are in the forecast. To stay up to date on the weather in the DC area, please check [The Weather Channel](#).

Travel Media Meetup

Pineapple Public Relations connects destinations with top-tier media in a dynamic networking event.

Date & Time: Thursday, July 1, 10:30 am – 1:30 pm

Location: Crowne Plaza Crystal City Hotel

*This event is **SOLD OUT**. If registered, confirmation would have been sent by Pineapple Public Relations. Contact Jennifer Nowicki (jnowicki@pineapple-pr.com) for more information.

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