

# 15 Reasons to Date Someone From Washington, D.C.

Here's why someone from D.C. is sure to be the capital of your heart.

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## 1. They Will Introduce You To Mumbo Sauce And You Will Be In Awe

Source: Flickr user tanyaboza

A D.C.-specific sauce that goes on everything from chicken wings to fried rice, this Chinese carryout staple tastes like a jar of plum sauce had a tangy encounter with a bottle of barbeque.

Once you've tasted it, you'll have cravings for the rest of your life.

## 2. D.C. Locals Have Got Mad Connections

Source: Flickr user Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Your sweetheart has been to an embassy party, attended a White House gala, dated someone who works on the Hill, and/or has some serious dirt on a member of Congress (give them a drink or two before asking them about it).

## 3. District Locals Are The Most Passionate People You'll Ever Meet

Source: Giphy

Washingtonians are wonderful because they so earnestly care about whichever cause is closest to their heart, and they're smart and accomplished enough to do something more than theorize and talk about it. Washingtonians are much more inclined to take action than to just sit around kvetching.

## 4. Brunching Will Become Your Favorite Type Of Date

Source: Flickr user tedeytan

Washingtonians are veteran brunchers: if your honey hails from the District, they might actually have a brunch-specific addiction problem. They dream of mimosas and the chances are high that they have a ranked spreadsheet full of the best brunch options in town.

## 5. They'll Never Be Fussy About What You Wear

Source: Giphy

Okay, so D.C. has very little in the way of fashion going on. The upside of Washingtonians' laid-back wardrobe is that you can wear pretty much whatever you want and your date will be just fine with it.

## 6. You'll Always Be Able To Reach At Least One Of Their Three Phones

Source: Giphy

This town is *connected*, and often that means having at least two—sometimes three or four—phones on hand, provided by different departments and agencies and friend-plans. You may not even get *all* of your honey's their numbers for the first six months.

## 7. They Just Might Be In The CIA

Source: Giphy

Look, we're not trying to say that your new sweetie is definitely a spook, but if they work or have worked for the "State Department," it's conceivable that they're a secret agent. And who doesn't want to date an American James Bond?

## 8. They're The Perfect Blend Of North And South

Source: Flickr user Elvert Barnes

Washingtonians mix that classic Northern drive and hustle with a little Southern soul. They're crazy go-getters with intense schedules, but they always take time to stop and smell the cherry blossoms in the spring.

## 9. They're Zen-Like About Traffic And Navigating Those Weird Circles

Source: Giphy

D.C. has some of the worst traffic in the States, but residents don't really get stressed about it. It's just part of life in the city. Everyone there is the worst behind the wheel, but Washingtonians especially fear drivers with Maryland plates.

## 10. People From D.C. Are Adorably Obsessed Bookworms

Source: Giphy

John Waters implored all of us not to go home with people who don't read, and people from D.C. listened. D.C. is actually America's Most Literate City and is home to Kramer Books, one of the coolest bookstores in the States.

## 11. Get Ready For Your Taste In Music To Get That Much Better

Source: U Street Music Hall via Facebook

For a city of its size, D.C. is packed with great venues—the 9:30 Club, Black Cat, Rock 'n' Roll Hotel, and U Street Music Hall, just to name a few—and D.C. natives love going to a good show.

## 12. They're More Well-Informed Than Your 8th-Grade History Teacher

Source: Flickr user Clotee Pridgen Allochuku

This might seem obvious, but it's really nice to be with someone whose hometown lives and breathes politics because they're so well-informed. No matter which side of the aisle you're on, you'll feel challenged by a sweetie who wolfs down political blogs with their morning bagel.

## 13. You Can Get Rid Of All Your History Books—They've Got You Covered

Source: Flickr user Makuahine Pa'i Ki'i

It's hard to grow up in a city full of historic moments and monuments and not learn a thing or two about U.S. history. Washingtonians can always teach you a thing or two about America.

## 14. They're Super Well Educated

Source: Giphy

The D.C. metro region has one of the highest concentrations of advanced degrees per capita in the nation, so chances are high that your date values education, and has put some time into making their brain the smartest it can be.

## 15. They Won't Act Like Excited Tourists Every Time There's A Motorcade

Source: McKayla is NOT Impressed via Facebook

When you're from D.C., a motorcade is less of a fun event where you guess who's inside the car than

it is an annoyance. Rather than being wowed by some luminary, they're going to focus on what's important—you.

Did we miss anything? Tell us what you like about dating someone from D.C. in the comments below!

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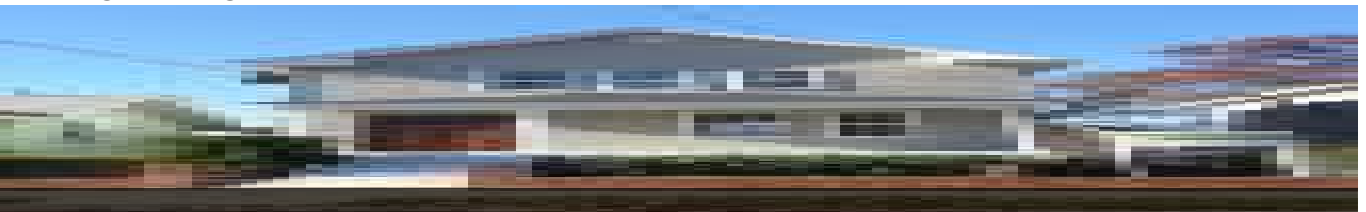


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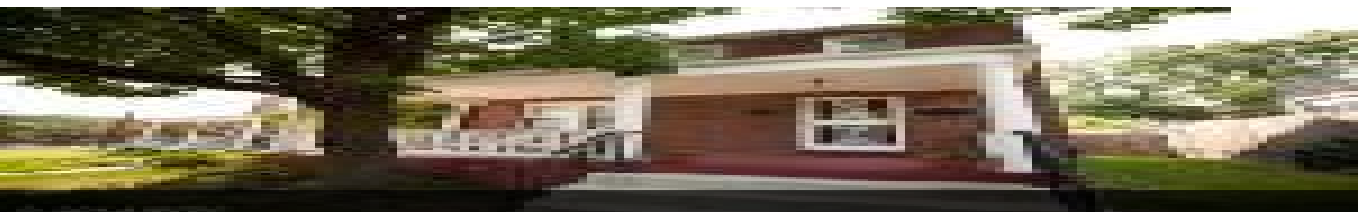
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