

The Mayflower

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A HISTORIC WEEK IN DC: THE NATION CELEBRATES ITS BIRTHDAY, THE MAYFLOWER HOTEL DECLARES ITS INDEPENDENCE AND THE WHITE HOUSE LIFTS PHOTO BAN
The Iconic DC Property Finalizes a \$20 Million Room Renovation and Joins Distinctive Portfolio of Independent Hotels, The Autograph Collection on July 1

Washington, D.C. (July 1, 2015) – It is a historic week for the US as the nation celebrates its Independence. In D.C., there are even more reasons to celebrate as The Mayflower Hotel, one of the city’s most storied properties and a Washington original since 1925, is declaring its independence as of **July 1, 2015**. The hotel’s draw has brought D.C.’s power scene and personalities to its doors, filling the property with a quintessentially capital spirit – and with a signature appeal as iconic as the hotel itself. Refreshed with a \$20 million room renovation, innovative culinary enhancements at Edgar Bar + Kitchen, and signature experiences, The Mayflower will join the Autograph Collection, Marriott International’s exclusive portfolio of hotels recognized for celebrating individuality.

Additionally, as announced today, **the White House is lifting its long-standing camera and photo ban on public tours..** Effective today, guests are now welcome to take photos throughout the White House tour route and to share their experience using the hashtag #WhiteHouseTour.



The Mayflower completed its final phase of a top-to-bottom renovation, with all 581 rooms, including 64 suites. The **\$20 million rooms project**, spearheaded by The Gettys Group design firm, maintained the 10-story hotel’s historic pedigree while updating its look, presenting a sophisticated blend of elegance, grace, and contemporary taste and outfitting each guest room with the latest amenities.

“We are excited to welcome The Mayflower Hotel to the Collection, as we near our 100th hotel, which we expect to reach later this year. The Mayflower’s rich history, iconic reputation, and independent spirit in the local Washington, D.C. community make

it an obvious choice for Autograph Collection Hotels. The new transformation pays homage to the hotel's past while dressing it up in grand style and remaining current. Like the rest of our portfolio of independently owned hotels, this latest addition is one-of-a-kind and true to the brand's mantra of being 'exactly like nothing else,' explains Julius Robinson, Vice President, Autograph Collection Hotels.

"From Presidential inaugural speeches to occasions of intrigue and scandal, The Mayflower has been the stage for Washington's influencers through the decades," said John Montano, general manager of The Mayflower Hotel. "As we transition to an independent property and join the Autograph Collection, we're very keen to stay connected to our illustrious past while embracing the future as the new Mayflower Hotel."

From the historic heart of the hotel's lobby promenade, guests find themselves in the embrace of its prominence and beauty. Accommodations mirror the feeling with an exclusive "**signature wall**" scribed with the names of the famous and infamous who have come before (including President John F. Kennedy, Amelia Earhart, Winston Churchill, Sophia Loren and J. Edgar Hoover) and a design aesthetic that is awash in a crisp palette of warm grays and jeweled tones.

The storied service and graceful demeanor that is the essence of the hotel remains untouched, although guests will find the staff in crisp new uniforms. Edgar Bar & Kitchen will be introducing "Mayflower Mornings by Edgar", a quick and tasty grab-and-go breakfast option, including the hotel's famed banana bread.

From its commanding post on Connecticut Avenue, The Mayflower places guests perfectly in the city center – The National Mall, The White House, business district and fashionable Georgetown in easy striking distance. Nearby are the Shaw, Dupont Circle and Foggy Bottom neighborhoods, and the U Street Corridor with their many shops, restaurants, nightclubs, art galleries, and music venues.

Stay up to date about what's happening at the hotel by visiting The Mayflower on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) or www.TheMayflowerHotel.com.

For further information on Autograph Collection, visit www.autographhotels.com

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About The Mayflower Hotel Washington, DC Hotel

The Mayflower is a capital classic freshly rendered, a landmark hotel that brings timeless elegance, integrity and contemporary style to its role as a vibrant social hub – a Washington, D.C. original since 1925

The hotel features nearly 43,000 square feet of event space for weddings, galas, banquets and meetings, as well as a fitness center and gracious amenities in the guest rooms like high-speed Internet access and dazzling city views. Visitors can tuck in to American brasserie fare featuring fresh and local ingredients at Edgar Bar & Kitchen, or they can explore the on-site floral boutique and Thomas Pink retail store in anticipation of a big date. The Nationals Stadium, metro stops, fine dining and cultural destinations are all easily accessed from this Four Diamond luxury hotel, allowing guests the opportunity to experience all of the city's excitement while being enveloped by the mystique of one of its most treasured landmarks. For more information or hotel reservations, please call 877.255.6036 or visit www.TheMayflowerHotel.com.

About Autograph Collection

The Autograph Collection is an evolving ensemble of strikingly independent hotels. Exactly like nothing else, each destination has been selected for its quality, bold originality, rich character and uncommon details. From near to far, iconic to historic, the result is an array of properties that is nothing less than unique, nothing short of collectively exceptional. For more information please visit www.autographhotels.com, or explore our social media channels to learn more about championing the independent spirit:

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