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The Mayflower Hotel, a Celebrated Venue in Washington, DC, Unveils Renovated and Refreshed Meeting Spaces and Special New Offer for 2017 Meetings

Washington, DC (October, 2016) – As one of Washington, DC's first grand hotels, [The Mayflower Hotel](#) is also one of its most renowned meeting destinations. The hotel has completed its top-to-bottom, multi-million dollar makeover with the final stages of restoring its historic ballrooms and event spaces. The recent refurbishments to the nearly 43,000 square feet of event space have allowed the property to offer the latest in technology and continue to provide groups with an unmatched experience. New for 2017, The Mayflower Hotel is offering groups who book 200-400 guestrooms, per peak night, exclusive access to all of the hotel's prime ballrooms on the Promenade level.

Restored and Refreshed

Effortlessly blending historic tradition and modern luxury in the heart of the nation's capital, The Mayflower inspires with sophisticated venues for gatherings, including 27 versatile meeting rooms. The recent refurbishments include a lightened envelope with a modernized grey palette color scheme, mirroring the recent guestroom renovation and patterns that incorporate an octagon shape inspired by the historic Promenade Foyer ceiling. The refreshed spaces and upgrades include:

- The Grand Ballroom, with a ceiling height of 21 feet, offers a unique wrap-around balcony, plus the option to extend into the connecting Chinese Ballroom, providing over 10,000 square feet of luxurious function space. Additionally, as part of its restoration, the hotel underwent a sensitive and admirable approach to conserving the Grand Ballroom to its former glory. [Gold Leaf Studios](#), a locally-based DC company, diligently worked to preserve the existing 23-karat gilding present in this historic room to ensure that future generations will continue to experience The Mayflower's grandeur.
- Originally known as the hotel's Presidential Dining Room, the now State & East Ballrooms offer an ideal space for group meals and breaks, allowing attendees to dine and recharge among its 8,000 square feet of meeting space, 21 foot ceilings, and wall of natural light from its 14 foot windows.
- With an architectural style that firmly embraces Jeffersonian aesthetic, the 4,000 plus square-foot District Ballroom offers groups another unique space surrounded by inspiring décor.
- The inviting Mezzanine level, with its plush seating, also offers additional space for breakouts surrounded by inspiration and history (for example, guests can take a moment to peruse the Presidential Lending Library).
- Technology upgrades include wireless internet capabilities for up to 1,200 attendees with available bandwidth, up to 100+ Mbps.

Where the Presidents Meet: New Presidential Meeting Breaks

For nearly a century, The Mayflower has been at the heart of Washington, DC's social epicenter with its historic ballrooms and magnificent lobby promenade serving as an iconic city stage. In keeping with the hotel's legacy of hosting famed leaders, including every presidential inaugural ball from Calvin Coolidge to Ronald Reagan, The Mayflower has specially created a variety of **presidential-themed meeting breaks**, inspired from menus served during many of these past visits to the hotel:

- **The Reagan Jelly Bean Break** – President Ronald Reagan, known for his love of jelly beans, personally thanked the hotel associate who served these colorful candies to all guests at his 1981 Inaugural Gala held in the Grand Ballroom.
- **The Churchill High Tea Break** – In 1945, Winston Churchill sipped on his favorite Lapsang Souchong tea when he infamously made an off-color joke, which was carried by the acoustical domed ceiling of the hotel's Chinese Ballroom, much to the surprise of host Franklin D. Roosevelt and his guests.
- **The Eisenhower Surf & Turf Break** – President Dwight Eisenhower enjoyed his last event at The Mayflower in 1960 where his guests enjoyed lobster, filet mignon and asparagus tips (inspiring this break's afternoon tea-style sandwiches).
- **The Banana Nut Bread Break** – Presidents Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter & Ronald Reagan were all served The Mayflower's famous banana nut bread during their Inaugural Galas at the hotel. 53 years later, since the introduction of the banana nut bread, The Mayflower bakes over 10,000 loaves per year, much to the delight of many repeat guests.

A Special Offer: Book by Presidents Day 2017

Book a new meeting by Presidents Day, February 20, 2017, with a minimum of 200 peak room nights over a two-night stay, and receive the following group presidential privileges:

- Exclusivity to the Promenade level, including Grand Ballroom and former Presidential dining halls.
- Complimentary wireless internet in both meeting rooms and guestrooms
- Complimentary meeting room rental with 70% guestroom pickup
- 30% allowable guestroom attrition
- 20% discount on all in-house audio visual
- Double Marriott Rewards points.

To learn more about The Mayflower Hotel for your next meeting or event, please visit www.TheMayflowerHotel.com. Stay up to date about what's happening at the hotel by visiting The Mayflower on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#). For further information on Autograph Collection, visit www.autographhotels.com

About The Mayflower Hotel, Autograph Collection

Effortlessly blending historic tradition and modern luxury in the heart of the nation's capital, The Mayflower Hotel inspires with sophisticated venues for gatherings, including 27 versatile meeting rooms and over 42,000 square feet of event space where national history has taken shape. To enter these doors is to step into timeless style and grandeur—experiencing a hotel that is legendary and alive. The hotel's 581 guest rooms with 64 luxurious suites delight with a sophisticated blend of elegance and grace, mixed with contemporary flair, delivering an ever-relevant style and an exceptional Washington, DC experience. The hotel offers a 24-hour fitness center, in-room amenities including high-speed Internet access. Visitors can tuck in to American brasserie fare featuring fresh and local ingredients at Edgar Bar & Kitchen. From its commanding post on Connecticut Avenue, The Mayflower places guests perfectly in the city center – The National Mall, business district and fashionable Georgetown in easy striking distance. Surrounding, the local flavor of the Shaw, Dupont Circle and Foggy Bottom neighborhoods, and the U Street Corridor with their many shops, restaurants, nightclubs, art galleries, and music venues. For more information or hotel reservations, please call 877.255.6036 or visit www.TheMayflowerHotel.com.

The Mayflower Hotel is located at 1127 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036.