



THE TRIP

10 weird and wise ways to celebrate Washington D.C.'s power women

In honour of International Women's Day, which takes place on 8 March, **Jess Moss** tracks down a host of female pioneers in America's capital city

1. Museum-hop and learn about Oprah

The National Museum of African American History and Culture celebrates the TV and lifestyle mega-mogul with a three-part special exhibition that's all about the big O. From here, hop around to the other Smithsonian museums and give it up for female icons like chef Julia Child, explorer Amelia Earhart and former first lady Michelle Obama. The best part? The museums are free!

si.edu/museums

2. Drink in a cherry blossom wonderland

It's cherry blossom season in D.C. and even if the trees around the Tidal Basin haven't hit peak bloom, the Cherry Blossom Pub in Shaw sure has. The pub is a creation of Drink Company, headed up by boss-lady Angie Fetherston, who each year themes the bar with thousands of flowers cascading from the ceiling, plus creative nods to Japan, which gifted D.C. its famous trees. drinkcompany.com



3. Fly high with local trapezists

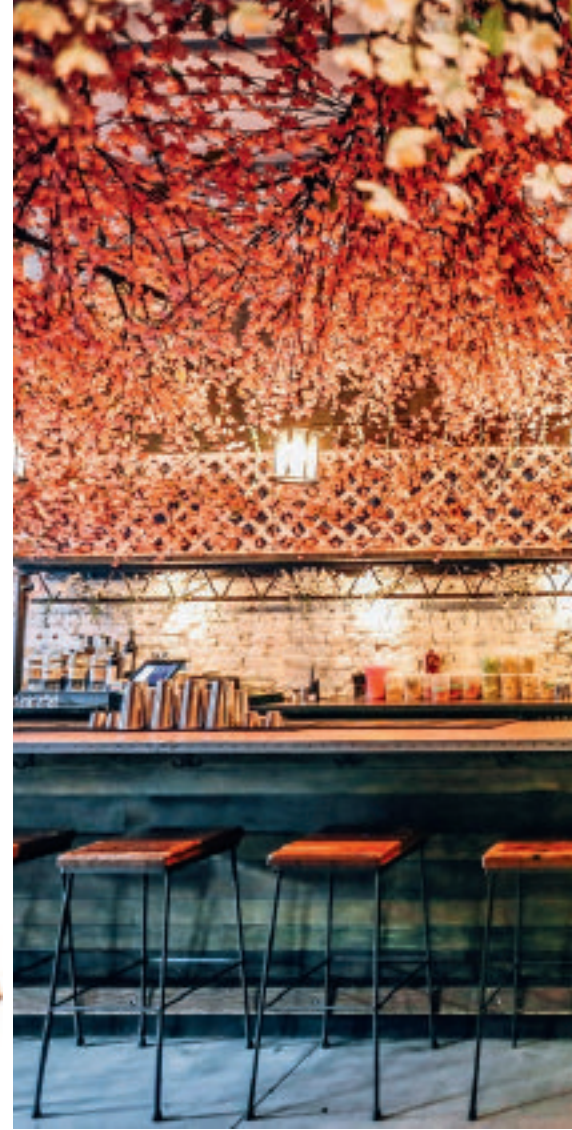
Get your circus on at D.C.'s school of flying acrobatics. Classes are thrilling, many are taught by women, and emphasise balance and emotional health as well as physical wellness. Still not sure about taking the leap? Nearby Navy Yard has plenty of bars to help take the edge off post flight.

washingtondc.trapezeschool.com

4. Witness the Barbie Pond

Catch an army of Barbies in this evolving garden diorama as they party for things like St. Paddy's Day, or poke fun at the latest political drama. A far cry from the toy store aisle, these dolls take a stand for everything from gay pride to women's rights.

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PORTRAIT OF MICHELLE OBAMA BY AMY SHERALD, NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY, PAUL MORIGI, 2018, TRAPEZE SCHOOL NEW YORK - WASHINGTON DC, FARRAH SKEIKY, JOANA





7. Taste the flavours of Washington's female chefs

Shuck oysters

Jamie Leeds, of Hank's Oyster Bar fame, has a wildly successful local empire. hanksoysterbar.com

Bistro bites

Ris Lacoste is a pioneer in the D.C. food scene. Her West End bistro is recognised by Michelin. risdc.com

Street food

Rose Previte serves food with roots in the street. Compass Rose and Middle Eastern eatery, Maydan, are perennially packed. maydandc.com



5. Watch a champion art fighter defend their title

Super Art Fight is a hilarious live sketch-off that combines Pictionary, a bunch of comedian-artists dressed in Comic-Con-worthy costumes and an audience. Champ Shoujo-A-Go-Go must defend her title on 8 March. superartfight.com



6. Gawk at the most peculiar artworks

View contemporary and brilliantly bizarre pieces at The National Museum of Women in the Arts – showcasing 4,500 artworks by more than 1,000 female artists. nmwa.org

8. Get your next read at an indie bookstore

Gather with book lovers at female-owned bookstore and bibliohaven East City Bookshop. Events include authors talks and LGBTQ mystery writing classes. eastcitybookshop.com



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9. Make a toast to D.C.'s female distillers

Founded by a former politico, Republic Restoratives is D.C.'s first woman-owned distillery. The CIVIC vodka's super, while the Rodham Rye — a nod to Hillary Clinton — is also popular. Expect events around local happenings, like the Women's March.

republicrestoratives.com

10. Explore female start-ups

Georgetown Cupcake

Scoff ridiculously tasty and perfectly dainty cupcakes at this TV-famous bakery, which was started right here by two sisters. Expect to queue

out the door for these delicious creations. georgetowncupcake.com

Bluemercury

Work out your aches with a hot rock treatment at this special spa, at leading luxury skincare shop Bluemercury — the brand was founded at this very spot by Marla Beck and her husband.

bluemercury.com

Tuckernuck

Started by a trio of female friends and family, this top boutique offers a curated range of local D.C. fashion designs and interior style for you and your home. tnuck.com



Women in the US capital

Fun facts you never knew...



Another Year of the woman

D.C.'s a political place, and 2018 saw more women than ever running for political office and being elected to Congress. The trend is continuing, with a number of women eyeing up the presidency in 2020.



100 Years of Suffrage

Speaking of voting, women couldn't always do it in the United States. This year and next mark the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote.



Monumental accomplishment

Of all the major monuments on the National Mall, only one was designed by a woman. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall was created by architecture student Maya Lin. Her design beat more than 1,400 entries in a nationwide comp.



Madame Mayor

D.C. may be known for the White House, but the city is run by a woman. Mayor Muriel Bowser has governed the city since 2015, and is one of only two women to hold the job here.



History lesson

The Wok and Roll karaoke bar occupies a former boarding house run by Mary Surratt, the first woman executed by the U.S. government after being charged as a conspirator in the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln (which happened at nearby Ford's Theatre).

wokandrolldc.com