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Hotel Packages for Cherry Blossom Time in Washington

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Cherry blossoms along the Tidal Basin last year in Washington. The National Cherry Blossom Festival is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year. Jim Lo Scalzo/European Pressphoto Agency

A much-anticipated annual tradition in [Washington](#) is here: [The National Cherry Blossom Festival](#) will take place through April 16. The event, celebrating its 90th anniversary, commemorates the 1912 gift of 3,000 cherry trees from Japan to the United States. Today, there are 3,800 cherry blossom trees, and visitors to the city during the festival can see them in bloom.

Most of the trees are along the Tidal Basin in West Potomac Park, but they are also in East Potomac Park and on the Washington Monument grounds. The [National Park Service](#) estimates that most of the trees will be in full bloom from March 19 to 22.

Numerous hotels in Washington have themed packages pegged to the festival.

[Embassy Suites by Hilton Georgetown](#) is also offering Capital Coolcation; in addition to the cocktails, coffee, hot chocolate and late checkout, guests receive breakfast and evening drinks and snacks such as crudité with dips, miniquiches and a range of alcoholic beverages. From \$219 a night. Available throughout the festival.