

# **Trip to National Harbor**

### **Arrival and Departure Dates**

We recommend that spellers and their families arrive on Sunday, May 26, and depart on Saturday, June 1.

### **Hotel Reservations**

The only way to receive the Bee's discounted rate that includes all taxes and the daily resort fee is to book through the Bee's housing and registration management company. Parents of spellers may do so by logging in at <u>www.spellingbee.com</u> and selecting **Make Bee Week Reservations** in the Champion Checklist. Booking at the Gaylord National should be done at your earliest convenience and no later than April 15.

### **Registering Family Members for Bee Week**

Parents of spellers can also register themselves and their family members for Bee Week when they book accommodations at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center. The **Make Bee Week Reservations** item in the Champion Checklist (available when you log in with your speller credentials at <u>spellingbee.com</u>) will allow spellers' parents register guests through the Bee's housing and registration management company.

### Venue Information

The location and official hotel of the 2019 Scripps National Spelling Bee is the <u>Gaylord</u> <u>National Resort and Convention Center</u> (201 Waterfront St. National Harbor, MD 20745).

This first-class waterfront resort has a stunning 19-story glass atrium and sweeping views of the Potomac River. It is just steps from National Harbor's premier entertainment and shopping district and only eight miles south of the nation's capital. The resort features a rejuvenating spa, indoor pool and whirlpool, state-of-the-art fitness center and a number of unique restaurants and shops. The hotel has a smoke-free policy.

### **Discounted Airfare**

The Bee has arranged discounted airfare for spellers and their families who are traveling to the Washington, D.C., area on Delta or United. The airport nearest the Gaylord National is <u>Reagan National Airport</u> (DCA). <u>Dulles International Airport</u> (IAD) and <u>Baltimore/Washington International Airport</u> (BWI) also serve the Washington, D.C., area.

#### To book your flight with Delta:

- Visit <u>http://www.delta.com/air-</u> <u>shopping/searchFlights.action?tripType=ROUND\_TRIP</u>, or from <u>www.delta.com</u> click on **Advanced Search** found under the passenger drop down box.
- Enter the code NMSY9 into the Meeting Event Code field.
- Complete the additional fields and click **Find Flights**.

Discounts range from 2% to 10% depending on fare class and are valid for flights into DCA, IAD and BWI.

#### To book your flight with United:

- Visit <u>https://www.united.com/ual/en/us/flight-search/book-a-flight</u>, or from <u>www.united.com</u> click on **Advanced Search** in the bottom left corner of the **Book** box.
- Enter the code **ZGFC711080** into the **Promotions and certifications** field at the bottom of the page.
- Complete the additional details and click **Search**.

Discounts range from 2% to 10% depending on fare class and are valid for flights into DCA.

### **Ground Transportation**

#### Taxi Service

The airport nearest the Gaylord National is <u>Reagan National Airport</u> (DCA). A taxi ride for two from Reagan National Airport to the Gaylord National will take about 30 minutes and cost at least \$30 plus tip each way.

The airport next closest to the Gaylord National is <u>Dulles International Airport</u> (IAD). A taxi ride for two from Dulles International Airport to the Gaylord National will take about 45 minutes and cost at least \$80 plus tip each way.

<u>Baltimore/Washington International Airport</u> (BWI) also serves the greater Washington, D.C., area. A taxi ride from Baltimore/Washington International Airport to the Gaylord National will take about 55 minutes and cost approximately \$90 plus tip each way.

#### Shuttle Service

SuperShuttle is the Gaylord's preferred shuttle service to all local airports. Shuttles operate daily from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and depart every 20 minutes. Reservations are required for the SuperShuttle service and can be made by calling (800) 660-8000 and mentioning discount code GNR50 or by visiting their website at <u>https://www.supershuttle.com/?GC=GNR50</u>.

#### \*Discounted Rates (prepaid reservations required):

- Reagan National: \$18 one way per person; \$33 per person round trip; \$85 for exclusive van service
- Dulles International: \$45 one way per person; \$125 for exclusive van service
- Baltimore/Washington International: \$45 one way per person; \$125 for exclusive van service

\*Pricing is subject to change. Schedules are not determined by Gaylord National and are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please verify directly with SuperShuttle.

## **Exploring the Area**

Gaylord National is situated along the shoreline of the Potomac River just outside of Washington, D.C., in National Harbor, Maryland. This waterfront community boasts many entertainment options and is only minutes from downtown Washington, D.C.; Old Town Alexandria; numerous historic landmarks and other activities. All Bee Week events take place at the Gaylord National.

As part of the Gaylord National resort fee, anyone staying at the hotel receives free access to the National Harbor Connector, which makes stops at various locations in the National Harbor area. Learn more about the National Harbor Connector.

#### Sight-seeing Tours

The Bee has secured discounted sight-seeing tours of the Washington, D.C., area that your family may take part in. Included below is information for booking directly through two different tour companies.

### USA Guided Tours

By using the promo code SPELL20, you will receive 20% off the price of the following tours:

- Discover D.C. Day Tour
- Mount Vernon and Old Town Alexandria Tour

- <u>SkyView Convertible Bus Tour</u>
- <u>African-American History Tour</u>
- D.C. Highlights Tour

### Old Town Trolley

Visit <u>www.trustedtours.net/dcgroups</u> and select any of the following tours for 15% off by entering the code **BEE2019** in the **Coupon Code** field at checkout:

- Old Town Trolley Tour
- Monuments by Moonlight Night Tour
- D.C. Ducks Tour

<u>Learn more</u> about the sight-seeing opportunities departing from the Gaylord National, including trips to major memorials and monuments.