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The Freedom of Independence

When first President of the United States, George Washington, commissioned Pierre Charles L'Enfant to design the newly independent nation's capital in 1790, he could not have envisioned what a sprawling gem Washington, D.C. would ultimately become.

To bring his grand vision to life, the French-born architect and city planner enlisted Scottish surveyor, Alexander Ralston, to help lay out the city plan.

Dubbed the L'Enfant Plan, the design boasted broad streets and avenues, all radiating out from rectangles, providing room for open space and landscaping.

L'Enfant based his design on plans—sent to him by Thomas Jefferson—of cities such as

Paris, Amsterdam, and Milan, and included a garden-lined "grand avenue" approximately 1.6 kilometres in length and 120-metre wide, in the area that is now the National Mall.

Shortly after construction began, President Washington dismissed L'Enfant in March 1792 due to conflicts with the three commissioners appointed to supervise the capital's construction, and Andrew Ellicott, who had worked with

L'Enfant surveying the city, was tasked with completing the design.

Although Ellicott made revisions to the original plans— including changes to some street patterns—L'Enfant is still credited with the overall design of the city.

Today, Washington D.C. is the 20th most populated city in the United States, and its enduring grand department draws millions of travellers to its hallowed grounds, its

boulevards, its national monuments, and the country's most notable residential address.

Being close to all attractions is crucial when visiting this great city, making the AKA White House—a Preferred Hotels & Resorts property—an essential address from where to explore The White House itself (a mere two blocks away), and several historical points of interest such as the National Mall, Lafayette Square, The Washington

Monument, Lincoln Memorial, and the Smithsonian Institute.

Just as Pierre Charles L'Enfant envisaged a vast, sweeping metropolis when he created the plan for Washington, D.C., the AKA White House luxury apartments were developed by New York City design firm, Meyer Davis Studio, to capture the essence of modern apartment living.



The contemporary and well-appointed furnished apartments set the standard for luxury accommodations in D.C. and include a collection of spacious one- and two-bedroom residences with king size beds, marble bathrooms, elegantly designed living rooms, and full kitchens, as well as expansive Washington D.C. penthouse suites with spacious terraces and outdoor dining areas.

Each apartment at the AKA White House is designed for the sophisticated palate while offering the convenience of self-contained living, whether your planning a short-term or an extended stay in D.C.

The fully appointed one-bedroom suites are designed to reflect your style while offering generous space for two guests and a layout that boasts separate dining and living areas and a fully equipped kitchen with stainless steel appliances and limestone countertops. Luxury amenities further include free high-speed Internet connectivity, cable television, a walk-in closet, and daily housekeeping services.

Sleeping up to four guests, the AKA White House's two-bedroom suites offer up to 112 m2 of living space, with each living room showing off elegant contemporary furniture, premium audiovisual equipment, and plentiful entertaining space.

Penthouse suites epitomise lavish comfort and feature custom-designed contemporary furnishings and upholstery throughout the apartment, spacious living areas and fully-equipped gourmet kitchens with quartz countertops, stainless steel appliances and a full range of accessories.

The opulent feel that comes with penthouse living is carried through to all areas of the suite, where marble-clad bathrooms and luxurious bath amenities await the discerning guest.

Spacious, tranquil bedrooms feature plush beds, all equipped with luxurious Sferra Italian linens, spacious closets, and furniture of dark Makassar ebony wood and fine lacquers.

The attention to design detail is also evident in the living room and bedrooms, where lighting has been hand selected and imported from Italy to complement the sophisticated grey colour palette. Elegant accents, such as original framed photography, enhance the Penthouse experience.

AKA White House living is more than accommodation, though, as amenities and services extend well beyond a collection of sophisticated suites. With services designed to offer a well-rounded experience during your stay, AKA White House provides a premium lounge area and cinema, Technogym-equipped fitness centre, executive conference room, and business centre.

The lounge and bar space, in particular, offers contemporary, comfortable seating with open views onto the streetscape. Inspired by a private living room, the lounge is an ideal spot to enjoy a morning coffee or a cocktail at the end of a long day. Adjacent to the lounge, the cinema offers a private movie space, which can also be reserved for a business presentation with a difference.

Being an AKA White House resident also comes with exclusive resident services

benefits, including a 24-hour secure front desk, same day valet services, and in-suite dining services, among others. The Resident Services team is also happy to provide recommendations for sightseeing in the area and can assist to arrange secure transportation to and from the major airports in the area.

Whether you're taking a well-deserved break in the U.S. capital, or perhaps you find yourself on official business here, bespoke living the AKA White House way should be your first choice in accommodation.

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