



Diwali Festival

Sunday, November 5, 2023

3–9:30 p.m.

Learn how different regions celebrate the holiday through food, performances, crafts, and activities. Enjoy traditional dance and music performances, create crafts to take home, and see the museum lit up once the sun goes down. Embrace the light of Diwali with us—a celebration of unity, hope, and togetherness for all.

Food Vendors

- 1** Rasa
DC Dosa
Trini Vybez
Himalayan Soul Food

Enjoy cuisine from the Indian diaspora with local food vendors.

Freer Plaza
3–8 p.m.

- B1** **Swaadish by Neelma**
Try a sampling of traditional Diwali sweets. (*Samples are first come, first served while supplies last.*)

Gallery 27 (Located outside of the shop on level B1)
3–8 p.m.

Crafts and Coloring

- 1** **Join artist Shanthi Chandrasekar** as she creates a special *kolam* for the celebration.

Freer Courtyard
3–5 p.m.

- 1** **Make a postcard** to wish your family and friends a happy Diwali.

Freer Courtyard
3–8 p.m.

- 1** **Color a diya**, a traditional lamp representing the triumph of light over darkness.

Sackler Pavilion
3–6 p.m.

Performances

Special pop-up dance performances by Spilling Ink.

- 1** **Enjoy dance performances** throughout the day on the Freer Plaza, located outside of the main entrance on the National Mall.

Freer Plaza
3:30–5:30 p.m.

- 1** **Performance by Rāginī Ensemble**

Freer Plaza
6 p.m.

- 1** **Dance performance by DC Bhangra Crew** to kick off our Afterhours Dance Party.

Freer Plaza
7:30 p.m.

- 1** **Afterhours Dance Party!**

Freer Plaza
7:30–9:30 p.m.

Special Decorations

- 1** **Enjoy seeing the Freer Plaza and Haupt Moongate Garden lit up to celebrate Diwali.** Lights will turn on at sundown (around 5 p.m.)

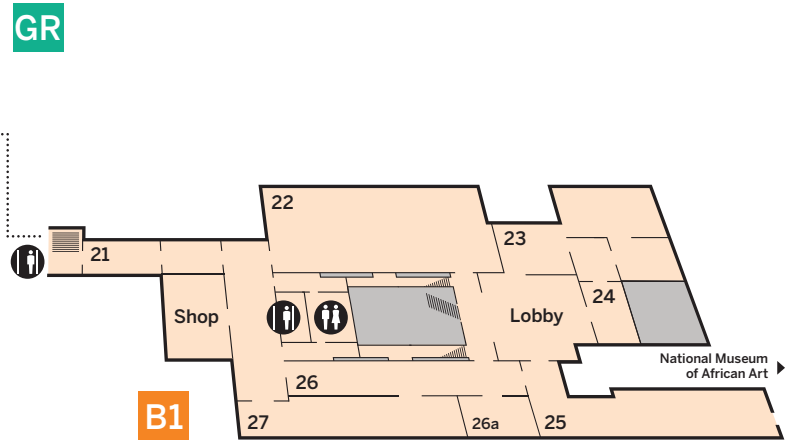
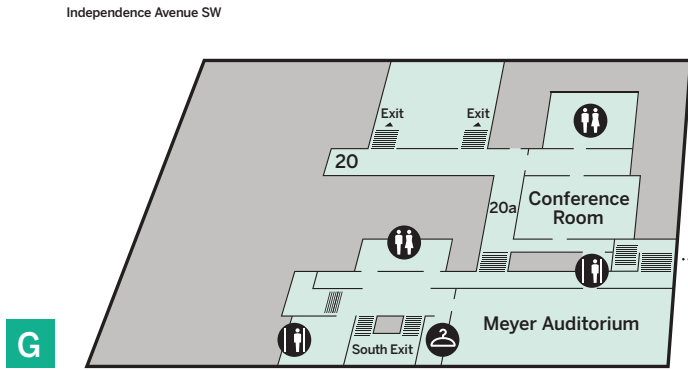
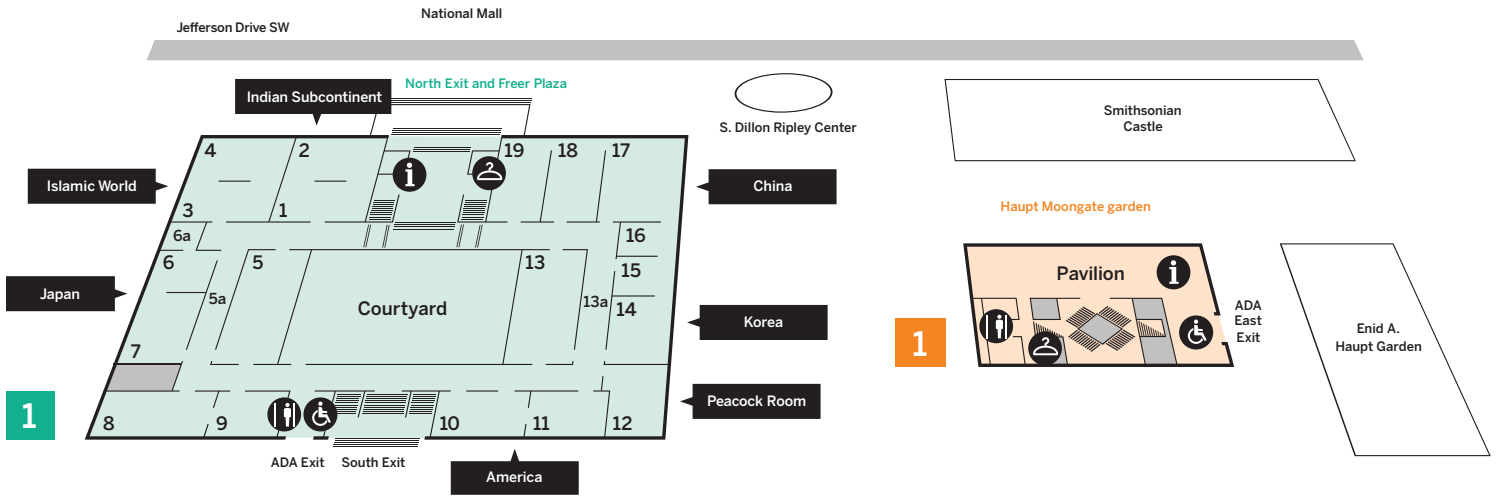
- 1** **Freer Plaza and Haupt Moongate Garden**
5–9:30 p.m.



Gallery Tour






- B1** ***The Art of Knowing in South Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Himalayas***
Gallery 22
6 p.m.



Festival Map



 Freer Gallery of Art
 Arthur M. Sackler Gallery

-  Information
-  Elevator
-  Restrooms
-  ADA Accessible
-  Lockers

