



SIGHTSEEING MEET-UPS (Free Tours with Other ASPET Attendees/Guests)

TORPEDO FACTORY ART CENTER and A STROLL IN OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA

When: Sunday, May 19
2:30 pm

Meet in the hotel lobby at 2:30 pm to head to the Torpedo Factory Art Center together.

Where: 105 N. Union Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 (4.0 miles from Hyatt)

About: Info at: <https://torpedofactory.org/>

Admission is free... no ticket required.

ALEXANDRIA – Enjoy visiting the Torpedo Factory and a stroll through [Old Town!](#)

The world-famous Torpedo Factory Art Center is located on the Potomac River waterfront in Old Town Alexandria. It is open from 10am – 6pm Daily.

Founded in 1974 in an old munitions plant, the Torpedo Factory Art Center is home to the largest number of publicly accessible working artist studios in the U.S. With three floors of working artists' studios to explore, the Torpedo Factory Art Center seeks to foster connections between artists and the public that ignite the creative spirit.

The Torpedo Factory Art Center is also home to the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, located on the 3rd floor, and The Art League Gallery and School on the 1st and 2nd.

SPECIAL EXHIBIT: Shakespeare's Garden <https://torpedofactory.org/event/shakespearesgarden/>
An immersive sound stroll through his sonnets, soliloquies, and scenes

Meander through Shakespeare's Garden to experience his works through immersive imagery and soundscapes. Explore the garden's multiple layers of rich sound through ambient Garden soundscapes, and step into the texts of Shakespeare to hear recordings of his sonnets, soliloquies, and scenes reimagined and performed by Virginia Tech students.

Imagery and sound continuously loop. Linger, revisit, and explore to hear the complete texts and soundscapes. Pick up a gallery handout when you visit or [download a copy](#) to learn more.

While in Old Town Alexandria: enjoy river views, quaint architecture, and new restaurants ([LINK](#))

How to Get There – Torpedo Factory Art Center / Old Town Alexandria

Note: ASPET is not providing transportation to these activities.

You are responsible for your own transportation. You can gather with other attendees to walk or share rides if you wish. This is a great way to meet new people in your field and explore the city you're visiting.

Cab / Uber / Lyft Option

About 10-14 minutes by car

Cost estimated at \$15.00 each way, varies depending on traffic

Metro (subway option)

About 45 minutes of walking plus 10 minutes riding subway – estimate 1 hour total

Cost about \$4.00 round-trip

Directions via Metro:

It is approximately a 16-18 minute walk to the **Crystal City metro station** at S. Bell Street & 18th Street South. **From the Hyatt lobby entrance**, make a left out the front door and an immediate left onto Crystal Drive. Walk about 0.7 miles to 18th Street and make a left. Go 1 block and make a right onto S. Bell Street and you'll see Metro entrance on your right.

Once on the metro, you can take either the **Blue Line towards Franconia-Springfield** or the **Yellow Line towards Huntington** and get off 4 stops later at the **King Street-Old Town Metro station**. The metro ride takes about 10 minutes.

After exiting the metro station, walk east on King Street towards the river for approximately 1 mile, approximately 25 minutes. Or hop on the **free King Street Trolley** that runs every 15 minutes up and down King Street from 11am-11pm.

Below are some details for walking and Metro...

Walking distance to Crystal City METRO is [approximately 20 minutes walking](#)

METRO Transit website: <https://www.wmata.com/service/rail/>

How to purchase a Smart Trip Card <https://www.wmata.com/fares/Buy-SmarTrip.cfm>