

# Agents discover the best of DC with Excite Holidays and Destination DC!

**IN CONJUNCTION** with Destination DC, Excite Holidays recently held an exclusive agent event to celebrate their campaign, "DC: The Insider's Guide".

On Tue 04 Sep, 40 top-selling agents stepped into Hot Sauce, located within the QT in Melbourne's CBD, and found themselves transported into a DC jazz bar, complete with a jazz quartet, classic cocktails & American fare.

Elliott L. Ferguson, president and ceo of Destination DC gave a short presentation that highlighted the best of the capital, including plans for the future of the city, inspiring agents and encouraging them to consider DC for their clients' next USA itineraries.

Christina Mcaree, director of international sales for Kimpton Hotels also presented a short update on the Kimpton properties in the city.

On arrival, guests were welcomed with a bespoke cocktail known as "The Rickey" - a refreshing combination of bourbon, lime, ginger, honey and soda.

Melbourne-based jazz quartet "Downtime" provided live music for the evening, while guests enjoyed fresh oysters, crispy fried chicken and a DC favourite - the Half Smoke.

Guests left the event with a goodie bag filled with Excite Holidays and Destination DC merchandise, and a new-found understanding of what makes DC a great destination for any type of traveller.

Visit [engage.exciteholidays.com/washingtondc](http://engage.exciteholidays.com/washingtondc) for more information and to download the curated guide.



**ELLIOTT L** Ferguson, president and ceo of Destination DC.



**NADIA** Giusti from Excite Holidays with Jessica and Barbara from 5 Oceans Travel.



**EVENT** Guests were welcomed with "The Rickey" cocktail boasting bold lemon and ginger flavour.



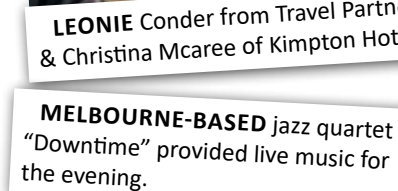
**LEONIE** Conder from Travel Partners & Christina Mcaree of Kimpton Hotels.



**THERESA** Belpulsi and Vanessa Casas from Destination DC.



**AUSTRALIAN** representatives for Destination DC, Lisa Dunn and Penny Brand from Gate 7.



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**MEGAN** Wood and Anna Whatford from Lidstrom & Clyde Travel.

