

## Raduno 2022 - Saturday Morning “Slow City Tourist Ride - 50cc friendly”



Date > **Saturday 17 September 2022**

Time > 8:00 Breakfast, Meet & Greet / **8:45am** Safety Briefing / Kickstands up at **9:00am**

Route > Distance is **32** miles round trip. Speed will be **below 35 MPH at all times (50cc friendly)**

### **Description:**

Enjoy a relaxed tour of DC's National Mall must-sees, an exclusive invitation to the Italian Embassy for espresso with the Ambassador, and conclude with a pizza lunch before returning to Mason Plaza for the afternoon Scooter Show.

Highlights include: Iwo Jima, Arlington Cemetery, Memorial Bridge, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, White House, Washington Monument, Museum of African American Heritage & Culture, Smithsonian Castle, Hirshhorn Museum, Air & Space Museum, US Capitol, Union Station, Supreme Court, Library of Congress, National Gallery of Art, National Archives, Ford's Theater, National Theater, Freedom Plaza, World War II Memorial, Spy Museum, L'Enfant Plaza, Jefferson Memorial, Hains Point (time permitting) with views of The Wharf and Alexandria VA, MLK Memorial, Kennedy Center, Watergate.

We continue to the Italian Embassy to Meet & Greet with Ambassador Zappia. We will have a photo opp with the Ambassador, Embassy staff, Piaggio Regional Sales Rep, and La Moto's General Manager

**Note: you MUST provide your license plate number at registration on Friday night in order to be allowed on the Embassy property. Your full name and plate number will be provided to the Embassy to expedite security screening. If you do not wish to provide this info, you will not be allowed on to the Embassy property and will have to wait outside the gates during the stop, from 10:30-11:30am.**

You may opt to branch off to one of TWO other rides when we overlap with them: the Long City Ride (not 50cc friendly), after the Embassy stop, or the Afternoon Slow Ride (50cc friendly) after lunch:

The Tourist Ride leaves the Embassy and continues to Virginia for lunch, via upper NW where we will pass National Cathedral, American University, stopping briefly for an impressive overlook of the Potomac River. We will make our way to Old Dominion Pizza in Arlington for lunch.

Optionally, you can "choose your own adventure" and switch to the Long City Ride, which also leaves from the Embassy and takes faster roads including Clara Barton Parkway and wooded areas of Rock Creek Park, with a lunch stop, returning to Mason Plaza at 3pm.

If you continue with the Tourist Ride to lunch at Old Dominion Pizza, you can return to Mason Plaza by 2pm, or join the Afternoon Slow Ride, which tours Arlington, VA until 3pm.

#### **RIDE TEAM:**

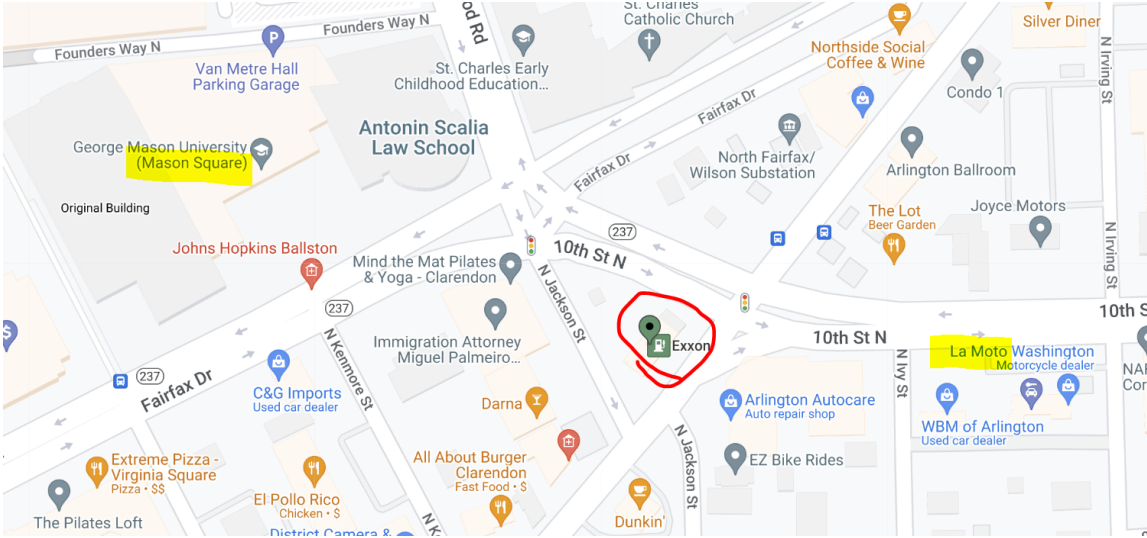
- Ride Leader: Eileen Vitelli - 202-329-7957
- Sweep: Melissa Thierry
- Blocker(s): Eric Rodriguez

Important:

1. Bring water
2. Start with a full gas tank!
3. All riders will be asked to show their wristbands at the start point, to show that they have signed the Vespa Committee liability waiver

Start/End Location > Mason Plaza, 3351 Fairfax Dr, Arlington, VA 22201

Fuel > There are NO planned gas stops during the ride, please arrive with a full tank. The nearest gas station to the start point is across the street: Exxon, 3299 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22201

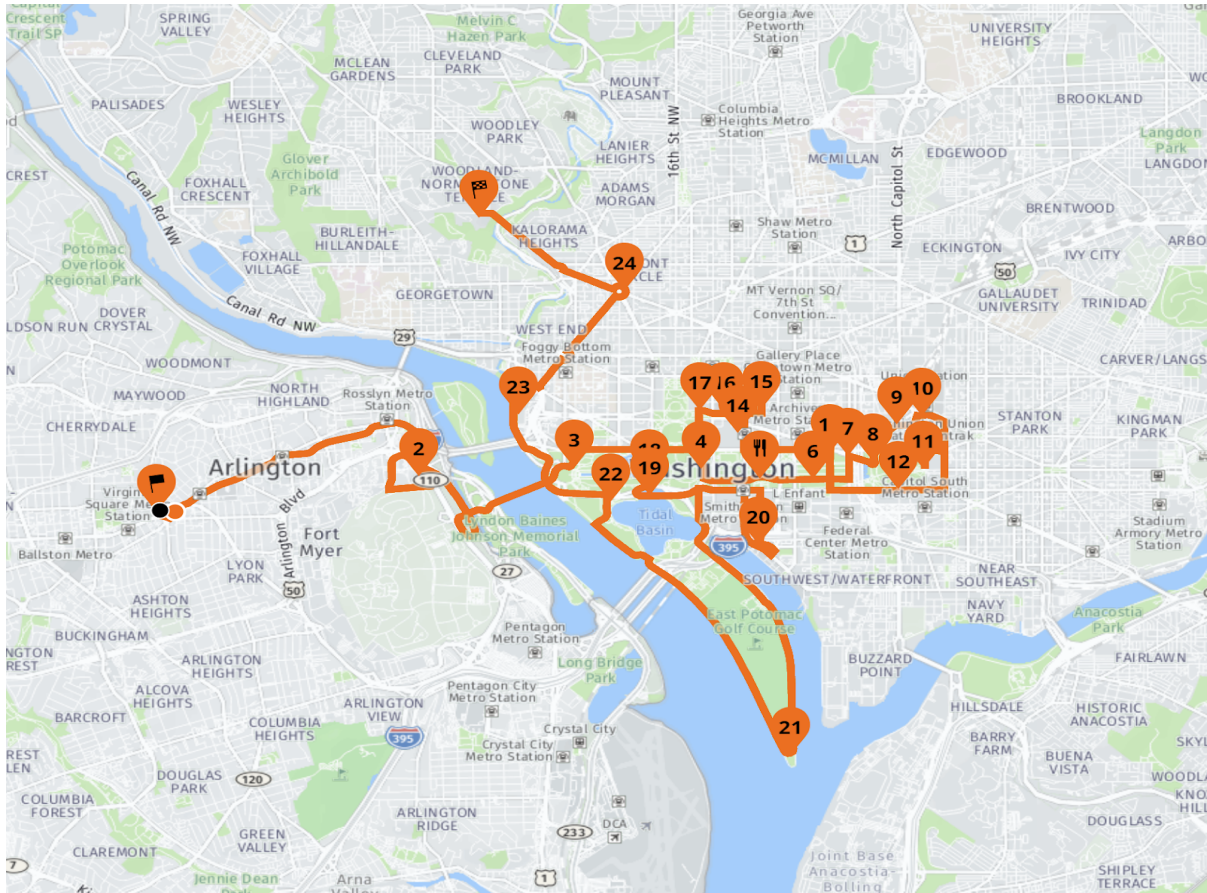




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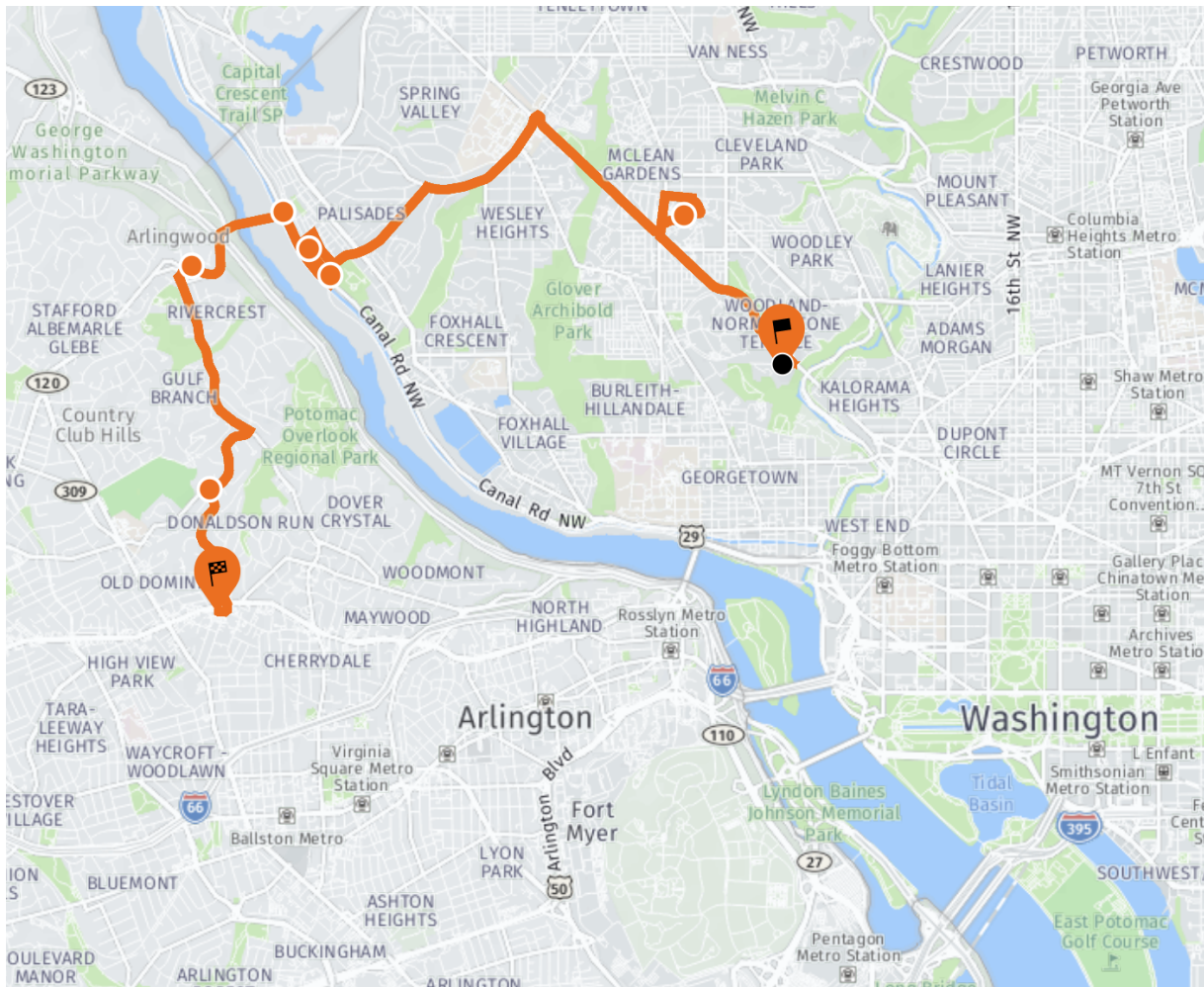
Part 1 - Mason Plaza to Italian Embassy:

<https://maps.harley-davidson.com/share/rides/IYn8FzHBE>



Part 2 - Italian Embassy to Old Dominion Pizza:

<https://maps.harley-davidson.com/share/rides/4YYogjKU->



Safety > We will practice safe group riding practices and will review them before the start of the ride. Reckless riding is not tolerated.

Breakdowns > In the event of a breakdown we will pull over to make sure no-one is hurt / in trouble. If the issue creates a total stop for your scooter, please have a backup plan to call your insurance or tow company. The ride will have to continue on to the destination.

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Ride Agenda / Stops

Part 1 - Mason Plaza to Italian Embassy:

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- STOP 1: photo opp @ Washington Monument  
on first traffic island by bike lanes
- STOP 2 : photo opp @ Capitol press area  
D St NW @ Louisiana Ave. NW
- STOP 3: MLK Memorial - restroom break
- STOP 4: Italian Embassy, 3000 Whitehaven St NW, Washington, DC 20008  
Rendezvous with Long City Ride  
Meet & Greet with Ambassador Zappia, Photo opp with Ambassador, Embassy staff,  
Piaggio Regional Sales Rep, La Moto General Manager

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Part 2 - Italian Embassy to Old Dominion Pizza:

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- LUNCH STOP: Old Dominion Pizza, 4514 Cherry Hill Rd, Arlington, VA 22207  
Rendezvous with Afternoon 50cc ride
- Return to Mason Plaza for Scooter Show