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Discover why Virginia is for Lovers. Home to an energetic mix of history, culture, dining and shopping, Virginia's Cultural Region brings together Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax County, Loudoun County and Prince William County for a vacation experience like no other.

Suggested Itinerary: Cuisine and Couture

Day 1

Arrive Midday: Ronald Reagan National Airport, Arlington, VA

Afternoon:

Pentagon Row and the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City

- Nothing like some nosh and a little retail therapy to kick things off right. At the Fashion Centre, you'll find more than 170 stores with all the high-end brands, ranging from Kate Spade and Ferragamo and Armani to Tourneau and True Religion. Just outside and steps from the Pentagon, you'll find even more shopping, as well as some incredible eats at the outdoor promenade of Pentagon Row. Try some mezze at the family-owned Lebanese Taverna or even try your hand at cooking your own snacks with a quick class at Sur la Table.



Pictured: Pentagon Row

Market Common Clarendon - In the heart of Arlington's dining and nightlife neighborhood is Market Common Clarendon, where the best brands join the best tastes for a wonderful afternoon. Williams-Sonoma is there for some culinary retail (and lots of tastings). Pottery Barn, the Apple

Store, Lilly Pulitzer – it's all on hand and joined by the veteran-owned Heritage Brewery and the Nicecream Factory, where each scoop of ice cream is personally handmade before your eyes using the unique blend of locally-sourced ingredients and liquid nitrogen.

Don't Miss: Ambar Restaurant and Baba -

The first of its kind to ever appear in the Michelin Guide, Ambar, known for delivering a true 'Balkan Experience' has surpassed an epic milestone for the Eastern European cuisine, catapulting it to the top of the international scene. Ambar Clarendon serves the best dishes from the Balkan Peninsula with a modern twist, with a menu that's artfully presented with modern combinations that deliver flavor profiles in a unique way. Be sure to stop by the downstairs bar, Baba, for an unique twist on modern cocktails and Serbian small plates.



Pictured: The patio at Ambar Restaurant

Day 1 Continued...

Afternoon:

Alexandria's Old Town and Waterfront District - Within eyesight of Washington, DC on the Potomac River waterfront, Old Town Alexandria is minutes from the nation's capital but feels like a world away. Find a bustling district of chef-driven restaurants, independent boutiques and arts venues in beautifully preserved 18th century architecture. Old Town hums with a cosmopolitan feel and walkable lifestyle loved by locals and DC elite.



Pictured: Old Town Alexandria

Don't Miss: King Street Shopping District - King Street is Old Town Alexandria's main thoroughfare, where you'll find an eclectic array of stylish boutiques, art galleries, and quaint cafes and restaurants.

The Waterfront Market- Enjoy picturesque views of the Potomac River at the Alexandria Marina as you sip a glass of Virginia wine or Alexandria's locally brewed craft beer, Port City, available on tap right on the dock! The Waterfront Market is the newest addition to the Alexandria waterfront, serving sandwiches and sushi plus fresh-baked pastries and sweet treats from recipes lovingly developed over 30 years at the Market's sister location, Bittersweet on King Street.



Pictured: King Street in Alexandria

Overnight in Alexandria

Day 2

Morning:

Old Town Food Tour by DC Metro Food Tours - Take a journey through one of the nation's largest historic districts that was once home to both George Washington and Robert E. Lee. You will sample a variety of delicious specially made dishes from local restaurants, learn about the colorful past of this unique area and take in some of the best preserved historic architecture in America.

Afternoon:

Shopping in Tysons Corner - Fairfax County is home to the largest concentration of shopping on the East Coast, outside of Manhattan, in Tysons Corner. Discover more than 300 stores and restaurants at Tysons Corner Center, one of the largest malls in the country, or indulge in the finer things in life at the adjacent Tysons Galleria, often referred to as the "Rodeo Drive of the East Coast" and home to dozens of top-tier luxury brands.



Pictured: The Plaza at Tysons Corner Center

The Plaza at Tysons Corner Center- Elevated 32 feet in the air, The Plaza connects directly to the Silver Line Metro Station, creating a beautiful and lively walkway for visitors of Tysons Corner Center. Throughout the year, The Plaza is home to exceptional events including concerts and holiday & cultural festivities, plus ongoing activities for children and adults alike. Stop by one of the great outdoor dining spots including Earls Kitchen + Bar, Barrel & Bushel, and Eddie V's.

Day 2 Continued...

Evening:

Reston Town Center - The Reston Town Center was the first modern post-war planned community in the USA. It combines the elements of the ideal downtown: the vitality of an Italian piazza and the diversity of a French boulevard. Fountain Square serves as a beautiful centerpiece for the open-air plaza. Famous brands and specialty shops, as well as a myriad of restaurants from award-winning local chefs, line the brick streets. The Pavilion at Fountain Square hosts special events, concerts, and festivals throughout the year and ice skating in winter months.



Pictured: Reston Town Center

Don't Miss: The Tasting Room Wine Bar & Shop- A new concept in wine-tasting. All wines are available for retail purchase and unfinished bottles are happily re-corked for take-home. Light fare menu selections are available to accompany wine tasting.

Overnight in Reston

Day 3

Morning:

Historic Occoquan - Historic Occoquan, a former mill town, is now home to a selection of over 60 vibrant shops and restaurants. This small town is considered a hidden gem, tucked next to the Occoquan River that meanders just outside the shops and restaurants that line its bank. The true beauty of this town is its thriving shopping district of local shops that attract thousands of visitors each year. Walk through the streets exploring the art galleries, jewelry stores, and gourmet treats.



Pictured: Historic Occoquan

Don't Miss: The Bottle Stop Wine Bar & Restaurant -

Bottle Stop Wine Bar & Eatery offers a diverse selection of small plates, flat bread pizzas, sliders and cheese & charcuterie platters. Visitors can find a variety of local and international wines by the glass, bottle and on tap to pair with their small plates too!

Cock & Bowl - Always serving homemade authentic Belgian specialties and offering a selection of more than 60 Belgian brews, this is a must see on your next visit to Northern Virginia.



Pictured: Meal on the patio at Cock & Bowl

Afternoon:

Historic Downtown Leesburg - Leesburg is a shoppers dream with antique dealers, art galleries, and other specialty shops located within its charming historic district and beyond, and it also offers bargain shoppers the Leesburg Corner Premium Outlets. Dining options range from casual atmospheres to local favorites to fine dining featuring local specialties. Historic attractions include the Loudoun Museum, Balls Bluff Battlefield Regional Park, Oatlands Plantation, and Morven Park/Governor Westmoreland Davis Mansion.



Pictured: Oatlands Plantation

Day 3 Continued...

Don't Miss: Catoctin Creek Distillery - Founded in 2009 by Becky and Scott Harris, Catoctin Creek is the first legal distillery in Loudoun since before prohibition. The company produces small batch, handcrafted whisky, gin and brandy. Each step of the distilling process from mashing, fermentation to bottling is done entirely by hand.



Pictured: Catoctin Creek Distillery

Tarara Winery - Tarara Winery features 475 acres of Virginia's most beautiful Potomac River front land. Founded in 1985, Tarara is one of Loudoun's oldest wineries, and continues to-day to make the very best wines from select Virginia grapes.



Pictured: Event at Tarara Winery

Overnight in Leesburg

Day 4

Morning:

Shopping at Leesburg Corner Premium Outlets - Leesburg Corner Premium Outlets features 110 upscale designer and brand name outlet stores including Banana Republic Factory Store, Barneys New York Outlet, Burberry and Kate Spade.



Pictured: Leesburg Corner Premium Outlets

Afternoon:

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