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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: Historical Hotspots

#### Day 1

##### Arrive Midday:

**Washington Dulles International Airport**  
**Dulles, VA**

##### Afternoon:

**Morven Park** - Home of Westmoreland Davis, progressive farmer and governor of Virginia from 1918-1922, this 1,000-acre property includes his Greek Revival style mansion, boxwood gardens, replica Confederate log huts, and Equestrian & Event Center. Two museums are also located at Morven Park-the Museum of Hounds and Hunting and the Winmill Carriage Museum.



Pictured: Morven Park

**Visit 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: Historic Downtown Leesburg

##### Evening:

**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

##### Overnight in Occoquan



## Day 2

### **Morning:**

**Manassas National Battlefield Park** - This 5,000-acre park--site of the First and Second Battles of Manassas (or Battles of Bull Run)-- is complemented by an artifact-filled visitors center as well as a new theater, featuring the film "Manassas: End of Innocence." The superb, 45-minute video, narrated by Academy Award winning actor Richard Dreyfuss, follows the stories of five individuals whose lives were forever touched by the battles, and serves as an excellent guide to exploring the battlefield and nearby historic sites. Visitors can enjoy equestrian, walking and driving tours, annual battle commemorative events as well as living history demonstrations at various times throughout the summer.



Pictured: Manassas National Battlefield Park

**Ben Lomond Historic Site and Old Rose Garden** - The Ben Lomond Site is an antebellum farm that served as a hospital during the Civil War. The house was referenced in many Civil War-Era documents as the Kringle House because of the men who lived here in 1861. Many of the soldiers that were brought to the hospital penned their names and brief messages on the walls of the home. The grounds are home to a 5,200 square-foot garden of old roses (one of the largest public gardens devoted to antique roses in the U.S.) Inspired by a French garden, the collection has approximately 160 separate cultivars and 200 individual rose shrubs.

### **Afternoon:**

**Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center** - The Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Virginia is the companion facility to the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum on the National Mall in Washington, DC. Opened in 2003, its two huge hangars — the Boeing Aviation Hangar and the James S. McDonnell Space Hangar — display thousands of aviation and space artifacts, including a Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, a Concorde, and the iconic Space Shuttle *Discovery*. The Center also offers the Airbus IMAX Theater and the Donald D. Engen Observation Tower, which gives you a 360-degree bird's-eye view of Washington Dulles International Airport and the surrounding area.



Pictured: Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center

**George Washington's Mount Vernon** - America's most visited historic home belongs to George Washington — the first President of the United States and the Father of the Country. Immerse yourself in the restored gardens, the working 1700s farm, outbuildings, and stunning mansion. Discover the real George Washington through a multitude of galleries and exhibits at the museum and educational center, including a new first-person interactive experience and a new 4-D movie in the Revolutionary War Theater.



Pictured: George Washington's Mount Vernon

**Don't Miss: George Washington's Distillery & Gristmill** - Open April- December, this historically accurate reconstruction of George Washington's Distillery & Gristmill, is less than 3 miles from the former president's estate. At the Distillery, visitors will learn how George Washington crafted his famous rye whiskey and how his distilling operations became one of the most profitable enterprises at Mount Vernon. Today, his signature Rye Whiskey has been named the Official State Spirit of the Commonwealth of Virginia. At the Gristmill, Washington used an automated milling system to churn out thousands of pounds of flour and cornmeal a day.

**Overnight in Fairfax or Alexandria**



## Day 3

### **Morning:**

**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.



Pictured: King Street

**Torpedo Factory Art Center** - Experience art in person and in progress! Constructed in 1918 for the manufacturing of torpedoes, the Torpedo Factory now features 82 working artists' studios, six galleries, the Art League School, Alexandria Archaeology Museum, a cafe and gift shop.



Pictured: Torpedo Factory Art Center

### **Afternoon:**

**Arlington National Cemetery** - The grounds of Arlington National Cemetery honor those who have served our nation by providing a sense of beauty and peace for guests. The rolling green hills are dotted with trees that are hundreds of years in age and complement the gardens found throughout the 624 acres of the cemetery. This impressive landscape serves as a tribute to the service and sacrifice of every individual laid to rest within the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery.



Pictured: Arlington National Cemetery

**Don't Miss: Tomb of the Unknown Soldier** - The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (or Tomb of the Unknowns), near the center of the cemetery, is one of Arlington's most popular tourist sites. The Tomb contains the remains of unknown American soldiers from World Wars I and II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. Each was presented with the Medal of Honor at the time of interment and the medals, as well as the flags which covered their caskets, are on display inside the Memorial Amphitheater, directly to the rear of the Tomb. The Tomb is guarded 24-hours-per-day and 365-days-per year by specially trained members of the 3rd United States Infantry (The Old Guard).



Pictured: The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

### **Overnight in Arlington**



## Day 4

### **Morning:**

**United States Air Force Memorial** - The United States Air Force Memorial honors the service and sacrifices of the men and women of the United States Air Force and its predecessor organizations, including the Aeronautical Division, U.S. Signal Corps; the Aviation Section, U.S. Signal Corps; the Division of Military Aeronautics, Secretary of War; the Army Air Service; the U.S. Army Air Corps; and the U.S. Army Air Forces. More than 54,000 Airmen have died in combat while serving in the Air Force and these historical service arms of the military.



Pictured: United States Air Force Memorial

**National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial, The Pentagon** - The Pentagon Memorial was created to remember and honor those family members and friends who are no longer with us because of the events of September 11th, 2001 at the Pentagon. The memorial itself was dedicated on September 11, 2008, the first of the three national 9/11 memorials to be dedicated in this country, and honors victims who were both inside the Pentagon and aboard Flight #77.



Pictured: National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial

### **Afternoon:**

**Depart from Ronald Reagan National Airport, Arlington, VA**

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