

NORTHERN VIRGINIA

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VIRGINIA'S CULTURAL REGION

## 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 & Couture



## Day One

### AFTERNOON

**Chocolate Demonstration at Artisan Confections** - Who says you can't start with dessert? Arlington's Artisan Confections specializes in high-quality, hand-made chocolates that are elegant in both design and flavor. This boutique in Arlington's Clarendon neighborhood is known for choosing the best ingredients to craft smooth, delicate confections that are so fresh, they have a shelf life.

**Arlington's Village of Shirlington** - Known as Arlington's arts and entertainment district, Shirlington's European-style promenade offers more than 15 shops and 20 restaurants, plus a vibrant and eclectic nightlife.

### EVENING

**Alexandria's Old Town and Waterfront District** - Within eyesight of Washington, DC on the Potomac River water-front, Old Town Alexandria is minutes from the nation's capital but feels like a world away. Find a bustling walkablenationally designated historic district lined with more than 200 chef-driven restaurants, independent boutiques and arts venues in beautifully preserved 18th and 19th century architecture. **Don't Miss: King Street Shopping District, Vola's Dockside Grill & High Tides Lounge.**



## Day Two

### MORNING

**Old Town Food Tour by DC Metro Food Tours** - Sample a variety of delicious specially-made dishes from Alexandria restaurants. Learn about the colorful past of this unique area and take in some of the best preserved historic architecture in America.



## AFTERNOON

**Shopping at Tysons Corner** - Discover the "Rodeo Drive of the East Coast" with more than 400 stores and restaurants featuring everything from apparel and accessories to furniture and specialty foods. **Don't Miss: Barrel & Bushel & Tysons Market.**

## EVENING

Explore the vibrant and walkable **Mosaic**, where charming boutique stores and gourmet dining line pedestrian-friendly sidewalks. From health-focused, seasonal fare to exceptional Thai or all-American brews and bites, you'll be spoiled for choice when it comes to dinner options. Enjoy outdoor markets, art exhibits and live music during warmer months. **Don't Miss: True Food Kitchen, Angelika Film Center & Bad Axe Throwing**

## Day Three

### MORNING

**Virginia Gateway** is a premier, walkable, outdoor shopping destination in Gainesville with over 100 shops, restaurants, and entertainment businesses to enjoy at your leisure. **Don't Miss is Out of the Blue Crabs and Seafood**

Located on Lake Manassas in Gainesville VA, **The Winery at Sunshine Ridge Farm** is the only local winery with a breathtaking view of Lake Manassas. Soak in the fantastic view in their rustic wine tasting room, old pub style brewery with large fireplaces, or the spacious lawn.

## AFTERNOON

**Historic Downtown Leesburg** - A shoppers dream with antique dealers, art galleries, and other specialty shops. Dining options range from casual atmospheres to fine dining featuring local specialties. Historic attractions include the Loudoun Museum, Balls Bluff Battlefield Regional Park, Otlands Plantation, and Morven Park. **Don't Miss: The Very Virginia Shop & Delirium Cafe**

Make your way to **Zephaniah Farm Vineyard**, a family-owned winery on a historic 1819 farm off Route 15. The owners grow 14 different grape varieties; taste some of the award-winning vintages in the timber barn tasting room or even the living room of the family home. The 2016 Three Captains Red and the 2019 Late Harvest Vidal Blanc are particular standouts.

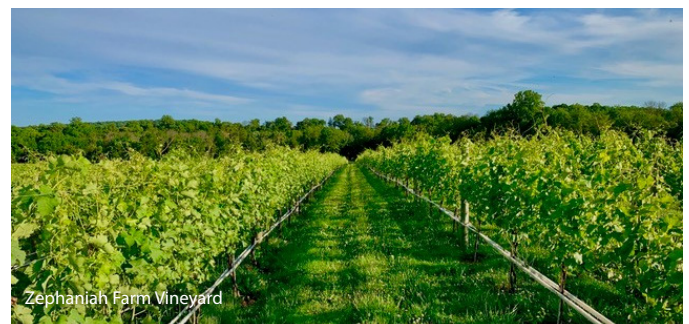
## EVENING

**Catoctin Creek Distillery** - Founded in 2009, Catoctin Creek is the first legal distillery in Loudoun since before prohibition. The company produces handcrafted small batch, whisky, gin and brandy.

## Day Four

### MORNING

**Shopping at Leesburg Premium Outlets**-Featuring 110 upscale designer and brand name outletstores including: Coach Factory Outlet, Banana Republic Factory Store, Burberry and Kate Spade.



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