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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 Culture and Charm

Day One

AFTERNOON

Visit 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. Spring, summer and early fall also feature some of the best outdoor dining in the region. From American to Asian, Indian to Italian and Mediterranean to microbrews, Shirlington has one of the most diverse selections of cuisine all in one neighborhood.



The Village of Shirlington

EVENING

Enjoy a show at **The Signature Theatre**, one of the premiere performing arts venues in the Capital region. Recipient of the 2009 Regional Theatre Tony Award®, Signature Theatre is a non-profit professional theater company in Arlington, dedicated to producing contemporary musicals and plays, reinventing classic musicals, and developing new work.



Signature Theatre

Day Two

MORNING

Visit 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, walkable, and nationally designated historic district of chef-driven restaurants, independent boutiques and arts venues in beautifully preserved 18th and 19th century architecture. Once George Washington's hometown, Old Town Alexandria hums with a cosmopolitan feel and walkable lifestyle loved by locals and DC elite. **Don't Miss: King Street Shopping District**



Historic King Street

Experience art in person and in progress at the **Torpedo Factory Art Center!** Constructed in 1918 for the manufacturing of torpedoes, the Torpedo Factory

Art Center now features 82 working artists' studios on three floors, six galleries, The Art League School, Alexandria Archaeology Museum, a cafe and gift shop.

AFTERNOON

Tour the **Workhouse Arts Center**. This former prison, active from 1910 – 2001, is now a dynamic studio space which helps support more than 100 professional and emerging artists by providing them affordable studios to exhibit their work. Instead of only viewing the art, visitors are encouraged to interact with the artists when they visit. In addition, the Workhouse is home to performing arts, including theater, musical theatre, film, music, and dance performances. Take one of over 800 arts education classes and workshops that are offered on site.

Explore **Reston Town Center** - The first mixed use-planned community in the USA, Reston Town Center combines the elements of the ideal downtown: the vitality of an Italian piazza and the diversity of a French boulevard. You will discover famous store names and specialty shops lining the brick streets. The Pavilion hosts special events, concerts, and festivals throughout the year and ice skating in winter months. **Don't Miss: Greater Reston Arts Center & nearby Lake Anne Village Center**

EVENING

Enjoy a concert at **Wolf Trap Center for the Performing Arts**. As the United States' only National Park for the performing arts, Wolf Trap offers concerts for every musical taste. Picnic under the stars in the summer or cozy up in the intimate Barns at Wolf Trap in the Winter.

Day Three

MORNING

Spend time browsing the numerous boutique shops in **Historic Occoquan**. From custom hand-made jewelry and artisanal chocolates to antiques and one-of-a-kind gifts, you'll get lost in the creativity of this quaint waterfront town. All the shops and restaurants in Historic Occoquan are locally owned and as unique as the treasures they offer inside. **Don't Miss: Mom's Apple Pie**

Located in Gainesville VA, **The Winery at Sunshine Ridge Farm** is the only local winery with a breathtaking view of Lake Manassas. Enjoy a painting, mosaic, or sculpting class from a local artist as you soak in the fantastic view from their rustic wine tasting room or spacious lawn.

AFTERNOON

Join a locally renowned **historian and educator** as he takes you through Middleburg, describing its unique history and culture, including how it became a robust wine region **Don't Miss: The Red Fox Inn & Tavern, The National Sporting Library and Museum**

We make our way to **Chrysalis Vineyards at the Ag District**. Just east of Middleburg, this 412-acre conservation area includes vineyards, a dairy, a tasting room and produce market. Sample (and take home) superb cheeses from the project's Locksley Farmstead Dairy (everything from camembert and Manchego to gouda and blue), breads baked on-site and glasses of Norton and Viognier wine produced from grapes grown on the farm.



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