

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

## Fly/Drive Northern Virginia

### Day One

#### MORNING

**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. 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.

**Pentagon City Mall + Lunch** - Fashion Centre at Pentagon City offers a world-class shopping experience where avenues of fashions and boulevards of style await. A scenic glass elevator ride to the third level reveals more than 170 fascinating stores and restaurants including Macy's, Nordstrom, The Ritz-Carlton, Apple, Coach, Michael Kors and Tourneau. Enjoy lunch in the skylit food court featuring international specialties from the familiar to the exotic.

#### AFTERNOON

**Drive by Iwo Jima Memorial** - The U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial, a bronze monument modeled after the famous photo of the flag raising on Mount Suribachi, Iwo Jima, is dedicated to all Marines who have died to keep their country free. With its 32-foot high figures, the memorial honors those whose "uncommon valor was a common virtue," and offers panoramic views of the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument and U.S. Capitol building from its grounds.

**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. More than 54,000 Airmen have died in combat while serving in the Air Force and these historical service arms of the military.



Changing of the Guard - Arlington National Cemetery



Fashion Centre at Pentagon City Mall



Iwo Jima Memorial

**Torpedo Factory Art Center** – Experience art in person and in progress at the nation’s largest collection of working-artists’ studios. Constructed in 1918 for the manufacturing of torpedoes, the Torpedo Factory Art Center now features 82 studios on three floors, six galleries, and The Art League School, Alexandria Archaeology Museum, a cafe and a gift shop.

## EVENING

Explore **Alexandria’s iconic King Street and Waterfront District** – Located on the Potomac River within eyesight of Washington, D.C., and a nationally designated historic district founded in 1749, Old Town Alexandria hums with more than 200 independent restaurants and boutiques alongside intimate historic museums and a vibrant waterfront. At the heart of it all is bustling King Street, a walkable mile recognized as one of the “Great Streets” of America. New restaurants tucked into 18th- and 19th-century architecture still intact from the city’s days as George Washington’s hometown ignite historic and off-the-beaten-path neighborhoods as the waterfront district evolves with new energy.



## Day Two

### MORNING

Visit **Alexandria’s museums on Market Square** – Learn about the city’s rich history where it happened at three sites within one block. Explore Carlyle House, Gadsby’s Tavern Museum and the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum. Save on admission with a Key to the City museum pass that can be purchased at the Alexandria Visitor Center.

**George Washington’s Mount Vernon** - America’s most visited historic home belonged to George Washington, the first President of the United States. Immerse yourself in the restored gardens, working 1700s farm, outbuildings, Distillery and Gristmill, and the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center to discover the real George Washington. Have lunch in their tavern restaurant or onsite café.



### AFTERNOON

Explore the **National Museum of the United States Army**, the first and only museum to tell the comprehensive history of America’s oldest military service branch. These stories are told through the eyes of the U.S. soldier and the impressive museum features several interactive exhibits, a multi-dimensional theater, a Medal of Honor garden experience, and a G-STEM anchored Experiential Learning Center where guests can simulate the work of Army soldiers.

Explore the **Waterfront Town of Occoquan** - Experience delicious cuisines, craft beers, artisan wines and boutique shopping as you stroll through historic Occoquan. Established in the early 1700’s, this waterfront town has evolved from a commercial port and bustling mill town to a quaint riverfront town with an eclectic mix of shops, galleries and restaurants. A little less than 25 miles from Washington, DC, Occoquan offers visitors a respite from the fast-paced bustling of the city. Whether you decide to walk along the boardwalk, visit the charming shops and restaurants, or relax in one of the waterfront parks, Occoquan offers visitors a perfect small town oasis.

### EVENING

**2 Silos Brewing Company + Dinner** - Relax in one of the regions newest destination breweries, 2 Silos Brewing Company at Farm Brew Live. Located on an 8-acre campus, the re-purposed dairy barn with two iconic silos is the focal point of a this sprawling beer lover’s paradise. Your experience starts over a meal from their from-scratch kitchen. Enjoy your food near their expansive beer gardens, bocce ball courts, or by one of their many fire pits. Sit back and unwind while the sounds of live on-stage entertainment plays in the background.

## Day Three

### MORNING

**Manassas National Battlefield Park** - “Where the

Southern Victories Tested the Northern Resolve". On July 21, 1861, two armies clashed for the first time on the fields overlooking Bull Run. Heavy fighting swept away any notion of a quick war. In August 1862, Union and Confederate armies converged for a second time on the plains of Manassas. The Confederates won a solid victory bringing them to the height of their power.

**Ben Lomond Historic Site and Old Rose Garden** - Built in 1832 and a prime example of Federal style architecture, this house sits within five miles of the site of the First and Second Battles of Manassas. The main house was used as a Confederate hospital during and after the Battle of First Manassas. Union soldiers campaigning through the area in 1862 left graffiti on the walls of the home, some of which can be read today. Site contains the main house, slave quarters, dairy and smokehouse in which visitors can learn about antebellum life and experience the immersive Civil War hospital. There is also an antique Rose Garden containing many rare and historic varieties of roses.

## AFTERNOON

**Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center** - Located in Chantilly this museum displays thousands of aviation and space artifacts, including a Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, a Concorde, and the 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 Dulles International Airport and the surrounding area.

**Stone Tower Winery** - Stone Tower Winery, one of Loudoun's largest wineries and opened a new wedding facility and tasting room last year that serves guests 21 and up. The original winery is housed in a gorgeous barn overlooking Hogback Mountain. Some of the varietals grown on site include Chardonnay, Viognier, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Merlot and Cabernet Franc.

## EVENING

Known as Loudoun County's newest downtown, **One Loudoun** blends restaurants, shopping, and nightlife together. Located conveniently along Route 7, stroll along the streetscapes, dine on delectable dishes, shop boutiques and name brand stores and enjoy the evening.

## Day Four

### MORNING

**Marshall House** - Visit the Marshall House also known as Dodona Manor, which was the home of General George

and Katherine Marshall from 1941 through 1959. Beginning in the late 1990s the manor house underwent extensive restoration and re-opened to the public in 2005. Marshall is best known as the author of the Marshall plan, which laid the groundwork for post-World War II European recovery.

**Visit Historic Downtown Leesburg** - Explore Historic Leesburg and enjoy lunch on your own at one of our several unique restaurants. Leesburg, Loudoun's county seat since 1757, has a complete collection of history, shopping entertainment, wining and dining. The district is bookended by grand homes with historic Morven Park in the north and Oatlands Historic House and Gardens in the south. Throughout the main downtown, visit locally owned shops and restaurants, about half a dozen craft breweries and historic sites like The Marshall House and Balls Bluff Battlefield Regional Park, a Civil War site.



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