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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.



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.



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

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. The Workhouse Arts Center is a massive adaptive reuse project which re-purposed the former Lorton Prison into a remarkable arts center provides visitors nearly a dozen gallery spaces of ever-changing art exhibitions to explore; a wide variety of visual arts classes and workshops for adults and children; and supports the art and studios of more than 65 professional artists. Shop, stroll, and take in the creative vibes.

One of Virginia's great cultural attractions is found among the rolling hills of Meadowlark Botanical Gardens. The Korean Bell Garden serves as a cultural landmark and is the only one of its kind in the entire Western Hemisphere. It is also the only public Korean Bell Pavilion on the entire East Coast and the bell, weighing in at three tons, was hand-crafted by Korean artisans.

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: The Golden Plum

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

Take a leisurely art tour with Loudoun Art Tours focused on Leesburg's recent rise in public art. Learn the stories behind the sculptures, murals and statues that are popping up all over

town. See the very first piece of public art and how it evolved in Leesburg over the past 10 years.

Explore Historic Leesburg. Loudoun's county seat since 1757, Leesburg has a complete collection of history, shopping entertainment, wining and dining. Throughout the main downtown, visit locally owned shops and restaurants, about half a dozen craft breweries and historic sites.

Tasting at family owned Zephaniah Farm Vineyard. Make your way to Zephaniah Farm Vineyard, this family-owned winery on a historic 1819 farm off Route 15. The owners grow 14 different grape varietals; 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.



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