# NORTHERN VIRGINIA 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.



# Farm To Table

# Day One

## **AFTERNOON**

Enjoy a Sangria-making program at Bluemont Vineyards. After picking fresh fruit at Great Country Farms, bring your bounty up to our tasting room and learn the art of sangria making. Then, try your hand at crafting the perfect sangria recipe with a variety of ingredients. Make it a competition by dividing into teams and taste-testing to vote on the best recipe.

### **EVENING**

Enjoy a dinner this evening at Magnolia's at the Mill. Using locally sourced food and providing a seasonal menu based on what's fresh, this local staple is a great farm-to-table dining experience. To make it extra special the restaurant is housed in a 19th century grain mill! Want to add even more – make it a wine or beer pairing dinner!

# **Day Two**

# **MORNING**

Visit Morven Park for a tour of the historic mansion. Morven Park, located on the northern edge of Leesburg, Virginia, was once the home of Virginia Governor Westmoreland Davis and his wife Marguerite. More than 70 years after his death, the accomplishments and ideals of Governor Davis still resonate within the 1,000 acres of this one-of-a-kind place. Westmoreland Davis was a self-taught agriculture enthusiast and raised many species on this land during his life. Not only that – Morven Park housed the Presidential pardoned turkeys from 2013-2016

Sooth the sweet tooth at The Conche, a boutique chocolate restaruant featuring sweet and savory dishes, with 90% containing some form of cacao or chocolate. Engage in a chocolate making class, or build your own chocolate sculpture. All







while enjoying a hot chocolate flight or snacks! It's the perfect way to get hands-on.





#### **AFTERNOON**

Enjoy lunch at Red House Tavern, where you'll find a sophisticated take on classic favorites using locally sourced ingredients. Following lunch, try a flight of THe Farm Brewery at Broad Run beer. A true farm brewery, the owners grow their own hops and fruit on-site for use in the brewing process and for guests to enjoy during their visit.

Kick back at MurLarkey Distilled Spirits and taste-test their handmade spirits in one of their signature cocktails. Hear the story of how family played an important role in crafting their unique name and approach to fine spirits. Learn about the distilling process and tour the facility where they craft their unique products.

# **EVENING**

For dinner stop by Out of the Blue, a locally owned and operated neighborhood crab and seafood house serving fresh and diverse seafood with exciting new flavors; be sure to try their lobster bisque, made daily!

# **Day Three**

## **MORNING**

Little Goat Farm at the Lake - Offering lakeside live music throughout the Spring, Summer and Fall months and goat yoga by the lake, as well as cheese and soap making workshops, this is truly a farm experience. The Little Goat Farm at the Lake gets you up close and personal with goats and alpacas in a picturesque lakeside setting.

Delight in the incredible confections at River-Sea Chocolates Cafe where world-class single-origin cacao is paired with organic and ethically sourced ingredients. Partnering with small-scale growers who also use sustainable farming methods, River-Sea believes the flavor specific to each bean type, the soil and climate, and the grower's touch are all to be celebrated and can be experienced in each of their chocolates. Visit the cafe for

muti-dimensional learning, take part in a chocolate-bar making class, or simply shop and endulge in the chocolate as you support small businesses and farmers they partner with.

#### **AFTERNOON**

Located in the historic town of Clifton, Virginia, Trummers combines small town charm with fabulous food. They offer a playground of memorable cuisine showcasing the diverse agricultural community of Virginia and Virginia's largest and most comprehensive wine program. Trummers is among the regions' most oustanding dining experiences and when there, ask about the local farms supported on the menu!

Located in the quaint town of Clifton, Virginia Paradise Springs Winery is one of the most awarded in the state and is the only bi-coastal winery in Virginia. As the gateway to Virginia Wine Country, and the closest to Washington, DC, this property has been in the same family for generations, having been gifted to the family by Lord Fairfax in the 1700's. Delight in a tasting or bring your own picnic, select a bottle of your favorite varietal, and enjoy an afternoon at the winery.

# **EVENING**

Enjoy dinner at Copperwood Tavern. The cabin-style eatery supports local farmers and educates customers on the value of quality product. Locally sources meats, seafood, and other produce constitute its multiple menus. Offers 30 small-batch whiskeys, 20 local draft beers, and an exceptional wine collections. One of the only places in Northern Virginia that stocks moonshine - a cultural staple.

# **Day Four**

# **MORNING**

Breakfast at Ruthie's All Day – A full service, family friendly, all-day neighborhood restaurant and bar with a custom-built wood-burning hearth. Ruthie's All Day offers coffee/counter, lunch, brunch, and dinner service scratch made food with have an emphasis on using locally sourced ingredients that are ever changing based on the season.





Port City Brewing Company - Port City Brewing Company is an award-winning craft brewery and proud producer of an exciting line of hand-made, great quality, locally crafted beers. Named 2024's World Beer Cup's Gold Cup Medalist, Port City has a lively tasting room and offers tours year round. While you're here, check out our additional breweries, distilleries, wineries, and meaderies.



Historic Old Town Alexandria Food Tours - Explore parts of the historic and architecturally unique town that has prospered for over 200 years while discovering locally owned restaurants. These delicious dining spots work with local farmers and artisanal food providers to ensure only the best Virginia ingredients, including Virtue Feed + Grain, an 1800s feed house turned rustic American tavern which sources all of its meats from local farms, Vermillion, serving up local, farmraised products, and Evening Star Café, known for its vibrant atmosphere and farm-fresh menu in Del Ray.

Don't skip the Old Town Farmer's Market in bustling Market Square on Saturdays is thought to be one of the nation's oldest continually operating farmers markets in one location.

### **AFTERNOON**

Engage all of your senses – especially taste! – on educational, hands-on visit at Arcadia Farm. Your farmeducator led visit includes a tour of the demonstration and education garden as well as a short hike to the production farm. An ideal tour for anyone interested in learning more about gardening, farming, and the nonprofit world.

Visit one of the nation's most beloved historic sites, George Washington's Mount Vernon. Glimpse into 18th-century plantation life through beautiful grounds, intriguing museum exhibits, and immersive programs highlighting Washington's life and legacy. While George Washington's home is the most visited historic estate in the country, many visitors do not know that the "Father of our Country" was also a meticulous gardener

who cultivated heritage flowers and trees, in addition to fresh produce for the busy Mount Vernon kitchen. Two additional can't-miss stops are Washington's Distillery and Gristmill. In 1771, he constructed an extremely profitable gristmill near Mount Vernon using the cutting-edge technology of the time. In 1799 Washington's distillery produced 11,000 gallons of whiskey, making it the largest distillery in America at the time. Today, it serves as the first stop on the American Whiskey Trail and demonstrates the production of whiskey in the 18th century. You can even buy samples at the gift store!

#### **EVENING**

Dinner at the Mount Vernon Inn. Savor the flavors of early America at the Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant, located just footsteps from George Washington's historic estate.







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