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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

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. Located at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, The Military Women's Memorial is the only major one of its kind in the United States (and the world!) to showcase the service of women in the military, preserving moments and stories of military women from the Revolutionary War through the present.

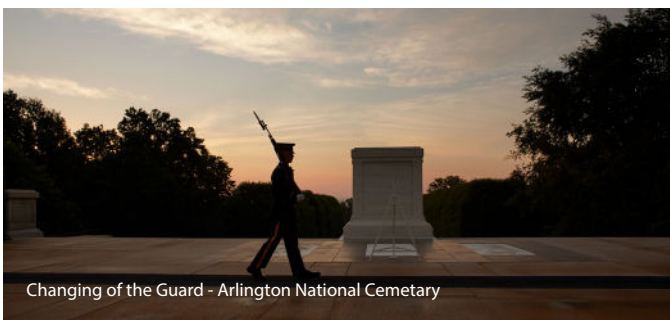
Visit Amazon's HQ2 Met Park - The 2.5-acre park offers unique public art installations such as Queen City by Nekisha Durrett., a sculpture that confronts the 1941 seizure of Black-owned land by the federal government for the construction of the Pentagon. Met Park also is home to 7 unique plants, 300 trees and walking paths. Is not only aesthetically beautiful but a masterpiece of sustainability in an urban setting.

Enjoy lunch at National Landing Water Park - the newly transformed Water Park features public art installations, a performance stage, water features including a water wall, and a variety of outdoor dining options, including 9 restaurant kiosks representing local, minority and women-owned businesses, a pizza restaurant, as well as a full-size restaurant and bar.

AFTERNOON

Located just outside the Pentagon, the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial commemorates the 184 people who lost their lives at the Pentagon, and on American Flight 77 on the Pentagon attack on September 11, 2001.

One of Arlington's most photographed memorials, the Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima) is one of the largest cast bronze sculptures in the world, its 32-foot-high figures sitting atop gilded granite base. The magnificent memorial was based on an iconic, Pulitzer Prize winning photo of the second flag-raising on the island of Iwo Jima during World War II. The memorial is dedicated to all Marines who have given their lives in defense of the United States since 1775



Changing of the Guard - Arlington National Cemetery



National Landing Waterpark

The Netherlands Carillon is a short walk to the south of the memorial. Overlooking Washington, DC., the Netherlands Carillon was a gift from the Dutch People in gratitude for U.S. aid given during World War II. The tower features 50 bells of the hanging in an open steel tower, which plays various patriotic tunes at set times.

A major seaport for centuries, Alexandria's waterfront juxtaposes historic authenticity and new happenings. Experience art at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, a 1918 manufacturer for torpedoes, now the nation's largest collection of working-artists' studios. From there head to Alexandria's Waterfront Public Art Installation, showcasing a new local artist's commission work annually. Dive into the rich maritime history with a Dockside Tour of the Tall Ship Providence, or for a more adventurous experience, embark on two-hour sail on the Potomac River.



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 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 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 available at the Alexandria Visitor Center. Stop by the George Washington Townhouse, a re-creation of a townhouse built by George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.

From there make your way to George Washington's Mount Vernon - America's most visited historic home belonged to George Washington, the first President of the United States.



AFTERNOON

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 bustle 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.

Enjoy a tasting at Paradise Springs. 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.

Visit the Historic Town of Clifton. Feel a million miles away from the hustle and bustle of Washington, D.C. Enjoy a leisurely stroll down Main Street, view the historic homes, indulge in ice cream confections at Peterson's or grab a bite at one of the towns restaurants such as Trummer's or Trattoria Villagio.

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

Visit Great Falls National Park, known for its “Great Falls”, where the Potomac River builds up speed and force as it falls over a series of steep and jagged rocks through the narrow Mather Gorge, Great Falls Park is a must see! This 800-acre park offers extraordinary views of the river, including over 15 miles of walking and hiking trails perfect for a day of outdoor exploration.

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.

AFTERNOON

Enjoy a tasting at Stone Tower Winery, one of Loudoun's premier wineries. With two tasting rooms overlooking rolling hills, Stone Tower is the perfect spot to sip and relax. Some of the varietals grown on site include Chardonnay, Viognier, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Merlot and Cabernet Franc.

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.

EVENING

Explore Historic Leesburg and enjoy dinner at one of several unique restaurants. Leesburg, Loudoun's county seat since 1757, 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.

Day Four

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.



Great Falls National Park



Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center

Ben Lomond Historic Site and Old Rose Garden - Built in 1832, Ben Lomond is a Federal-style house near the site of the First and Second Battles of Manassas and served as a field hospital during the Civil War. Visitors can explore the house (littered with soldier graffiti), slave quarters, dairy, and smokehouse to learn about antebellum life and the Civil War. The site also features an antique rose garden, one of the largest public gardens devoted to antique roses in the U.S.



Stone Tower Winery



Manassas National Battlefield Park

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