

Little Towns of Loudoun: *featuring the Leesburg Flower and Garden Show*

Day 1 – Friday, April 2019 (dates TBD)

Enjoy lunch at Ford's Fish Shack-Lansdowne. This restaurant features fresh off-the-hook seafood, home-made dishes, seasonal specials, award-winning desserts and the signature Wicked Pissah oyster, grown and harvested exclusively at Nottingham Oyster Farm in Cherrystone Inlet, Virginia.

Everyone has the tools to be a top-notch photographer right in their pocket, thanks to the smartphone! Join Lansdowne Resort and Spa's resident photographer for a photo tour around the resort to learn how to make your smart phone photos shine complete with takeaway tips in lighting, composition, focus and more.



Stop at the Marshall House (formerly known as Dodona Manor) for a docent-led tour. The Marshall House was home to George C. Marshall, the architect of the Marshall Plan following World War II. Marshall purchased the property in 1941 as a quiet haven from his Washington life and remained the owner until his death in 1959.

Located in charming downtown Leesburg, Casa Nostra brings exceptional Italian cuisine to life with bold expressions of color, texture and artistry in every dish. Experience a celebration of Italian traditions, such as Beef Carpaccio, Pappardelle Bolognese and fresh Lobster Ravioli.

Casa Nostra offers a variety of homemade pasta, breads and desserts that are made in-house every day, all from scratch.



Day 2 – Saturday, April 2019

Following breakfast, walk the picturesque streets of downtown Leesburg with a local guide, while hearing the stories of this historic town and seeing the sites that make it special. Established in 1758, Leesburg holds a rich past spanning decades and sure to interest any history lovers.

Spend the day at the Leesburg Flower and Garden Festival. Sure, they have lots of great plant vendors with everything from heirloom veggies to exotic orchids, but also many other great finds too. Take time to stroll the streets and see all the treasures hidden within the event. Tasty food, inspiring gift ideas and one-of-a-

kind art are just a few examples of what can be found around every corner. But it is more than shopping – it's a full day to take in all the sights and sounds of the festival. Be sure to visit the Main Stage to listen to some great tunes, make it a point to check out the amazing landscape displays that grow up overnight- then vote for your favorite! And don't forget the Beer Garden for a sampling of the region's finest brews.

After an intoxicating day of smells, sounds and sites, visit The Conche for chocolates and cocktails. Passionately sourced and tastefully crafted, The Conche is a chocolate-themed restaurant, bar, chocolate boutique and chocolate lab from award-winning Chef/Owner Santosh Tiptur. R

Return to the hotel prior to dinner at Eddie Merlot's in One Loudoun. Quality, exceptional service and an unparalleled atmosphere have made Eddie Merlot's one of America's great steak houses. Located in this unique community of shopping, dining and culture, One Loudoun has become Loudoun County's new downtown.



Day 3 – Sunday, April 2019

On the final morning, continue to Middleburg, VA, and tour the National Sporting Library and Museum, home to a collection of more than 20,000 literary works and 800 pieces of art. Literature and art come together in the library's collection of "fore-edge" books. Be sure to ask a librarian what a fore-edge book is!

Time to explore the quaint town of Middleburg with lunch on your own today. Named for being the half-way point between Winchester and Alexandria, Middleburg boasts a history heavily seated in the Civil War. Located along the John Mosby Highway, Middleburg is also well known as the Horse and Hunt Capital of the Nation.

Situated on a picturesque hillside overlooking the Bull Run and Blue Ridge Mountains, **Cana Vineyards** two floor tasting room, deck, porch, and patio are the perfect place to spend the afternoon sipping the wines and enjoying the views. Once a Middleburg hay farm, Cana Vineyards now grows and produces wines of several varietals.



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