Just west of D.C. is a place with its very own charm. Northern Virginia (more simply known as NoVa by locals) is a multi-faceted region with a major personality. Its culturally rich landscape brings a little something for everyone. It’s a beautifully historic playground, foodie paradise and shopper’s wonderland, all in one.

EXPERIENCES THAT DEFINE THE REGION

American History
With Washington, D.C., as its neighbor, there’s no shortage of history in NoVa. Its museums, presidential estates and cobblestone streets transport you back to monumental times in American history.

Food and Wine
NoVa’s talent is bringing out the foodie in everyone, and it’s home to a myriad of cuisines to try. Plus, you can also find some of Virginia’s best wineries here, from Arterra to Walsh Family Wines.

Shopping
There’s something for every shopper in NoVa with shopping experiences both big and small. Shop to your heart’s content at acclaimed shopping malls, outlets by your favorite brands and adorable downtown shopping districts with unique local finds.

WHAT WE RECOMMEND FOR FIRST-TIMERS

George Washington’s Mount Vernon
Whether a history buff or not, you can’t miss a tour of Mount Vernon - the famous home of the first president of the United States. From the mansion to the distillery to its scenic wharf on the Potomac, this estate can make for the perfect (and historic!) morning or afternoon. Be sure to take The Enslaved People of Mount Vernon Tour to hear the powerful stories of the 318 men, women and children who built and maintained this 18th-century plantation.

Eat the World in Fairfax
Fairfax County is a multi-cultural mecca. One way to explore this best is through food. Within just a few miles, you can find delicious cuisines from all over the globe: Ethiopian, Indian and Korean are just a few mouth-watering highlights.

Tyson’s Corner Center
This urban gem is home to some of the best shopping, eateries and city views around. It’s an excellent place for groups, especially families. Pro-tip: check out The Perch, Tyson’s new ‘park in the sky,’ to enjoy some food, views and even a game of mini-golf.

LOCAL FAVORITES

A. Smith Bowman Distillery
Say hello to Virginia’s oldest and most award-winning distillery. Savor a variety of spirits as you taste through the history of pre-Prohibition Virginia, right in the heart of Fredericksburg.

The Wolf Trap
Did you know NoVA is home to the only National Park for the Performing Arts? Yes, The Wolf Trap in Vienna is where locals head to catch their favorite artists performing, all surrounded by a natural paradise.

Old Town Alexandria
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Established in 1774, houses museum.

Great Waves
4001 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria; 703-549-0784; greatwaveswaterparkwaterpark.com. Adults and children can create and sell works of art.

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