



Celebrating 250 Years in Northern Virginia



5 Nights, 6 Days

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, Prince William County and Manassas for a vacation experience like no other.

Day 1 –

Visit [Mount Vernon](#), the iconic home and estate of George Washington, America's first president, offers visitors a full morning of activities. Explore Washington's estate, gardens, museum, historic outbuildings, enslaved persons memorial, and the Tomb of George Washington.

Enjoy a **Alexandria History Tour**. Join a professional guide on a walking tour focused on Alexandria's Revolutionary War history. Discover the Alexandria residents that joined the fight for American independence, the road to revolution, and learn about key places and events that took place in Alexandria before, during, and after the Revolutionary War.

- If you can visit in February, make sure to include time for the **George Washington Birthday Parade**. This special event takes place every February. Thousands of spectators will line the streets of Old Town Alexandria to cheer on the oldest and largest George Washington Birthday Parade in the country! *2026 date – TBD.*

Take a tour of **Gadsby's Tavern Museum**: Gadsby's Tavern Museum is a registered National Historic Landmark so designated for its prominent role in the social, economic, political, and educational history of the United States. Learn about the social and political gatherings of the Revolution, hosted in this historic tavern that George Washington frequented. From the museum head next door to experience a **dinner** at the historic **Gadsby's Tavern**.

Day 2 –

Docked at the Old Town Alexandria waterfront, **Tall Ship Providence** provides a living link to Alexandria's rich maritime, naval and Revolutionary history. Providence is a reproduction of the first ship authorized to serve in the Continental

Navy and John Paul Jones' first American command. Come aboard to tour the ship or charter it across Alexandria's former bustling port during the Revolutionary period.

Visit the **Carlyle House Historic Park**. A Georgian manor house built in 1753 by merchant and city founder John Carlyle. Here, five royal governors and General Braddock met to discuss funding of the French and Indian War. The story of Carlyle House parallels the early history of Alexandria, colonial Virginia, and America and is brought to life through costumed interpreters, guides and fun family programs.

Tour **Arlington National Cemetery**. The grounds of Arlington National Cemetery honor those who have served our nation by providing a sense of beauty and peace for guests. The 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. Make time to visit the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and witness the Changing of the Guard ceremony, performed by the U.S. Honor Guard. More than three million people visit Arlington National Cemetery each year.

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. The structure features 16 exhibit alcoves for permanent and rotating exhibits, as an education center, interactive exhibits, and a world-class collection of military women's stories.

Visit **Arlington's Village of Shirlington** for dinner. 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.

Day 3 –

Visit the **Black Heritage Museum of Arlington** to learn more about the African American journey to freedom in Arlington County, the history of Freedman's Village and how African Americans played a vital role in the formation and development of Arlington County, a central part of our shared history.

Tour the **Ball-Sellers House** – For a true glimpse into how many early Virginians built their homes and lived in colonial times, visit the Ball-Sellers House in the Glencarlyn neighborhood. The historic structure served as a school, summer cottage, a dairy farm, and a home. Today it is the oldest house in the county and a rare example of a common dwelling during the 1700s.

Welcome to Leesburg and **George C. Marshall's Dodona Manor**, the historic home turned museum of statesman General Marshall, author of the Marshall Plan that rescued Europe after World War II. Walk the rooms of the 19th Century Greek Revival mansion where he and his wife worked, dined and entertained visiting dignitaries. Learn about his revolutionary ideas regarding war, peace and what led to his winning of the Nobel Peace Prize!

Take a leisurely art tour with **Loudoun Art Tours** focused on Leesburg's recent rise in public art while telling the history of Leesburg's growth since 1757. Learn the stories behind the sculptures, murals and statues that are popping up all over town and the history they tell. Follow the journey of the first piece of public art and how it evolved in Leesburg over the past 10 years.

After savoring the art of Leesburg, sip the flavors of Loudoun County at **October One Tasting Room**. Known for their single varietal wines, Loree and Bob Rupy and their team will pour a tasting and tell you about the Loudoun Wine industry and how they fit! Leesburg's first local tasting room, creating more of a buzz around **DC's Wine Country** and the more than 50 wineries that have created this unique landscape within a short drive of the nation's capital.

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 4 –

Take a tour of the charming village of Waterford, the only village on the National Register of Historic Places. Founded in 1733, Waterford is the only inhabited 18th century rural village in the United States within 1420 protected acres in Loudoun County. It is a village with a history of extreme contrasts - in a slave-holding state that becomes the capital of the Confederacy, Waterford is settled by pacifist and abolitionist Quakers, a haven to free African Americans, and loyal to the Union in the Civil War. Learn of it's history through the revolution and beyond.

Built between 1807 and 1809, **Aldie Mill** was an active hub of the community that consisted of a merchant mill, country mill, and granary, and has Virginia's only known tandem water wheels. President James Monroe was even an early customer while living in nearby Oak Hill. Enjoy a tour of this historic mill and learn how the mill worked.

Get a peek at some rare items at the **National Sporting Library and Museum** where groups can take a **guided tour** of the art museum featuring art from across generations and mediums. Following the museum visit the library for a visit to the **'rare book room'** which boasts historic artifacts, handwritten speeches from Roosevelt and a few hidden secrets.

Visit **Manassas National Battlefield Park** - "Where the Southern Victories Tested the Northern Resolve". The Battle of First Manassas was a pivotal moment in our country's history. 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.

Savor the flavor at [The Winery at Bull Run](#) and enjoy their **Witness the History Experience**. This grape-to-glass farm winery is located adjacent to Manassas National Battlefield Park, where the first major battle of the American Civil War took place and is the closest to Washington, D.C. For the first time ever and beginning in 2025, this new group's experience in Fairfax County offers a unique experience by blending wine tasting with a guided tour of its exclusive Civil War artifact collection in a new Museum located in the Barrel Room.

Enjoy a dinner with a view of Lake Manassas and the surrounding golf course at **Stonewall Golf Club**. Their culinary team offers from-scratch preparation of contemporary American cuisine with a southern flair.

Day 5 –

Enjoy a tour of **Ben Lomond Historic Site**. Built in 1832 and a prime example of Federal style architecture, this house sits within one mile, as the crow flies, of the site of the First and Second Battles of Manassas. The main house was used as a Confederate hospital during and after the Battle of First Manassas. While visiting, view a musket firing demonstration or play Civil War-era baseball, introducing your travelers to modern day baseball's roots.

Located adjacent to Washington Dulles International Airport, the **Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center** tells the story of human flight and space exploration from 18th-century ballooning to the latest NASA discoveries. More than 3,000 artifacts and nearly 200 aircraft are on display, including Space Shuttle *Discovery*. For a more engaging visit, groups may also pre-schedule a docent-led tour that delves into a variety of historical topics.

Visit the [National Museum of the United States Army](#). Located at Fort Belvoir, VA, the first comprehensive and truly national museum to capture, display, and interpret 250years of Army history through the eyes of the American Soldier. In 2025, the museum will unveil a new exhibit titled "CALL TO Arms: The Soldier and the Revolutionary War" to commemorate the Army's 250th birthday (June 2025) and America's 250th (2026).

Take a tour at the [Turning Point Suffragist Memorial](#). A national-in-scope Memorial commemorates the women who fought for the right to vote in the U.S. with tireless activism. Guided tours of the site are available which brings to life the stories, struggles, and triumphs of key suffragists.

Meet Mayor Porta explore the riverside town of **Historic Occoquan** on a private driving tour. He will share the fascinating stories from the town's origins with the Native Americans occupying the region, from which the town gets its name, and up through the present day. Enjoy **dinner** at one of the locally-owned restaurants **Madigan's Waterfront**. Here you can enjoy fresh seafood while overlooking the river before embarking for the evening.

Day 6 –

Pay your respects at **National Memorial Cemetery at Quantico** with a private flag placing experience at the graves of veterans whose remains were previously forgotten. Hosted by the **Missing in America Project**, their mission is to find, identify and provide full military burial for these now remembered heroes.

Your next stop is an experience at the **National Museum of the Marine Corps**. Uncover the history of the Corps, test your skills as a Marine, and get insight into the lives of those who fight for our freedom. During your visit, see the incredible Gene Hackman-narrated film “We, The Marines” to get an unparalleled view into the experiences of Marines from boot camp through modern warfare training.

Experience the thrill of over 1,600 gaming machines at **The Rose Gaming Resort**. Here, you can savor delectable cuisine from the 1609 Steakhouse, The Playbook Sports Bar and Grill, or the on-site food hall, Market Street, while playing your favorite games.



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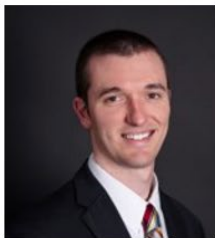
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