Just outside of the day-to-day buzz of our nation’s capital, NORTHERN VIRGINIA exudes its own historical charm and cherished character. Immerged in the region’s rich history, urban skylines fade into rolling countryside, encompassing everything you’d want in a getaway — whether it’s live entertainment and nationally acclaimed restaurants, iconic historic sites and quaint Main Streets or wine country and luxurious retreats ... or maybe a little of each.

### Horseback Tour of Manassas

**Manassas National Battlefield Park, Manassas**

Take a leisurely horseback ride where courage was tested at the first two battles of the American Civil War. Enjoy the great outdoors while learning about American history in an engaging and interesting way. Book your guided horseback riding tour today with the Battlefield Park Polo Club.

### Glen Gordon Manor, Huntly

A stately retreat located only an hour from D.C., this B&B, located below Skyline Drive, began as an 1860s Wells Fargo stagecoach stop. With gorgeous views of Shenandoah National Park, the historic location offers nostalgic settings, with a fire-lit entrance hall, baronial oak hunt room, stone wine cellar and country kitchen, as well as luxurious amenities and crafted cuisine at Houndstooth restaurant and lounge.

### New District Brewing Co., Arlington

Tucked among warehouses, this is the first production brewery in Arlington since 1916. Located just off the Washington and Old Dominion Trail, you can walk your pooch to nearby Shirlington Dog Park and enjoy a craft brew afterwards as a New District Dog Club member.

### Cherry Blossoms, Alexandria

White D.C. may get the notoriety, Alexandria’s cherry blossoms bloom just as bright — and among far fewer crowds. Get Instagram-worthy shots with a stroll, bike tour or even a themed food crawl through Old Town, and experience a garden tour at River Farm or Meadowlark Botanical Gardens. And don’t miss the Ikebana Flower Design Workshop at Green Spring Gardens, where you can learn about the art of flower arrangements and take home a few cherry blossoms for your enjoyment.

### Lucketts Store, Leesburg

This 138-year-old restored general store and family home is now home to dozens of unique vendors specializing in antiques, vintage finds and other cool items. Lucketts is also home to The Design House, a monthly interior design showcase open during special events.

### Sky Meadows State Park, Delaplane

Just an hour west of D.C., you’ll find this International Dark Sky Park perfect for star gazing. Discover scenic views, woodlands and rolling pastures with miles of trails for walking, biking and hiking, as well as access to the Appalachian Trail.

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FAIRFAX COUNTY

City of Fairfax

Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center
1201 North St., Fairfax. 703-530-1893; fairfax.gov/museum. This award-winning museum features permanent and changing exhibitions, public programs and community events. It is home to the Fairfax County History Center.

Children’s Science Center Lab
12745 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax. 703-648-3130; childrenssciencecenterlab.org. This hands-on science lab provides fun exhibits and programs for children and families to explore.

Colvin Run Mill Historic Site
12257 Colvin Run Rd., Great Falls. 703-779-2715; fairfax.gov/parks/colvinrun. This 18th-century water-powered gristmill is also known as the Fairfax Mill. It offers tours, exhibits and special events.

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7350 Mclean Blvd., Vienna. 703-255-1900; wolftrap.org. Enjoy indoor and outdoor venues showcasing world-class music and dance performances.

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10311 Old Lee Hwy., Fairfax. 703-591-0560; fairfaxcounty.gov/parks. This park features trails, picnic areas, playgrounds and a dog park.

The Fairfax Railroad Station Museum
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7029 Gun Hall Rd., Fairfax. 703-510-9225; gwu.edu/gunhall. This facility is dedicated to the study of firearm history and technology.

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Hill Battleground Park
4134 West Ox Rd., Centreville. 703-374-3211; fairfax.gov/parks. This park commemorates the Civil War battle of 1863.

Library of Virginia
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**Alano-American Historical Association Museum and Resource Center**  
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**C. F. Phelps Wildlife Management Area**  

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**FUN, FOOD AND EDUCATION ON THE RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER**

**Museums & Galleries**

**Goldvein; 540-422-8170; 14421 Gold Dust Pkwy., Goldvein. Learn about Goldvein’s history and process of mining.**

**George Washington’s Boyhood Home at Ferry Farm**  

**Historic Kenmore Plantation**  
1240 Washington Ave, Fredericksburg; 540-373-3381; kenmore.org. 1775 home of George Washington’s mother. Tours.**

**The Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop**  
1025 Caroline St., Fredericksburg; 540-371-3037; hughmercer.org. The history and process of 18th-century pharmacy.**

**The Mary Washington House**  
801 Sophia St., Fredericksburg; 540-373-7138; gwmary.org. Virginia's own pioneering woman. Museum, gift shop.**

**Sky Meadows State Park**  
4704 Southpoint Pkwy., Fredericksburg; 540-693-3200; dcr.state.va.us. Unique collection of railroad memorabilia and refurbished antique train cars.**

**Shannon Air Museum**  
1380 Mason Ave, 540-642-4187; shannonairmuseum.com. One of the newest collections of antique aircraft.

**Stafford Area Museum**  
540-507-7278; staplesonva.org. Museum, gift shop.**

**Flying Horse Museum**  

**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
208 Prince St., Fredericksburg; 540-373-7138; kenmore.org. 1775 home of George Washington’s mother. Tours.**

**Visit Spotsylvania**  
540-371-1494; visitspotsylvania.com. Travel and tourism information.**

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**Parks & Recreation**

**C. M. Crockett Park**  
5305 Marriott Ln., Hume; 540-446-2251; virginiastateparks.org. 1.5-mile, paved path with picnic area and trail to Reems Creek. Free admission.**

**St. James’ House**  
905 Princess Ave., Fredericksburg; 540-371-3037; stjameshouse.org. The story of James Monroe and his family.**

**George Washington’s Boyhood Home at Ferry Farm**  

**Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site)**  
903 Sophie St, Fredericksburg; 540-507-7278; staplesonva.org. Museum, gift shop.**

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**True Love Winery**  
95 Riverside Pkwy., Stafford; 540-422-8550; visitfauquier.com. This 77-acre vineyard offers wine tasting, retail sales, and parking. Free admission.**

**Sky Meadows State Park**  
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**Rappahannock Railroad Museum**  
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**Special Events**

**Town Warrenton, Warrenton; 540-788-4300; riversidedt.com.**

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**Coming Attractions**

**Fauquier County Visitor Center**  
4110 Winchester Rd., Marshall; 540-373-7138; visitfauquier.com. Quaint park with picnic area and trail to Reems Creek. Free admission.**

**St. George’s Episcopal Church**  

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