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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

Historical Hotspots

Day One

AFTERNOON

Start the day in Leesburg at **Dodona Manor**, the historic home turned museum of statesman General George C. 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.

Visit Historic Downtown Leesburg. A shoppers dream with antique dealers, art galleries, and other specialty shops. Dining options range from casual atmospheres to fine dining featuring local specialties. Historic attractions include the Loudoun Museum, Balls Bluff Battlefield Regional Park, Otlands Plantation, and Morven Park.

EVENING

Virginia Gateway is a premier, walkable, outdoor shopping destination in Gainesville with over 100 shops, restaurants, and entertainment businesses to enjoy at your leisure. Enjoy dinner at Out of the Blue Crabs and Seafood for a casual meal and cocktails before ending your day.

Day Two

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.

Ben Lomond Historic Site and Old Rose Garden - Built in 1832 and a prime example of Federal style architecture, this house sits within five miles 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. Union soldiers campaigning through the area in 1862 left graffiti on the walls of the



home, some of which can be read today. Site contains the main house, slave quarters, dairy and smokehouse in which visitors can learn about antebellum life and experience the immersive Civil War hospital. There is also an antique Rose Garden containing many rare and historic varieties of roses.

AFTERNOON

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.

Tour the **Turning Point Suffragist Memorial**, the only place in America that tells the complete story of the suffrage movement. The memorial features a section of the White House fence in front of which suffragists picketed in 1917. It is also a stop along the "Constitution Trail," which links sites connected to the Constitution in Washington, DC and Virginia, such as George Washington's Mount Vernon and the National Archives.

George Washington's Mount Vernon - America's most visited historic home belonged to George Washington, the first President of the United States. Immerse yourself in the restored gardens, working 1700s farm, outbuildings, Distillery and Gristmill, and the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center to discover the real George Washington.

Day Three

MORNING

Visit **Alexandria's Museums on Market Square**. Founded in 1749 and best known as George Washington's hometown, Old Town Alexandria is a walkable nationally designated historic district with cobblestone streets and beautifully preserve 18th and 19th century architecture. Learn about the city's rich history by visiting the museums on Market Square. Within one block visitors can explore Carlyle House, Gadsby's Tavern Museum and the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum. **Don't Miss: Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum**

AFTERNOON

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. 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.

Day Four

MORNING

United States Air Force Memorial - The United States Air Force Memorial honors the service and sacrifices of the men and women of the United States Air Force and its predecessor organizations. More than 54,000 Airmen have died in combat while serving in the Air Force and these historical service arms of the military.

National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial & The Pentagon, Arlington, VA - The Pentagon Memorial was created to remember and honor those family members and friends who are no longer with us because of the events of September 11th, 2001 at the Pentagon.



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