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Visiting Virginia's Cultural Region in Northern Virginia

Northern Virginia has been dubbed “Virginia’s Cultural Region,” due to its vast array of shopping options, fine dining establishments, and world-class historic attractions. There is so much to experience and visit in the region, whether you have only a few hours or multiple days to explore.



George Washington's Mount Vernon

Start your Northern Virginia adventure at one of the most visited historic sites in the United States – [George Washington's Mount Vernon](#). Situated along the banks of the Potomac River, tour this iconic Presidential estate, and learn about how the nation's first President and family lived. In addition to the estate, you can experience expansive gardens and even a nearby [gristmill](#) and [distillery](#), once the largest distillery in the United States. Grab a bite to eat at the [Mount Vernon Inn](#), an on-site tavern, and sample the delicious flavors of early America.

Continue exploring the region's history with a tour of [Arlington National Cemetery](#), the final resting place of more than 400,000 active-duty service members, veterans and their families. This historic 624-acre cemetery contains the graves of those who fought for the country, dating back to the Civil War. Arlington National Cemetery is also the burial site of two former U.S. Presidents – William Howard Taft and John F. Kennedy.

For more history, explore [Manassas National Battlefield Park](#), the site of two historically significant Civil War battles in the United States. Tour the nearby [National Museum of the Marine Corps](#), which serves as a lasting tribute to all marines, in a cutting-edge facility with

interactive exhibits. A visit to the [Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center](#) is a must for history lovers. Serving as the companion museum to the National Air & Space Museum in Washington, D.C., the Udvar-Hazy Center contains numerous exhibits, including the Space Shuttle Discovery and the Enola Gay. Finally, don't miss the newly opened [National Museum of the United States Army](#) in nearby Fort Belvoir. This state-of-the-art museum celebrates over 245 years of U.S. Army history, showcasing stories of American soldiers from the days of early America to modern-day narratives.



Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center

If it's historic charm you're after, look no further than [Alexandria, Virginia](#). From the cobblestone streets of Old Town, where you will find dozens of boutique shops and restaurants lining historic King Street, to the waterfront district on the Potomac River, it's no surprise this city was named a Top 5 Best Small City in the U.S. by Conde Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards. Tour the [Torpedo Factory Art Center](#) (located in an actual former torpedo factory!), home to the largest collection of publicly accessible working artist studios in the United States, or visit the [George Washington Masonic National Memorial](#) to learn more about Mr. Washington and soak in breathtaking views of Alexandria and Washington, D.C. Fine dining options abound, with many restaurants located in historic buildings like [Virtue Feed & Grain](#), an American tavern located in an 1800s feed house, or [Josephine Brasserie & Bar](#), home to the Columbia Steam Engine Fire Company of the late 1800s.



Old Town Alexandria

With more than 300 wineries, Virginia is one of the largest wine producers in the United States, and Northern Virginia is the perfect place to sip some of these fine offerings. Nearby [Loudoun County](#) boasts more than 50 wineries and tasting rooms, certain to deliver a wine experience you will never forget. There are also craft breweries, cideries, and distilleries all eager to welcome you for a visit.

Next, get ready to shop at one of the region's many premier shopping locations. With options ranging from the [Leesburg Corner Premium Outlets](#) and [Tysons Corner Center](#) to [Ballston Quarter](#) in Arlington, and even antique shopping, there's something for all interests and budgets. After a day of shopping, catch a show at [Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts](#). The only national park in the U.S. dedicated to the performing arts,



Shopping at Tyson's Corner Center

Wolf Trap offers an extensive variety of concerts and events in a serene natural setting.

When it's time to relax before continuing your journey in Virginia, enjoy a luxury stay at the region's [Salamander Resort & Spa](#) in Middleburg or [Lansdowne Resort](#) in Leesburg. Both properties feature upscale accommodations, offering world-class spa experiences to heal the mind, body and soul. Enjoy a round of golf at Lansdowne's award-winning golf courses featuring player-friendly designs by Robert Trent Jones and Greg Norman. Or reconnect with nature at Salamander Resort & Spa and enjoy horseback riding through the resort's exceptional equestrian program.



Salamander Resort & Spa

Before leaving Northern Virginia, stop by the remarkable [Great Falls National Park](#) for an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors. This 800-acre outdoor adventure escape will delight you with its stunning waterfalls and sweeping views. Depart with fond memories and souvenirs from your unforgettable visit to Virginia.
