



Suggested Itinerary: Cuisine and Couture

Day 1

Arrive Midday: Ronald Reagan National Airport, Arlington, VA

Afternoon:

Chocolate Demonstration at Artisan Confections

Who says you can't start with dessert? Arlington's Artisan Confections specializes in high-quality, hand-made chocolates that are elegant in both design and flavor. This boutique in Arlington's Clarendon neighborhood is known for choosing the best ingredients – from French Valrhona chocolate to organic mint grown on a Maryland farm – to craft smooth, delicate confections that are so fresh, they have a shelf life.

Visit Arlington's Village of Shirlington

Known as Arlington's arts and entertainment district, Shirlington's European-style promenade offers more than 15 shops and 20 restaurants, plus fun night spots and eclectic art-house movies. 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 you'll ever find in one neighborhood.

Don't Miss:

The Curious Grape

The Curious Grape is a full restaurant and wine, beer, and specialty store with friendly and knowledgeable staff members ready to assist you. With nearly 400 different labels spanning every wine region in the world and some of the best craft and unique beers available, the Grape also features a full bistro and both a cut-to-order and pre-cut case stocked with the area's highest quality cheeses handpicked by its resident cheese specialist.

Evening

Visit Alexandria's Old Town and Waterfront District

Within eyesight of Washington, DC on the Potomac River waterfront, Old Town Alexandria is minutes from the nation's capital but feels like a world away. Find a bustling district of chef-driven

restaurants, independent boutiques and arts venues in beautifully preserved 18th century architecture. Old Town hums with a cosmopolitan feel and walkable lifestyle loved by locals and DC elite.

Don't Miss:

King Street Shopping District

King Street is Old Town Alexandria's main thoroughfare, where you'll find an eclectic array of stylish boutiques, art galleries, and quaint cafes and restaurants.

The Waterfront Market

Enjoy picturesque views of the Potomac River at the Alexandria Marina as you sip a glass of Virginia wine or Alexandria's locally brewed craft beer, Port City, available on tap right on the dock! The Waterfront Market is the newest addition to the Alexandria waterfront, serving sandwiches and sushi plus fresh-baked pastries and sweet treats from recipes lovingly developed over 30 years at the Market's sister location, Bittersweet on King Street.

Overnight in Alexandria

Day 2

Morning

Old Town Food Tour by DC Metro Food Tours

Take a journey through one of the nation's largest historic districts that was once home to both George Washington and Robert E. Lee. You will sample a variety of delicious specially made dishes from local restaurants, learn about the colorful past of this unique area and take in some of the best preserved historic architecture in America.

Afternoon

Shopping at Tysons Corner Center

Discover the "Rodeo Drive of the East Coast" with more than 400 stores and restaurants featuring everything from apparel and accessories to furniture and specialty foods. Most famous for its luxury brands, the Tysons Galleria is a "fashionista's dream of designer retailers. A true community entertainment destination, Tysons Corner Center's outdoor plaza features family activities to movies on the green to outdoor dining.

Don't Miss:

Tysons Market

The Market at Tysons Corner is a conveniently located specialty grocery shop in Tysons Corner Center. Whether you need a bottle of wine, six pack of beer or some snacks on the go, The Market at Tysons Corner Center is the place to go.

Vino Volo

Vino Volo brings wine country to the Tysons Corner Galleria. Enjoy wines in tasting flights, by the glass, or by the bottle. Come discover great wines to enjoy or take home; Vino Volo's

outdoor patio is an ideal place to sip and savor; there is also a full retail shop to help stock a home wine cellar.

Evening

Shopping and Dining at Reston Town Center

The Reston Town Center was the first mixed use-planned community in the USA. It combines the elements of the ideal downtown: the vitality of an Italian piazza and the diversity of a French boulevard. In the village you will discover famous names and specialty shops lining the brick streets. The Pavilion hosts special events, concerts, and festivals through the year and ice skating in winter months.

Don't Miss:

The Tasting Room Wine Bar & Shop

A new concept in wine-tasting. All wines are available for retail purchase and unfinished bottles are happily re-corked for take-home. Light fare menu selections are available to accompany wine tasting.

Overnight in Reston

Day 3

Morning

Visit Old Town Manassas

Manassas originated in 1852 at the junction of two railroads which linked Northern Virginia and Washington, DC with the Shenandoah Valley and Richmond. The Prince William County seat since 1892, Manassas was rebuilt after the Civil War and remained a small town for most of the 20th century, incorporating as a city in the mid 70s. Today, the charming Old Town historic district is home to a variety of shops, museums, and dining options.

Don't Miss:

BadWolf Brewing Company

BadWolf Brewing Company is a family-owned and operated brewery in Manassas. Our vision is to craft an exquisite line of craft beers that appeal to the local palate. We make our beer in small handcrafted batches. BadWolf is a 1.5 barrel brewery with a continually rotating selection. Free popcorn is offered to cleanse the palate.

Winery at Bull Run

Adjacent to Manassas National Battlefield Park, The Winery at Bull Run allows you to experience the rich Civil War history of our region while enjoying Virginia wine and scenic views. Enjoy a variety of whites and reds and explore the historic grounds and Civil War artifacts found on the property.

Afternoon

Historic Downtown Leesburg

Leesburg is a shoppers dream with antique dealers, art galleries, and other specialty shops located within its charming historic district and beyond, and it also offers bargain shoppers the Leesburg Corner Premium Outlets. Dining options range from casual atmospheres to local favorites to fine dining featuring local specialties. Historic attractions include the Loudoun Museum, Balls Bluff Battlefield Regional Park, Oatlands Plantation, and Morven Park/Governor Westmoreland Davis Mansion.

Tarara Winery

Tarara Winery features 475 acres of Virginia's most beautiful Potomac River front land. Founded in 1985, Tarara is one of Loudoun's oldest wineries, and continues today to make the very best wines from select Virginia grapes.

Catoctin Creek Distillery

Founded in 2009 by Becky and Scott Harris, Catoctin Creek is the first legal distillery in Loudoun since before prohibition. The company produces small batch, handcrafted whisky, gin and brandy. Each step of the distilling process from mashing, fermentation to bottling is done entirely by hand.

Overnight in Leesburg

Day 4

Morning

Shopping at Leesburg Corner Premium Outlets

Leesburg Corner Premium Outlets features 110 upscale designer and brand name outlet stores including Banana Republic Factory Store, Barneys New York Outlet, Burberry and Kate Spade.

Depart Washington Dulles International Airport, Dulles, VA