



Suggested Itinerary: Culture and Charm

Day 1

Arrive Midday: Ronald Reagan National Airport, Arlington, VA

Afternoon:

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:

Signature Theatre and the Village of Shirlington

Explore one of the premiere performing arts venues in the Capital region. Recipient of the 2009 Regional Theatre Tony Award®, Signature Theatre is a non-profit professional theater company in Arlington, Virginia dedicated to producing contemporary musicals and plays, reinventing classic musicals, and developing new work. Under the leadership of co-founder and Artistic Director Eric Schaeffer and Managing Director Maggie Boland, Signature has presented 43 world premiere productions and is renowned for combining Broadway-quality productions with intimate playing spaces.

Overnight in Arlington

Day 2

Morning

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:

Torpedo Factory Art Center

105 N. Union St, Alexandria, VA

Phone: 703-838-4565

www.torpedofactory.org

Experience art in person and in progress! Constructed in 1918 for the manufacturing of torpedoes, the Torpedo Factory now features 82 working artists' studios, six galleries, the Art League School, Alexandria Archaeology Museum, a cafe and gift shop.

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.

Afternoon

Explore 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.

Evening

Wolf Trap Center for the Performing Arts

As America's National Park for the Performing Arts, Wolf Trap plays a valuable leadership role in both the local and national performing arts communities. Through a wide range of artistic and education programs, Wolf Trap enhances our nation's cultural life and ensures that the arts remain accessible and affordable to the broadest possible audience. A typical season at Wolf Trap includes something for everyone with performances ranging from pop, country, folk, and blues to orchestra, dance, theatre, and opera, as well as innovative performance art and multimedia presentations.

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:

The Center for the Arts at the Candy Factory

The Center for the Arts of Greater Manassas/Prince William County sponsors theatrical productions for children and adults, teaches arts classes, promotes visual arts and provides community outreach programs for local youth. Founded in 1984 by a group of artists and art lovers, the Center aims to enrich the quality of life in the Northern Virginia suburbs through arts performance and education. A theater, the Caton Merchant Family Gallery and classrooms are located in the historic Candy Factory building.

Afternoon

Visit 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.

Don't Miss:

Cooley Gallery

Washington Redskins tight end and fan favorite Chris Cooley opened this art gallery to feature his pottery and painting as well as works by other local artists, including pottery by Bill van Gilder, Richard Busch, and David Norton.

Tally Ho Theatre

Located in the heart of downtown Leesburg, the Tally Ho is a historic twin theatre operating under the management of Market Street Productions. While the venue showcases first-run feature films, it also plays host to movie theme nights, live comedy, magic shows and more.

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.

Overnight in Leesburg

Day 4

Depart from Dulles International Airport, Dulles, VA