



## **Suggested Itinerary: Historical Hotspots**

### **Day 1**

**Arrive Midday: Washington Dulles International Airport, Dulles, VA**

#### **Afternoon:**

##### **Morven Park**

Home of Westmoreland Davis, progressive farmer and governor of Virginia from 1918-1922, this 1,000-acre property includes his Greek Revival style mansion, boxwood gardens, replica Confederate log huts, and Equestrian & Event Center. Two museums are also located at Morven Park-the Museum of Hounds and Hunting and the Winmill Carriage Museum.

##### **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.

#### **Evening**

##### **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.

##### **Overnight in Manassas**

## **Day 2**

### **Morning**

#### **Manassas National Battlefield Park**

This 5,000-acre park--site of the First and Second Battles of Manassas (or Battles of Bull Run)-- is complemented by an artifact-filled visitors center as well as a new theater, featuring the film "Manassas: End of Innocence." The superb, 45-minute video, narrated by Academy Award winning actor Richard Dreyfuss, follows the stories of five individuals whose lives were forever touched by the battles, and serves as an excellent guide to exploring the battlefield and nearby historic sites. Visitors can enjoy equestrian, walking and driving tours, annual battle commemorative events as well as living history demonstrations at various times throughout the summer.

#### **Ben Lomond Historic Site and Old Rose Garden**

The Ben Lomond Site is an antebellum farm that served as a hospital during the Civil War. The house was referenced in many Civil War-Era documents as the Kringle House because of the men who lived here in 1861. Many of the soldiers that were brought to the hospital penned their names and brief messages on the walls of the home. The grounds are home to a 5,200 square-foot garden of old roses (one of the largest public gardens devoted to antique roses in the U.S.) Inspired by a French garden, the collection has approximately 160 separate cultivars and 200 individual rose shrubs.

### **Afternoon**

#### **Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center**

The Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Virginia is our companion facility to the Museum on the National Mall in Washington, DC. Opened in 2003, its two huge hangars — the Boeing Aviation Hangar and the James S. McDonnell Space Hangar — display 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 Washington Dulles International Airport and the surrounding area.

#### **George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens**

America's most visited historic home belonged to George Washington the first President of the United States and referred to as the "Father of our Country". Immerse yourself in the restored gardens, working 1700s farm, outbuildings. Distillery and Gristmill. Through 25 interactive multi-sensory experiences and exhibits of the museum and education centers you will discover the real George Washington.

### **Overnight in Fairfax or Alexandria**

## **Day 3**

### **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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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**

**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. The rolling green hills are dotted with trees that are hundreds of years in age and complement the gardens found throughout the 624 acres of the cemetery. 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.

**Overnight in Arlington**

**Day 4**

**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, including the Aeronautical Division, U.S. Signal Corps; the Aviation Section, U.S. Signal Corps; the Division of Military Aeronautics, Secretary of War; the Army Air Service; the U.S. Army Air Corps; and the U.S. Army Air Forces. 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. The memorial itself was dedicated on September 11, 2008, the first of the three national 9/11 memorials to be dedicated in this country, and honors victims who were both inside the Pentagon and aboard Flight #77.

**Depart from Ronald Reagan National Airport, Arlington, VA**