NORTHERN VIRGINIA

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WHAT’S NEW

American soldiers in the U.S. Army helped create our nation and maintain its freedom, so it’s only fitting that a museum near the U.S. capital should showcase their history. The National Museum of the United States Army, the only museum to cover the entire history of the Army, opened on Veterans Day 2020. Exhibits include hundreds of artifacts, life-sized scenes re-creating historic battles, stories of individual soldiers, a 300-degree theater with sensory elements, and an experiential learning center. Learn and honor.

ASK A LOCAL

“Small downtown charm with all the activities of a larger city: Manassas is steeped in history and adventure for travelers. With an active railroad system, it’s easy for visitors to enjoy the historic area while also traveling to Washington, D.C., or Richmond on an Amtrak train or daily commuter rail.”

— Debbie Haight, Historic Manassas, Inc.

PET-FRIENDLY

With a name like Beer Hound Brewery, you know it must be dog friendly. Settle in with your pooch on the outdoor patio and enjoy a wide variety of beers named for historic and pop culture pups, like the Muttley New England-style IPA, Olde Yella wheat, Skrappy Dew lager, Wyte Fan wit, Fang gravy and biscuits, steak and eggs, Caesar salad, and Virginia wine, beer and cider. Stop by the shop for this local fare and enjoy some local brews named for historic and pop culture pups.

HIDDEN GEM

The menu at Sperryville Trading Company features favorite breakfast and lunch comfort foods: sausage gravy and biscuits, steak and eggs, Caesar salad, Reuben sandwich and fresh ground coffee. Even better, many of the quality ingredients are local — like the grass-fed beef, breads and buns from a nearby bakery, Route 11 chips, and Virginia wine, beer and cider. Stop by the shop for this local fare and enjoy some local brews named for historic and pop culture pups.

GOODSTONE INN

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What’s Worthy

You’ll start snapping pictures the moment you arrive at the classic hunt-country exterior of the Goodstone Inn luxury estate. Which shots will you choose for your feed? The diverse seasonal gardens? Cottage accommodations with continental country décor? The elegant, glass-enclosed dining patio? Or the divinely presented and sensory-pleasing French-inspired fare, made with ingredients sourced from the on-site farm and paired with wine from the renowned wine cellar? On the other hand, you may feel so pampered, you’ll forget pictures altogether!

DID YOU KNOW?

We’ve all wanted to do it — something spiteful that didn’t make sense but, by golly, it proved a point! In 1830, Alexandria row-house owner John Hollensbury built a seven-foot-wide house in an alley next to his home just to spite the horse-drawn wagons and loiterers who kept invading the alley. One brick wall in the living room even has marks from wagon-wheel hubs. The two-story Spite House is only 25 feet deep and 325 square feet, but delightfully spiteful.

ICONIC

The iconic Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery represents soldiers who fought and died for freedom but whose identity remains unknown — from World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Soldiers from the prestigious Old Guard stand watch over the monument 24 hours a day, passing the baton in the elaborate Changing of the Guard ceremony. Witness the event to share respect and honor for these American heroes.

BUCKET LIST

You will imbibe more than just award-winning wines on the bucket-list-worthy Fauquier Wine Trail. At more than two dozen wineries, you can bask in astonishing views. As you sip and savor, you can fill your soul with nature therapy and time with friends. But that’s not all! At Fauquier County wineries, you’ll experience handcrafted art, horse farms, dog-friendly and family-friendly venues, seminars, craft beer and ciders, friendly service, and even history. Drink it all in!

SMALL TOWN CHARM

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ALEXANDRIA
Alexander Visitor Center
221 King St., Alexandria; 703-838-5503; visitalexandriava.com. Get attraction and tour tickets, maps, brochures and more.

Visit Alexandria
625 N. Washington St., Alexandria; 703-652-5364; visitalexandriava.com. Home to more than 200 restaurants and boutiques alongside intimate historic museums and new happenings at the waterfront. Visitor Center at 221 King Street.

Alexandra Archaeology Museum
205 North Union St., #207, Alexandria; 703-746-4399; alexandraarcheology.org. Watch city archaeologists reconstruct 13,000 years of local history.

Alexandra Black History Museum
902 Wythe St., Alexandria; 703-746-4556; alexandriamuseum.org/blackhistory. Museum documents the history, culture and contributions of Black Americans.

Alexandra National Cemetery
Wilkins Park Drive, Alexandria; 703-221-2883; service@alexandriacem.com. Military burial grounds with graves of Civil War soldiers.

Alexandria Seaport Foundation Center

The Athenaeum
201 Prince St., Alexandria; 703-740-0015; theathenaeum.org. Once the Bank of Old Dominion, now an art gallery.

Caroline House Historic Park
121 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria; 703-549-2997; mosquepark.com/parks/carlisle-house-historic-park. Beautiful Georgian manor house built in 1753 by city founder.

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Godfrey Tavern Museum
134 N. Royal St., Alexandria; 703-746-4291; godfreytavern.org. Tavern dating back to the time of George Washington.

Contributions and Freedom
Cemetery Memorial
5, 7, 63 Washington St., Alexandria; 703-746-4199, alexandria.gov/freedommemorial. Cemetery for African Americans who fled to Alexandria to escape bondage.

Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site

Fredericksburg 22404
Mile Marker 132, I-95S
Virginia Tourism Corporation Welcome Center
228 S. Pitt St., Alexandria; 703-549-1450; gadsbystavern.org. Established in 1774, home to historic firefighting equipment and exhibits.

Freedom House
107 S. Alfred St., Alexandria; 703-746-3093, alexandria.org/history. Once headquarters for slave traders, now houses fascinating museum.

Friendship Firehouse
271 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria; 703-549-2410; friendshipfirehouse.org. Civil War museum for slave traders, now houses fascinating museum.

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George Washington Masonic Memorial

Great Waves
4001 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria; 703-960-0570; mosquepark.com/waterparks/great-wave-waterpark. Wave pool, four-story water slides, lazy pool, pipe (ice cream).

Ivy Hill Cemetery
2821 King St., Alexandria; 703-549-4740; ivyhillcemetery.org. Cultural programs, lectures and tours available.

Lee-Fendall House
614 Oronoco St., Alexandria; 703-548-1789; leefendallhouse.org. From 1785, home to generations of the Lees of Virginia. $18.00

Lyceum - Alexandria's
History Museum
201 S. Washington St., Alexandria; 703-746-4994; alexandria.org/lyceum. Historical building built in 1839; provides exhibitions, lectures and programs.

National Inventors Hall of Fame & Museum
600 Dulany St., Alexandria; 571-272-0205; invent.org/honors/hall-of-fame-museum. Fascinating facts about everyday inventions that have improved our lives. $15.00

Old Presbyterian Meeting House
325 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria; 703-549-6670; opioid.org. Built in 1775, site of Revolutionary War’s unknown soldier memorial.

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
228 S. Pitt St., Alexandria; 703-549-3012, stpaulsalexandria.org. Designed by U.S. Capital designer Benjamin Latrobe. Consecrated throughout the year.

Talbott–Leatherhead
Apothecary Museum
205-207 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria; 703-746-3852; apothecarymuseum.org. Explore this family-run business with over 30 years of medical history. $10.00

Torpedo Factory Art Center
335 S. Union St., Alexandria; 703-828-4455; torpedofactory.org. More than 160 artists create and sell works of art. $10.00

Visit Alexandria VA.com | #visitALX

Who are we to argue? It turns out that Virginia is home to one of the best small city destinations in the U.S. A nationally designated historic district founded in 1749, Old Town Alexandria hums with independent restaurants and boutiques amidst historic sites and architecture that span 250 years of the American story. At the heart of it all is renowned King Street, a walkable mile that leads to a serene stroll by the waterfront. And with Old Town just minutes away from both Mount Vernon and the monuments of Washington D.C.’s National Mall, it’s the perfect weekend escape that you’re looking for.

Our community and its businesses are committed to high safety standards.
Arlington National Cemetery
Confederate General and Civil War Bivouac
Arho.gov/index.html. Former home of the 858th nps.gov/arho/index.

One Air Force Memorial Dr., Arlington; 800-296-7996;
1100 N Glebe Rd., Suite 1500, Visitors Service
Arlington; 703-289-2500; nps.gov/airm.

American History
Port Royal Museum of Women in the Military Service
Pentagon Memorial
The National 9/11 Memorial and Visitors Center
Brandy Station Battlefield
Little Fork Church

Arlington, Virginia 22202

Visitors Guide

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Northern Virginia

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Inspiriting Places

VA: Diverse and vibrant, Virginia offers a rich tapestry of culture, history, and natural beauty. From the historic sites of the American Revolution to modern Wineries and outdoor adventures, Virginia has something for everyone. Enjoy the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains, explore the vibrant cities of Richmond and Virginia Beach, and indulge in the world-class cuisine and wineries.

Key Features:

- Virginia has the highest concentration of Civil War sites, with 30 battlefields and museums dedicated to this period.
- Virginia is home to 42 National Parks, including the Shenandoah National Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway.
- Virginia's wine country is world-renowned, with over 350 wineries across the state.
- Richmond, Virginia, is home to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, the Virginia Holocaust Museum, and the Virginia Museum of History & Culture.
- Virginia Beach is the second-largest city in the state, famous for its beautiful beaches and outdoor activities.

Historical Highlights:

- George Washington's Boyhood Home at Ferry Farm: A must-visit for history enthusiasts, this site is where George Washington grew up.
- Monticello: Thomas Jefferson's iconic home, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- The American Civil War Museum: A comprehensive look at the nation's most bloodiest conflict.
- Shenandoah National Park: A stunning, 105-mile-long park that traverses the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Wineries:

- A. Smith Bowman Distillery: A historic distillery producing award-winning spirits.
- The Hugh Mercer Artillery: A 1779-era cannon battery that offers a glimpse into Revolutionary War history.
- The James Madison Library: A historic building housing one of the world's most significant collections of James Madison's correspondence.
- The James Madison Museum: A museum dedicated to the life and legacy of the fourth U.S. President.

Outdoor Adventures:

- Blue Ridge Mountains: Explore hiking trails, scenic drives, and outdoor recreation.
- Shenandoah National Park: A haven for hikers, climbers, and nature lovers.
- Virginia Beach: Perfect for sunbathing, swimming, and other beach activities.
- Monticello: Take a tour of Thomas Jefferson's Monticello Estate.

Culinary Delights:

- Virginia's cuisine is diverse, with influences from African, Native American, and European traditions.
- The state is known for its grilled meats, country ham, and fresh seafood.
- Virginia is also home to a significant wine industry, offering a wide variety of wines.

Contact Information:

For more information on Virginia, visit the official website: virginia.org
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY
Includes: Allneck, Anse Lovitt, Dumfries, Haymarket, Manassas, Occoquan, Stafford, Woodbridge

Prince William County Office of Tourism
14400 Bristow Rd, Manassas; 703-725-7000; pricewilliamva.com; Visit Prince William, VA

Buses/Groups Welcome
Pet-Friendly Facility
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Prince William County

Loch Haven School
10504 Godwin Dr, Manassas; 703-355-1791; pwcgov.org/godwin. The 1832 house served as a Civil War hospital.

Beverly Mill/Chapman’s Mill

Brentsville Courthouse
Historic Centre
12229 Bristow Rd, Bristow; 703-355-7899; pwcgov.org/brentsville. Five historic structures that interpret the 1820 town of Brentsville. 540-355-2222.

Bristow Station Battlefield Park

Ball Run Mountains Natural Area Preserve
17401 Beverly Mill Dr, Broad Run; 703-753-2621; lronmountain.org. Easternmost front of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Environmental, historical, educational.

Haymarket Courthouse Historic Centre
15025 Washington St, Haymarket; 703-753-2620; townofhaymarket.org/museum. Interprets the pre-Civil War town that Federal troops burned in 1862.

Historic Dumfries / Merchants Mill
2941 Cameron St, Dumfries; 703-221-2218; historicdumfries.org. The history of Dumfries is illuminated on this family-friendly and interesting tour.

Pennsylvania State Park
1320 Daniel K. Ludwig Dr, Woodbridge; 703-730-8205; visitpwc.com. Enjoy opportunities for leisurely walks and meaningful conversations on the park.

Rappahannock County
Includes: Catlett, Washington

Rappahannock County Civil War Trails

Rappahannock County African American Heritage Center at Scullable School
111 Scullable Rd, Cecilton; 540-821-4979; rchcf.org. An outstanding restored example of the historic “Rosenwald” schools.

The National Museum of Marine Corps
10321 Sudley Manor Dr., Bristow; 703-792-7060; visitpwc.com. Presents a wide range of professional musical and dramatic performances.

The Theatre at Washington, Virginia
293 Gay St, Washington; 540-675-3128; theatreatwashingtonva.com. Presenting a wide range of professional musical and dramatic performances.

Copper Fox Distillery

Beer Pioneer Distillery

Catoctin Creek Distillery

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The Rappahannock Association for the Arts and the Community
320 Gay St, Washington; 540-675-3128, civilwar.visitrappahannockva.com. Major thoroughfares for Union and Confederate forces. 33 miles total.

Rappahannock County Historical Society Museum
320 Gay St., Washington; 540-675-1161; rappahannockhistoricalsociety.org. Museum with local artifacts, genealogy and more. 540-675-1161; rappahannockhistoricalsociety.org.

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