**A NORTHERN VIRGINIA ROAD TRIP**

**I-95**

Interstate 95 (I-95) is the main Interstate Highway on the East Coast of the United States, running from Florida to Maine. The highway is largely parallel to the Atlantic Ocean coast and US 1. I-95 serves the major cities of the Eastern Seaboard and is one of the oldest routes of the Interstate Highway System. With a length of 1,908 miles, I-95 is the longest north–south Interstate and passes through more states than any other Interstate Highway at 15 states with Virginia being the halfway point.

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**Day 1: Arlington**

Situated directly across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C., Arlington features dazzling capital views and important historical sites like Arlington National Cemetery in an urban setting. Discover Arlington’s mix of soaring high-rises and turn-of-the-century homes, high-end shopping and funky boutiques, upscale dining and neighborhood pizza places. Plus, by staying in Arlington, you’ll find average daily rates of up to 20 percent less than those at many downtown Washington hotels with the same great convenience and amenities.

**ITINERARY**

Fuel up with a cup of coffee and avocado toast at one of Rosslyn’s favorite hangouts. Central Coffee Bar serves up lattes, breakfast treats, smoothies by day, and wine and beer by night.

Take a scenic walk along the Mount Vernon Trail to Teddy Roosevelt Island, the only memorial to the 26th president of the United States in the nation’s capital. Explore the 88-acre nature reserve’s upland forests, swamps, and tidal marshes as well as the monuments dedicated to President Roosevelt.

Then take a 15-minute walk to the Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima). Walk around the monument to experience the magnificent work of art and the views of Washington, D.C. Walk to the nearby Netherlands Carillon for an impromptu concert courtesy of the tower’s 50 bronze bells.

Take a break for lunch at the Quarterdeck, a 10-minute walk away. This longtime neighborhood hidden gem packs in the rustic charm along with delicious Maryland Blue Crabs (in season), seafood and down-home sides.
DAY 1: ARLINGTON ITINERARY (CONT’D)

Take a 20-minute stroll on the Custis Trail or a short ride down to Arlington National Cemetery, the tranquil resting place for many of the USA’s fallen heroes. Purchase a ticket at the Welcome Center and take an interpretive trolley tour of the cemetery’s notable graves and sites. Take a moment of silence at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and see the Changing of the Guard, a ritual performed by The Old Guard — the oldest active-duty infantry unit in the U.S. Army.

Walk through the cemetery or ride to the Air Force Memorial, honoring the service and heritage of the men and women in the Air Force. The design of this gleaming three-pronged structure was inspired by the contrails of the Air Force Thunderbirds.

Next make your way over to the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial, a moving tribute to the lives lost there during the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. Walk among the trees and take in a moment of silence. Walk from the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial through the pedestrian tunnel leading to Fashion Centre at Pentagon City to explore more than 170 restaurants and stores.

Head out for a night on the town in Arlington’s Clarendon neighborhood. Sit down to dinner at Ambar for modern Balkan small plates and a craft cocktail, or dine on American fare with European influences at Green Pig Bistro. Grab a nightcap at Don Tito or catch live music at Whitlow’s on Wilson.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

• Tour the Pentagon, headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defense
• Dine in the Village at Shirlington and enjoy a show at Signature Theatre
• Spend an afternoon at the Ballston Quarter entertainment district
• Bike ride along the Potomac River to Gravelly Point Park to watch airplanes at Washington Reagan National Airport
• Visit the Women in Military Service for America Memorial

Day 2: Fairfax County

In Fairfax County, you’ll love being able to Connect with America! Located just minutes from Washington, DC, Fairfax County places you in the heart of the many sites and attractions the Capital Region has to offer. You’ll discover a whole new world of wonderful places to explore — from incredible historic sites to the very best shopping around. Come visit us to see it all and make the most out of your trip to Northern Virginia.

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Start with visiting a president’s home at George Washington’s Mount Vernon. The #1 most visited historic estate in the United States welcomes more than one million visitors per year. In addition to the mansion tour, make time for the immersive 4-D Revolutionary War film and Be Washington, an award-winning new interactive experience that puts you in the boots of George Washington as commander in chief or president as you face the leadership challenges he confronted. Stop by for a meal at the Mount Vernon Inn - a restaurant that serves up dishes from Washington’s lifetime, including Virginia’s famous peanut soup recipe and a really delicious pot pie! Nearby, you’ll find Washington’s other passion, his Distillery and Gristmill. Learn from the master distiller how Washington made his famous rye whiskey and buy some at the gift store.
DAY 2: FAIRFAX COUNTY ITINERARY (CONT’D)

Soak in art at the Workhouse Arts Center. Formerly the historic D.C. Workhouse and Reformatory, the Workhouse is now home to 65 of the region’s finest professional and emerging artists. The 55-acre campus features cooperative studios, performance and theater venues, dedicated gallery space, and event facilities. Groups can enjoy a variety of artist-led workshops including ceramics drawing, eco art, glassblowing, theatre improv and dance. For a truly unique meal experience, groups can participate in a thrilling Murder Mystery Meal!

Next, head into outer space by way of the Smithsonian’s National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center. The center is a companion facility to the Museum on the National Mall in Washington, DC. Together they house the world’s largest aviation and space collection. Discover rare artifacts of aerospace like planes, rockets, and satellites and highlights like the Space Shuttle Discovery. Insider tip: Visit the Donald D. Engen Tower to watch planes land and take off and enjoy a 360-degree bird’s eye view of Washington Dulles International Airport and the surrounding area.

Unwind with world-class live music and dinner at Wolf Trap, the nation’s only National Park dedicated to the performing arts. Offering year-round concerts for every musical taste, enjoy a picnic under the stars in the summer or cozy up in the intimate Barns at Wolf Trap in winter.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Visit the NEW National Museum of the United States Army - opening in June 2020
- Experience the great outdoors by visiting Great Falls Park or Meadowlark Gardens
- Indulge in some retail therapy and a meal at Tysons Corner Center, coined the “Rodeo Drive of the East Coast”
- Enjoy wine tasting with a scenic view at The Winery at Bull Run
- Visit a Founding Father’s home, George Mason’s Gunston Hall to learn about his civic career and the lasting influences of his most famous document, The Virginia Declaration of Rights

Day 3: Prince William County

Located 30 miles outside Washington, D.C., Prince William is best known for Manassas National Battlefield, Historic Occoquan, Marine Corps Base Quantico. Home of the National Museum of the Marine Corps and Quantico National Cemetery, over 25 Civil War sites and museums, historic towns with unique dining and boutique shops, and world-class shopping at Potomac Mills. The area spans from the Bull Run Mountains in the west to the stunning shores of the Potomac River in the east.

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Receive a warm welcome to Occoquan by Mayor, Earnie Porta, Jr. Enjoy a guided tour of the quaint riverside town as he highlights the history and unique details of Occoquan. Discover stories of the historic buildings and how the town got its name. After, get a taste of Occoquan’s best culinary creations and libations during an Occoquan Progressive Meal. Start off at Bottle Stop with a delicious appetizer and glass of wine. Choose from starters like their Parmesan-Asiago Dip or the seared buffalo & smoked chipotle sausage bathed in cheddar-beer sauce. Before you leave, browse their collection of small production wines and craft beer from around the world to take home.

Take a scenic stroll along the water down to Madigan’s Waterfront for your main course. Enjoy a platter featuring a mini crab cake, chicken salad filled pastry cup & filet of tilapia topped with chopped tomatoes & basil with a balsamic glaze served on seasoned flatbread.
DAY 3: PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY ITINERARY (CONT’D)

Before or after your entree course, So Olive can provide a tasting and education about their unique olive oils, such as the blood orange fused olive oil. As you spend some time exploring the unique shops around town, peruse their selection of over 20 different flavors of olive oil and balsamic vinegar for use at home.

Board Miss Rivershore for a tour along the river and take in the beautiful scenery as your captain highlights details about the real estate and boats along the journey. For dessert, choose from one of the many decadent flavors of hand crafted pastry from Mom’s Apple Pie. Enjoy a slice of Bourbon Walnut or Virginia Blackberry pie as you sail along the Occoquan River.

End your day by traveling to Brew Republic Bierwerks where you’ll discover the brewing process from start to finish. Get a behind the scenes look at their facility and taste their most recent ales and lagers.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITES

- Indulge in a personal tour, tasting and a meal with the owners at MurLarkey Distilled Spirits
- Honor our once forgotten Veterans with a flag placement ceremony at Quantico National Cemetery and the Missing In America Project
- Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of Marines in action at the National Museum of the Marine Corps
- Discover a Civil War Hospital and experience a musket firing demonstration at Ben Lomond Historic Site
- Participate in a wine blending class at Effingham Manor & Winery and end with a blending competition amongst your group

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