

EXTRAORDINARY

# Alexandria



On the Potomac River within eyesight of Washington, DC, stroll the streets of Old Town Alexandria, recognized for its role in American history as George Washington's hometown, and find an extraordinary backdrop for unique boutiques, award-winning dining, a bustling art scene at world famous sites like the Torpedo Factory Art Center and vibrant night-life nestled amidst a beautifully-preserved architectural landscape.

Experience the city's rich past, and trace the steps of key figures in America's history as you wind through this insider itinerary, tasting and exploring extraordinary Alexandria.

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## Day 1:

Begin your day following George Washington's path with a guided tour, pausing in Gadsby's Tavern Museum, the president's drinking spot of choice, Christ Church, where Washington worshiped, and the Stabler Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, one of the oldest pharmacies in America. Consider stopping into Gadsby's for lunch, as the former tavern is still a favorite restaurant for locals and visitors.

Wander up Old Town's famous King Street, lined with local boutiques and award-winning restaurants whose independent spirit has continued thriving since the city's founding in 1749. At the top of King Street, visit the George Washington Masonic Memorial and view Washington artifacts, learn of the first president's role as a Freemason and take the elevator to the top for views of the city.

For dinner, try Vermillion, whose classic American dishes have been taste-tested by President Obama and the First Lady on Valentine's Day, before ending your night with presidential entertainment at the Grille at Morrison House, listening to the lively piano music with the former White House pianist from the Richard Nixon to Bill Clinton years.

## Day 2:

If it's Saturday, you're in luck – throughout the year, the Old Town Farmers Market—thought to be one of the oldest continually operating farmers markets in America—takes over Market Square, filled with fresh, locally-grown produce even George Washington would send from his Mount Vernon estate, plus handmade arts and crafts, meats and cheeses. Browse the stalls and pick out goodies before heading to brunch at Jackson 20, named for former president Andrew Jackson, whose face appears on the \$20 bill.

Stroll down to the waterfront and rent a bicycle before winding along the Potomac River to George Washington's Mount Vernon, the first stop in the Presidents Passport program, a presidential trail extending to three historic estates once belonging to American presidents including Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. Tour the centuries-old grounds, including Washington's tomb, the waterfront mansion and nearby Distillery and Gristmill, viewing the first president's original bedrooms and personal belongings.

Catch a boat back to Old Town for dinner and delight in an upscale spin on traditional diner food at the Majestic, where the Obamas have dined. Still awake? Head over to Ireland's Own Pub for a pint and toast to Ronald Reagan, who made a surprise visit on St. Patrick's Day in 1988.

## Day 3:

Delight in a traditional breakfast at Union Street Public House, a converted 18th century warehouse whose eats have been served to First Families. Rent a car and continue along the Presidents Passport trail with a scenic two-hour drive to Thomas Jefferson's Monticello. Browse the grounds, viewing personal belongings once treasured by important historical figures, before exploring Charlottesville, the bustling city surrounding Thomas Jefferson's estate. Embark on a leisurely drive back to Alexandria through the gorgeous countryside or book a hotel in Charlottesville for an evening of fine cuisine in an intimate town.



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