



Northern Virginia – The Perfect Spot for Affordable, Last Minute Summer Getaways

Fairfax County, VA – June 15, 2012 – Visit Fairfax (www.fxva.com) invites everyone to reconnect with the passions in your life this summer in Northern Virginia. Located just west of Washington, DC, and easily accessible by all modes of transportation, it's not too late to start planning a trip while the weather's still warm.

Connect with Culture

A vast, vibrant and bustling area, Fairfax County surprises with art and culture ensconced in a charm that provides for retreat and relaxation. The region is home to award-winning wineries, world-renowned shopping, and an array of restaurant options to appease any palate – from critically acclaimed fine dining rooms to hole-in-the-wall ethnic joints. Summer also is the perfect time to enjoy concerts on the lawn at Wolf Trap, the country's only national park for the performing arts, or to explore the visual art exhibits on display at the Workhouse Arts Center.

Connect with History

Fairfax County is an essential destination for anyone even remotely interested in American history. Visitors can soak up the solemn hush of nearby Civil War battlefields, tour the grand estate of the country's first president at Mount Vernon, or stroll amongst the majestic monuments along the National Mall in downtown Washington, DC. In a single day, one can go from learning what 18th century life was like on a real working farm at Claude Moore Colonial Farm to standing in the shadows of some of the most iconic aircraft of our time, including the *Enola Gay*, a Concorde turbojet, and the space shuttle *Discovery*, at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center.

Connect with Fun

With more than 30,000 acres of land dedicated to national and state parks, waterparks, hike and bike trails, playgrounds and recreation areas, kids of every age – from the young to the young-at-heart – can find a way to play in Fairfax County.

For a full calendar of events, attractions and tools to help plan a trip to Fairfax County, VA, visit www.fxva.com/seedoplan.

Visit Fairfax is the official tourism organization for Fairfax County, Virginia. Charged with destination marketing and tourism promotion, it is directed by many of the County's top tourism and hospitality leaders. For more information on deals, events and more, download the free Visit Fairfax app at www.fxva.com/mobile.

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