# ONE DESTINATION. COUNTLESS ADVENTURES.



Picture Charlie Company's 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion in Fairfax County



## **Fairfax County is the Right Choice**

Choosing Fairfax County as the base camp for 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron / 4<sup>th</sup> Calvary Association's 2020 reunion puts you in the center of Northern Virginia and the Washington Capital Region. Your attendees will literally be surrounded by some of the country's most significant military monuments and memorials to our armed forces, honoring the men and women who serve our country. What better way to pay tribute to your 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration than choosing a destination that offers 3<sup>rd</sup> Squad / 4<sup>th</sup> Cav the opportunity to experience first-hand these one-of-a-kind attractions.













because you never want to forget why you met in the first place.



## **Why Northern Virginia?**

It was a pleasure getting to know you and Charlie Company. It is important for us to understand what makes your reunion unique so that we can provide a unique solution to making your annual gathering a success. Based on our earlier conversations and our understanding of your top priorities, we believe that Fairfax County is the right choice for your reunion. Here's why:

**1. Charlie Company Priority:** Attendance has fallen off in recent years for a number of reasons. This year is an opportunity to re-energize your group for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary gathering.

**Why Northern Virginia:** You're starting off on the right foot! When compared to other destinations, we often see an increase in attendance for reunions taking place in Fairfax County because of the built-in interest in the many monuments and memorials dedicated to the military in our area. Additionally, our team will work with you to help market your 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary event by providing a variety of resources to support your message including:

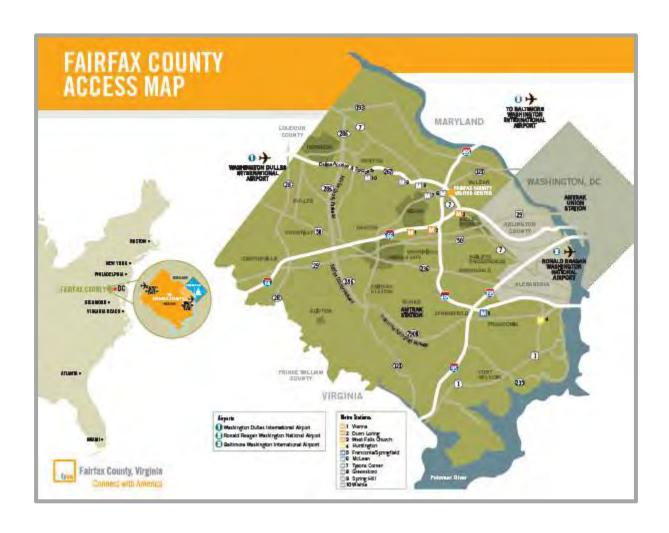
- Destination imagery to help "sell" the area
- Assistance with writing engaging copy for your event
- Building a custom webpage that will help promote both the destination and your event
- Digital web tools that will help increase excitement about the destination through an interactive visitor app, a free downloadable visitor guide, and a virtual "tour" of Northern Virginia

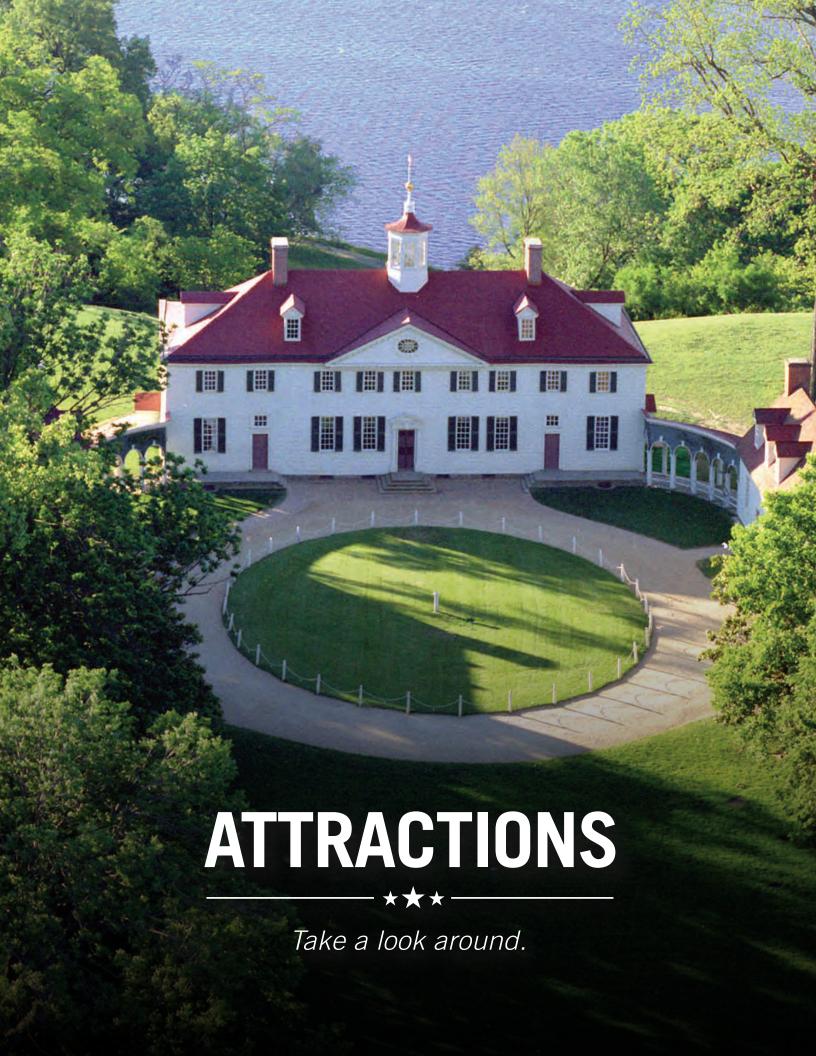
2. Charlie Company Priority: finding a hotel partner that understands military reunions.

**Why Northern Virginia:** Fairfax County is one of the most popular destinations for reunions and has hosted hundreds of them. Our hotels understand that no two reunions are exactly alike. We are ready to use our vast experience to create a unique and one-of-a-kind event for your 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. To start:

- Charlie Company will have six (6) proprietary shuttle runs to the Metro to bring your officers to the Metrorail station at time that is most convenient for them.
- Signs welcoming Charlie Company will be placed throughout the hotel.
- Private breakfast dining space will be reserved for Charlie Company each day with affordable menu pricing for full American Breakfast.
- **3. Charlie Company Priority:** An affordable destination that will not be cost prohibitive.

**Why Northern Virginia:** Because of our central location offering multiple transportation options, Fairfax County is easy to get to by Plane, Train, and Automobile. By choosing Fairfax County, Charlie Company will be providing your attendees with a variety of affordable transportation options from which to choose. Northern Virginia is easily drivable for people coming from many different locations. Because we are flanked by two major airports, with a third international airport also nearby, your attendees can choose the **best** flight at the most **affordable** price – **because they have options**.







MARYLAND

FAIRFAX COUNT VIRGINIA

**George Washington's** 

Mount Vernon — Once home to the first president of the U.S., Mount Vernon is now the most visited historic estate in America. Enjoy tours of the estate, distillery and gristmill, blacksmith shop and more.

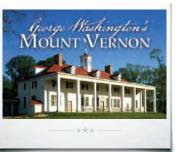
National Air and Space Museum
Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center — Enter the spectacular 10-story high hangar filled with thousands of air and space artifacts, including some of the most famous aircraft and spacecraft in the world.

**Wolf Trap** — The only national park for the performing arts, Wolf Trap offers concerts for every musical taste. Picnic under the stars in summer or cozy up in the intimate Barns in winter.

**Workhouse Arts Center** — This former prison is now a dynamic studio space for 65 artists working on site. Enjoy exhibits, concerts, theatrical performances and a variety of art classes.

**Wineries** — Visit both award-winning Paradise Springs Winery and The Winery at Bull Run or any of the additional 80 wineries in Northern Virginia.

**Shopping** — Be sure to leave ample time for shopping! Fairfax County offers some of the best shopping on the East Coast — from over 450 stores and restaurants in the Tysons Corner shopping area to boutique and one-of-a-kind shops.













## 25 FAIRFAX COUNTY ADVENTURES



From birding to breweries, art to artifacts, Fairfax County is your perfect home base no matter what kind of trip you are planning. And, with more than 100 hotels, from budget to 4-star, it's always easy to find a place to stay.

LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE EAST COAST

NEW YORK •
4.5 hours, 245 miles

**BOSTON** •

PHILADELPHIA

2 hours, 140 miles

#### HISTORY & MUSEUMS

- 1. Claude Moore Colonial Farm
- 2. Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House
- 3. George Washington's Mount Vernon
- 4. George Mason's Gunston Hall
- 5. Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center
- 6. Sully Historic Site
- 7. Woodlawn Historic Site

#### ARTS & CULTURE

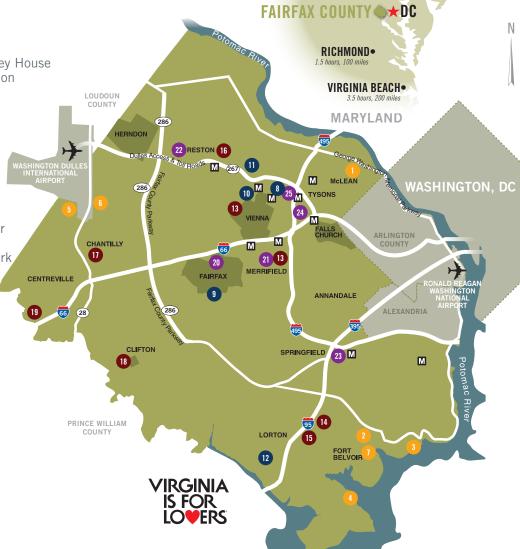
- 8. 1st Stage Tysons
- 9. George Mason University's Center for the Arts
- 10. Korean Bell Garden at Meadowlark
- 11. Wolf Trap
- 12. Workhouse Arts Center

#### WINERIES & BREWERIES

- 13. Caboose Brewing Co.
- 14. Fair Winds Brewing Company
- 15. Forge Brew Works
- 16. Lake Anne Brew House
- 17. Mustang Sally Brewing Company
- 18. Paradise Springs Winery
- 19. The Winery at Bull Run

#### SHOPPING & DINING

- 20. Fair Oaks Mall
- 21. Mosaic District
- 22. Reston Town Center
- 23. Springfield Town Center
- 24. Tysons Corner Center
- 25. Tysons Galleria



#### SEASONAL FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE				
Udvar-Hazy Center Open House	City of Fairfax Chocolate Lovers Festival	National Cherry Blossom Festival	Mason Neck Eagle Festival	Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival	Celebrate Fairfax Festival				
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER				
Outdoor Concerts at Wolf Trap	Workhouse Brewfest	Mount Vernon Fall Wine Festival & Sunset Tour	Cox Farms Fall Festival	Reston Town Center Holidays are Here! Celebration	Christmas Illuminations at Mount Vernon				



Discover the real George Washington at Mount Vernon! In addition to being America's most visited historic estate, the site now includes 25 interactive galleries and theaters. The Ford Orientation Center and the Donald W. Reynolds Museum & Education Center feature artifacts, original movies, hands-on exhibits, and an immersive Revolutionary War "snow" experience. Learn about Washington's life, from his boyhood to his wartime service, agricultural entrepreneurship, and his presidency. Tour the beautifully restored mansion, four distinctive gardens, and get a glimpse of Mount Vernon as a working farm.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Mount Vernon is not only the first President's home, it is also the most visited historic estate in the country.
- The expert docents onsite will introduce you to the real George Washington: Soldier, Farmer, Statesman, Business Man, and President.
- Nearby, Washington's Distillery and Gristmill transport you back to the 18th century to see working examples of Washington's businesses.



#### **GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MOUNT VERNON**

3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway Mount Vernon, VA 22121 Phone: 703-780-2000

Web: www.mountvernon.org

Hours of Operation: Open 365 days a year!

See website for today's hours.

#### **ONSITE FACILITIES/ACTIVITIES:**

- Onsite Meeting Facilities
- Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant serving lunch and dinner
- The Food Court Pavilion
- Specialty and Private Tours Available (seasonal)
- Sightseeing River Cruise (seasonal)
- Group Reservations Available
- Nearby: George Washington's Distillery & Gristmill

# WASHINGTON, DC WASHINGTON, DC FAIRFAX COUNTY VIRGINIA

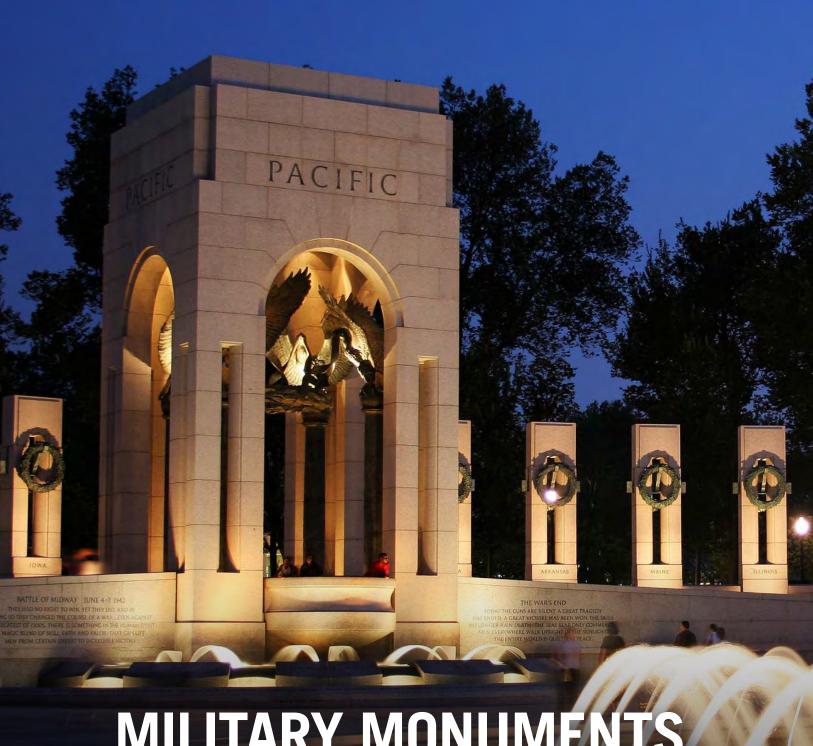
#### **UNIQUE EXPERIENCES AT MOUNT VERNON:**

- One of the nation's most beloved historic sites, Mount Vernon offers a glimpse into 18th-century plantation life through beautiful gardens and grounds, intriguing museum exhibits, and immersive programs honoring George Washington's life and legacy.
- Experience the drama of life at Valley Forge through Mount Vernon's 4D "snow experience" in the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center.
- The Education Center offers a range of experiences as it traces Washington's life story through state-of-the-art gallery displays and History Channel videos while the Museum offers insight into George and Martha Washington's tastes, style, and personalities through over 500 objects in seven galleries.
- Washington's 21-room mansion has been meticulously restored to its appearance in 1799. Walk through the first and second floors where history interpreters share stories about the house and its residents.
- Mount Vernon's Estate features many outbuildings where essential operations—such as laundry, spinning, and meat curing—were performed. Explore more than a dozen of these small structures, including a working blacksmith shop with daily demonstrations.
- Mount Vernon's Slave Memorial sits on the site of the cemetery for slaves and free blacks who worked at Mount Vernon during the 1700s and early to mid 1800s. You can reflect on the contributions of the enslaved while viewing the memorial, which was dedicated in 1983.
- The drive to Mount Vernon, down the George Washington Memorial Parkway, is one of the area's most beautiful. The GW parkway, part of the National Park system itself, ends at the first President's historic home.
- In his day, Washington was the biggest manufacturer of whiskey in the nation. You can purchase Washington's whiskey at the Mount Vernon gift shop, or visit Washington's Distillery to see how his whiskey was made in the 18th century.

MEETING/EVENT FACILITIES:	BANQUET	RECEPTION	MEETING
East Lawn	1200	1200	n/a
The Donald W. Reynolds Museum & Education Center	100	300	n/a
Ford Orientation Center	300	400	n/a
Robert H. & Clarice Smith Auditorium	n/a	n/a	200
Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant	15-300	15-300	n/a

#### OTHER INFORMATION:

- Ample, complimentary parking, including motorcoach parking, is available every day at Mount Vernon.
- Mount Vernon's expanded shuttle service makes it easy to reach the distillery and gristmill site from the main estate.
- Group dining vouchers are available for the Food Court.
- The Shops at Mount Vernon offer unique gifts, reproductions of Mount Vernon treasures, and colonial toys and games.
- Download the free Mount Vernon app for audio tours and a scavenger hunt.



# MILITARY MONUMENTS, MEMORIALS & ATTRACTIONS

Take pride in our history.







**Vietnam Veterans Memorial** — This haunting memorial lists the names of the 58,178 Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice during the war in Vietnam on a black, granite wall. Visitors to "The Wall," as it is often called, frequently leave personal tributes to those represented on the sweeping structure.

**World War II Memorial** — The Memorial honors the 16 million Americans who served, the more than 400,000 who died, and all who supported the war effort at home. The memorial is a monument to the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the American people.

**George Washington's Mount Vernon** — General Washington's historic home remains the most visited historic estate in the country and is a tribute to the man, the soldier, the farmer, and the entrepreneur. A visit to President Washington's tomb located on the grounds is a must-see for any visit to the region.

National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center— Enter the 10-story hangar filled with thousands of air and spacecraft, including some of the most famous military aircraft ranging from World War I to today. You'll also see the space shuttle *Discovery*, the grande dame of the orbiter fleet with more missions completed than any other.

**Dining** — Fairfax County is home to an incredible array of restaurants including many that welcome groups and are happy to accommodate a range of price needs. And with ample parking typically available, they are ready to welcome your group!

**Civil War History** — During the early years of the Civil War, Fairfax County found itself at a crossroads between the Union and Confederate armies. Consequently, the region's most famous Civil War sites are easy driving distance from the heart of Fairfax. Together, they tell of America's journey through one of our most trying times.

**Korean War Memorial** — With its Pool of Remembrance and the triangular Field of Service, the memorial depicts 19 soldiers on the field of combat. Engraved on granite blocks near the water pool of the monument are the statistics for the soldiers who served and died along with the reminder that "Freedom is not Free."

**Washington, DC** — Through its many monuments, memorials, and museums, Washington, DC pays tribute to our military branches like no other. Most of these incredible tributes to our service branches and our legendary leaders are open to the public for absolutely no cost.

















## A PATRIOT'S TOUR OF THE CAPITAL REGION



Located just west of the nation's capital, Fairfax County is home to major historical and cultural sites. Washington, DC is just a short Metro ride away. Plus, with more than 100 hotels to fit every budget, it's always easy to find a great place to reunite with your buddies.



#### SEASONAL FESTIVALS AND EVENTS MARCH **APRIL** JUNE JANUARY **FEBRUARY** MAY Udvar-Hazv City of Fairfax **National Cherry** Mason Neck Vintage Virginia **Outdoor Concerts** Center Open **Chocolate Lovers** Blossom Festival Wine & Food Eagle Festival at Wolf Trap House Festival Festival JULY AUGUST OCTOBER NOVEMBER **SEPTEMBER** DECEMBER An American Workhouse Herndon Mount Vernon Fall Reston Town Center Meadowlark BrewFest Labor Day Wine Festival & Holidays are Here! Gardens' Winter Celebration at Mount Vernon Festival Sunset Tour Celebration Walk of Lights

17. The Winery at Bull Run

Nearby: Over 80 wineries within

Northern Virginia



# NORTH AND SOUTH

Visit the epicenter of the American Civil War.



**Historic Blenheim** — Hidden in the attic of this brick farmhouse, historians found a "diary on walls." Over 100 haunting signatures, works of art, and poems created by Union soldiers provide insight into their lives during the Civil War.

**Sully Historic Site** — The home of Richard Bland Lee, Northern Virginia's first congressman, tells the story of divided loyalties during the Civil War. Educational programs, craft demonstrations, and living history events are offered throughout the year, highlighting the early 19th century life of the Lee Family, tenant farmers, and enslaved African Americans.

**Arlington National Cemetery** — The resting place of so many of our service men and women is inextricably linked to the most famous Civil War General, Robert E. Lee, and his family's ancestral home, Arlington House. During the Civil War, the plantation was transformed into an army encampment by Union soldiers and ultimately into the cemetery that it is today.

**Manassas National Battlefield Park** — The site of two major Civil War battles, Manassas National Battlefield Park comprises more than 5,000 acres of terrain where visitors can walk in the footsteps of the Union and Confederate soldiers who fought and died there.

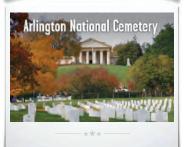
**Ox Hill Battlefield Park** — Site of the historic Civil War battle in which two Union generals perished and thousands of casualties were suffered by both sides, Ox Hill is part of the Virginia Civil War Trails program.

**Historic Fairfax Courthouse** — The building you see today was fully restored in 1967 and serves as the Fairfax Circuit Court Historic Records Center. During the Civil War, this building was occupied by both Union and Confederate troops.

**National Firearms Museum** — Home to one of the most extensive firearms collections in the country, this spacious museum includes Civil War-era firearms manufactured on both sides of the Mason-Dixon Line.

**The Winery at Bull Run** — Voted one of Virginia's Top 10 Favorite Tasting Rooms, the land that this winery currently occupies not only offers great Virginia wine, but also served as a hospital site during both battles of Manassas. Today, visitors to the winery can see historic buildings and artifacts while enjoying samples from Virginia's wine country.

















#### STAND WHERE BROTHER FOUGHT BROTHER.



With the Union capital of Washington to the east and the Confederate capital of Richmond to the south, Fairfax County was firmly in the center of the Civil War conflict and was the site of several important battles. Today, Northern Virginia is home to multiple museums, Civil War battle sites, and poignant historic venues





Potomac Rive

National Museum of Civil War Medicine

(44 miles NW of Fairfax County)





#### **ACTIVITIES**

There are so many, many wonderful visitor experiences awaiting Charlie Company as you celebrate your 20 year reunion! There is something for everyone in Northern Virginia:

- Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center: this
  incredible museum is home to a number of aircraft that were flown during the
  Vietnam War. You will also see the space shuttle Discovery, the Grande Dame
  of the orbiter fleet.
- George Washington's Mount Vernon: One of the most moving visitor experiences available in the region is placing a wreath at the tomb of General and Mrs. Washington. We would be delighted to help you connect with the folks at Mount Vernon for Charlie Company.
- Golf: We know that many of your attendees will want to hit the links while they are in town. Northern Virginia is home to a number of outstanding courses.
- Wineries & Breweries: Fairfax County is the gateway to Virginia's wine country and is also now home to over 10 breweries. Our visitor services team would love to help you plan an excursion.
- Something for the Gals: for your better halves, the area offers many wonderful experiences for a spouse program.
- **Dining:** Northern Virginia offers an incredible array of dining options from family-friendly to international fine dining, we've got you covered!







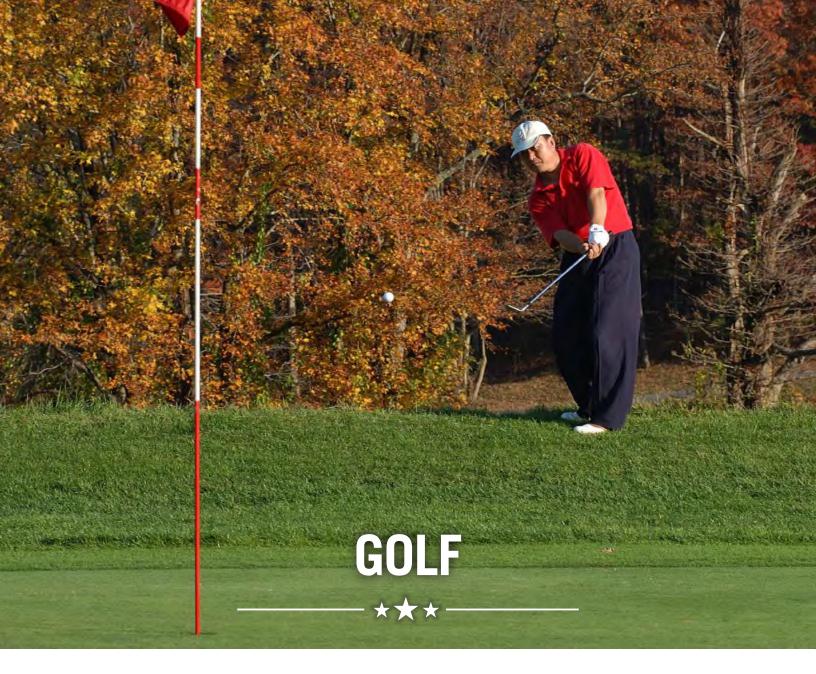
#### THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER

We understand that your Thursday Night Dinner is an important tradition for Charlie Company. We believe that the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion needs to top them all! And a Smithsonian Museum is just the place to do it.

The Museum offers a one-of-a-kind backdrop that will have your folks talking for years to come. We'd like to connect you with their special events team at your convenience.







Golf is a lifetime sport, and Fairfax County's Park Authority gives golfers the opportunity of a lifetime to play through the seasons on quality courses at affordable prices. From par-three to championship length, the County offers courses to suit beginner and expert golfers alike. All courses are professionally designed and carefully maintained to provide the finest golfing in Northern Virginia. And nearby courses have hosted some of America's premier golf events. And for those who are not interested in an entire 18-hole experience, Fairfax County has a number of great mini-golf courses and several fun driving ranges including Topgolf: a bar/restaurant/driving range/mini-golf combo that is fun for the entire family.

#### NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION GOLF COURSES

- Feature premier courses designed by golf legends including Robert Trent Jones, Jr., Fred Couples, Jack Nicklaus, and Greg Norman.
- Offer convenient proximity that is still far enough away from the hustle and bustle of Metropolitan Washington.
- Have hosted some of golf's most prestigious events including the President's Cup, the U.S. Open, the PGA Championship, the Senior PGA Championship, the Quicken Loans National, and the U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship.
- Rank among the nation's best, yet offer affordable rates in many cases.



Fairfax County is the gateway to Virginia's nationally regarded wine country. As home to the first two wineries outside of DC, visitors can explore more than 80 nearby wineries in Northern Virginia, some of which are also historic landmarks. And our breweries are taking craft brew to a new level. Hop on one of our local wine or brew tours and enjoy the beauty of the Virginia countryside while sampling the local wine and craft brew scene.

#### FAIRFAX COUNTY IS HOME TO

- Paradise Springs Winery
- The Winery at Bull Run
- Aslin Beer Company
- Caboose Brewing Company
- Fair Winds Brewing Co.

- Forge Brew Works
- Gordon Biersch
- Lake Anne Brew House
- Mustang Sally Brewing Company
- Sweetwater Tavern



**Upscale Dining** — Beautiful surroundings. Excellent service. Gorgeous presentation. Savor hand-crafted gourmet cuisine from some of the region's award-winning chefs.

**Global Cuisine** — Take your taste buds on a tour around the world without ever leaving Virginia. Fairfax County boasts an exceptional array of globally-inspired cuisine, from French and Russian to Afghan and Ethiopian.

**Romantic Restaurants** — Create lasting memories and connect with that special someone as you dine by candlelight at one of Fairfax County's more intimate restaurants.

**Craft Brew** — From lagers and IPAs to porters and stouts, quench your thirst as you visit any of Fairfax County's breweries or explore more than 60 in the region.

**Virginia Wine Country** — Fairfax County serves as the gateway to Virginia's wine country. The county is home to two awardwinning breweries that are closest to Washington, DC, and a short drive to dozens of others in Northern Virginia.

**Classic American** — From upscale to casual, Fairfax County is home to hundreds of great American-cuisine restaurants to satisfy every appetite and budget.

**Farm-to-Table** — Enjoy the freshest ingredients and the most interesting culinary combinations in specialty restaurants that source their own gardens and even their own honey bees!

**Celebrity Chefs** — Some of the nation's most talented chefs share their fare in Fairfax County including Chef Geoff, Jennifer Carroll, and Mike Isabella.

















## A CULINARY WORLD TOUR OF THE CAPITAL REGION



Fairfax County offers all the culinary variety you'd expect being so close to a cosmopolitan city, combined with an amazing variety of fresh local ingredients from nearby farms. Whatever your appetite, you'll find plenty of options to please your palate.



#### **JANUARY FEBRUARY** MARCH **APRIL** JUNE MAY Northern Virginia **National Cherry** Vintage Virginia DC Restaurant City of Fairfax Taste of Blossom Festival Wine & Food Week **Chocolate Lovers** Restaurant Week Reston Festival Festival JULY AUGUST **SEPTEMBER** OCTOBER NOVEMBER **DECEMBER** Workhouse Mount Vernon Fall Northern Virginia Cooking Classes **Gingerbread Decorating** Truckeroo – Wine Festival & Fall Brewfest at the Workhouse at The Ritz-Carlton, Food Truck **Brewfest** Sunset Tour Arts Center Tysons Corner Festival





**Dining** — Take your taste buds on a tour around the world without ever leaving Virginia. Fairfax County boasts an exceptional array of globally-inspired cuisine.

**Wine Country** — Fairfax County is home to two award-winning wineries, which offer you a tranquil escape to the countryside just minutes from Washington, DC.

**Spas** — Relax. Refresh. Reward yourself at the end of the day in one of Fairfax County's award-winning spas. These retreats give you a chance to indulge in superior personal service within Zenlike ambiance that is perfect for you and your friends.

**The Arts** — Fairfax County is home to an exceptional collection of venues showcasing the arts. Have fun discovering boutique galleries featuring local artists. And the truly unique Lorton Workhouse Arts Center is a marvel of mixed media artists.

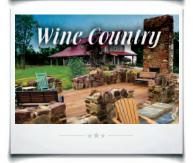
**Performances** — Time to rock! Or time to listen to the amazing sounds of the National Symphony Orchestra on the grounds of Wolf Trap, the nation's only national park dedicated to the performing arts.

**Gardens** — Along the Potomac River lies one of the best kept secrets in Northern Virginia — a collection of gardens groomed by master horticulturalists that tell the story of the history and natural beauty of Virginia.

**Washington, DC** — From iconic monuments, museums and memorials to signature restaurants and nightlife, Fairfax County's close proximity to the Nation's Capital puts history and fun at your fingertips.

















#### THE GIRLFRIEND'S GUIDE TO GETTING AWAY IN FAIRFAX COUNTY



Start your day with a latte and shopping at Tysons Corner, then unwind at one of the many day spas in the area before you head out for some wine tasting. Or spend a day seeing some of the region's most beautiful botanical gardens before catching a show at The State Theatre. The possibilities for the perfect getaway are endless!

# GARDENS1. George Washington's Mount Vernon2. Green Spring Gardens3. George Mason's Gunston Hall

4. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens & Korean Bell Garden

5. River Farm

#### HANDS-ON STUDIOS

- 6. Kiln & Co. Pottery Studio (2 locations)
- 7. McLean Project for the Arts
- 8. Muse Paintbar
- 9. Pinot's Palette Paint and Sip Studio
- 10. The Workhouse Arts Center

#### PERFORMING ARTS

- 11. 1st Stage Tysons
- 12. George Mason University's Center for the Arts
- 13. Jammin' Java
- 14. NextStop Theatre Company
- 15. Reston CenterStage
- 16. The Alden
- 17. The State Theatre
- 18. Wolf Trap

#### SHOPPING

- 19. Fair Oaks Mall
- 20. Fairfax Corner
- 21. Mosaic District
- 22. Reston Town Center
- 23. Springfield Town Center
- 24. Tysons Corner Center
- 25. Tysons Galleria

#### SPAS

- 26. The Day Spa at The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner
- 27. The Red Door by Elizabeth Arden (3 locations)

#### WINERIES

- 28. Paradise Springs Winery
- 29. The Winery at Bull Run

Nearby: Over 90 wineries within Northern Virginia



#### UNIQUE EXPERIENCES IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

Afternoon Tea at The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner

Private Shopping Experience at Tysons Corner Center Winery or Brewery Tour with Reston Limousine

The annual Bluebell Walk at Riverbend Park

A unique cooking class at The Workhouse Arts Center National Cherry Blossom Festival

A picnic under the stars at one of Wolf Trap's summer concerts







#### FAIRFAX COUNTY TRANSPORTATION

Get here from anywhere

#### **PLANES**

Fairfax County is conveniently located between two major airports: Washington Dulles International (IAD) in the west and Ronald Reagan Washington National (DCA) in the east. Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall (BWI) is about 45 miles away. With three great airport options, you can compare flights for both convenience and affordability.

#### **TRAINS**

Amtrak offers passenger rail service between Union Station in Washington, DC, and major eastern cities, with connections to other areas. The AutoTrain is available from Lorton, VA, to Sanford, FL. You can also take Amtrak's Northeast Regional line from parts of Southern Virginia (such as Lynchburg or Norfolk) straight to Burke Centre in Fairfax County.

Additionally, the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) offers rail service with two lines. One originates in Manassas and the other in Fredericksburg; both run to and from Union Station in Washington, DC, with five stops in Fairfax County.

#### **AUTOMOBILES**

Visitors who choose to drive to Fairfax County and the National Capital region can use four major interstates. I-66, I-95, I-395, and I-495 all run through Fairfax County and are the main transportation arteries by which many people arrive.



#### **GETTING AROUND**

#### **METRORAIL AND METROBUS**

Metrorail is not just a convenient way to access many of the region's most memorable attractions — it's part of the vacation experience itself! There are 10 Metrorail stations within Fairfax County, many of which also offer daily parking facilities and bicycle racks. In 2020, Metro plans to expand, adding additional stops in Reston and Herndon, as well as a stop at Washington Dulles International Airport. Metrobus operates routes in many parts of Fairfax County and at all Metrorail stations.

#### **FAIRFAX CONNECTOR**

Another great option for bus service is the Fairfax Connector, which provides service from many Metrorail stations as well as great attractions such as George Washington's Mount Vernon; the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center; and world-class shopping or dining in Tysons, the Mosaic District, Reston Town Center, and Springfield Town Center.

#### **DRIVING AND BIKING**

Another wonderful perk of Fairfax County is the abundance of convenient parking. In many cases, parking is available at no charge. Northern Virginia is also known for its amazing bike trails. There are over 500 miles of bike trails in Fairfax County alone. Explore quiet, tree-lined streets and trails using Fairfax County's excellent interactive map of biking routes.



## **Metrorail**



The Only Way to Ride!





# HELLO NEIGHBOR

The Capital City's monuments and memorials are just moments away.



**Washington, DC** — With its many monuments, memorials, and museums, Washington, DC pays tribute to our nation's history like no other place. And the capital of the free world appropriately offers the majority of these world-class attractions at absolutely no cost.

Military Memorials — The Capital City pays tribute to our service men and women through profound and unforgettable memorials to their sacrifice and service. From the WWII Memorial honoring the 16 million Americans who served to the haunting Vietnam Wall that lists the names of the 58,000+ Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice, these memorials are a lasting reminder that "freedom is not free."

American Heroes — The majestic white marble memorials that pay tribute to the American heroes who shaped our history are not to be missed. Standing on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, the exact spot where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his "I Have a Dream" speech, visitors feel the influence and impact that our first leaders made on our nation's story.

**The Smithsonian Institution** — This world-famous group of museums seeks to preserve our heritage, discover new knowledge, and share resources with the world. From art and history, to architecture and the American experience, the Smithsonian includes 19 amazing museums and galleries as well as the National Zoological Park.

**The Arts** — Lovers of art can choose from some of the world's most famous collections and galleries, including the National Gallery of Art and the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden. Or if theatre, music, opera, or ballet is more your scene, take in an unforgettable performance at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

**The Capitol** — Home to the legislative branch of the American government, the Capitol's dome rises up over the city as a symbol of freedom. Tours to this inspiring architectural example are available for free on a first-come, first-served basis.

**The White House** — An experience not to be missed. Contact your local member of Congress to arrange a tour of the President's home.

**Metrorail** — Metrorail offers an incredibly convenient way to visit Washington from your home base in Fairfax County.

















#### FAIRFAX COUNTY, GATEWAY TO THE CAPITAL.



Fairfax County is located just west of Washington, DC. The Capital City is home to so many historical and cultural sites and is just a short Metro ride away. The great majority of these national treasures can be visited at no cost and are concentrated along the two miles of the National Mall.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS								
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE			
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service	Black History Month Observed at Mount Vernon	Washington, DC St. Patrick's Day Parade	National Cherry Blossom Festival	Memorial Day Ceremonies and Parade	DC Jazz Festival			
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER			
Smithsonian Folklife Festival & Independence Day Celebration	Citi Open Tennis Classic	National Book Festival	Marine Corps Marathon	Veterans Day Wreath-laying Ceremonies	National Christmas Tree Lighting			



There is so much to do right here in Fairfax County, but we also have some pretty famous neighbors. Make Fairfax County your base camp to explore some of the region's most memorable sights and attractions.

- **1. George Washington's Mount Vernon** Learn about Washington: the farmer, the soldier, the entrepreneur, and the statesman at the most visited historic home in the United States.
- 2. The Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center Meet the pioneers of flight in this 10-story building that houses the Space Shuttle *Discovery* along with thousands of air and space artifacts.
- **3. Wolf Trap** The nation's only park dedicated to the performing arts features performing artists ranging from popular music icons to the National Symphony Orchestra in truly unique outdoor and indoor settings.
- **4. Tysons Shopping** The internationally famous Tysons Corner shopping district offers more than 450 stores and restaurants and some of the best shopping on the East Coast.
- **5.** The Workhouse Arts Center This former prison where the Suffragists were incarcerated during their fight for voting rights is now home to 90 artisans and their beautiful work. The Workhouse features a variety of special events and workshops throughout the year.
- **6. Great Falls Park** This gorgeous outdoor wonder that serves as a training ground for Olympic kayakers is a stunningly beautiful part of the National Park system.
- **7. The National Mall in Washington, DC** Smithsonian Museums, Monuments, Memorials, and History all come together on one of the most recognized historic sites in the world.
- **8. The Smithsonian Institution** This world-famous organization seeks to preserve our heritage, discover new knowledge, and share resources with the world through nineteen amazing museums and galleries in DC and VA, along with the National Zoological Park.
- **9. Arlington National Cemetery** This 500-acre site serves as the final resting place for thousands of military heroes as well the eternal flame marking the grave of President John F. Kennedy.
- **10.** The White House An experience not to be missed, the President's home can be visited through tours set up by your local Congressman.
- **11. The U.S. Capitol** Home to the Legislative Branch of the American Government, this gorgeous example of architecture can be visited through free tours on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **12. Old Town Alexandria** With more than 250 years of history and hospitality to its credit, Alexandria, VA offers a variety of historic, dining, and cultural experiences.

- **13. Georgetown** This famous area of Washington, DC and home of Georgetown University shares the vibe of Old Town Alexandria with its shops, restaurants, and row homes.
- **14. Annapolis, MD** The home of the United States Naval Academy and an internationally celebrated maritime community makes a wonderful day trip.
- **15. Baltimore Inner Harbor** Another great day trip, Baltimore's Inner Harbor in MD features shops, restaurants, and Fort McHenry, all surrounded by a beautiful view of the water.
- **16. Virginia's Wine Country** Fairfax County serves as the gateway to Virginia's Wine Country with the first two wineries outside of DC followed by dozens of unique wineries throughout Northern Virginia.
- **17. MGM National Harbor** One of the region's newest attractions, this 23-acre resort and Las Vegas-style casino in VA offers a variety of entertainment and dining options.
- **18. Manassas National Battlefield Park** Scene of two of the American Civil War's major battles, this National Park serves as hallowed ground for the soldiers who died there.
- **19. National Archives** Home to some of the greatest documents ever written: the Constitution of the United States, the Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence.
- **20. Historic Clifton, Herndon, and Fairfax** These quaint and historic towns offer a view of the past along with great shopping and dining.
- **21.** National Museum of the Marine Corps This incredible museum is a lasting tribute to U.S. Marines past, present, and future. Immersive, multi-sensory exhibits using innovative technology convey the 230-year history of the Corps.
- **22. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial** This majestic memorial honors King's life, his legacy, and his fight for civil rights and peace.
- **23. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts** Enjoy an elegant evening at this world-famous performing arts venue with shows ranging from Ballet to Broadway.
- **24.** Library of Congress The world's largest library houses 26 million books, films, documents, and photographs.
- **25.** Mason Neck State Park This beautiful park was established as the nation's first refuge for the Bald Eagle and is home to many of these majestic birds today.



## REGIONAL ATTRACTIONS





#### THE OPTIONS ARE ENDLESS WHEN YOU STAY IN FAIRFAX COUNTY.



Yes, Fairfax County is located right in the middle of everything offered by the Capital Region. But did you know there was so much to see and do within a 90-minute drive? Here are some of the added bonuses of staying here.

#### **DAY TRIPS**

- Baltimore's Inner Harbor
- Annapolis, MD
- Old Town Alexandria
- Historic Occoquan
- Skyline Drive and Shenandoah Valley
- Historic Fredericksburg
- Middleburg, VA
- · Richmond, VA
- Winchester, VA

#### CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELDS

- Manassas National Battlefield Park
- Ox Hill Battlefield Park
- Ball's Bluff Battlefield Regional Park
- Gettysburg National Military Park
- Antietam National Battlefield
- Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park
- Cedar Creek & Belle Grove National Historic Park
- Monocacy National Battlefield
- New Market Battlefield Park
- Third Battle of Winchester Battlefield Park
- Harpers Ferry National Military Park

#### I WINERIES

- The Winery at Bull Run
- Paradise Springs Winery
- Catoctin Breeze Vineyard & Winery
- Fridays Creek Winery
- Tarara Winery
- Boxwood Estate Winery
- Pearmund Cellars
- Breaux Vineyards
- Linden Vineyards
- Gray Ghost Vineyards & Winery
- Shenandoah Vineyards
- RdV Vinevards
- Stone Tower Winery
- Sunset Hills Vineyard
- Delaplane Cellars

#### **AIRPORTS**

- Ronald Reagan Washington National
- Washington Dulles International Airport
- Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport

#### **CAVERNS**

- Skyline Caverns
- Luray Caverns
- Crystal Grottoes
- Shenandoah Caverns
- Endless Caverns
- Grand Caverns



#### **CASINOS**

- MGM National Harbor Resort & Casino
- Horseshoe Casino Baltimore
- Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races



#### NATIONAL PARKS

- The National Mall in Washington, D.C.
- Shenandoah National Park (Skyline Drive)
- Great Falls Park
- Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park
- Fort Washington Park
- Clara Barton National Historic Site
- Hampton National Historic Site
- George Washington Memorial Parkway
- Harpers Ferry National Historical Park
- Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine

- Reston National Golf Course
- Pohick Bay Golf Course
- Stonewall Golf Club at

Lake Manassas

- Meadows Farms Golf Course
- Burke Lake Golf Center
- Algonkian Golf Course
- Renditions Golf Course
- Augustine Golf Club
- Laurel Hill Golf Club
- Westfields Golf Club
- Topgolf Alexandria
- 1757 Golf Club
- Hains Point Golf Course
- Blue Ridge Shadows Golf Club

- Great Falls Park
- Mason Neck State Park
- Shenandoah National Park (Skyline) Drive)
- Harpers Ferry
- Catoctin Mountain Park
- Seneca Creek State Park
- Hemlock Overlook Regional Park



- Wolf Trap
- Jiffv Lube Live
- The Birchmere
- 9:30 Club
- Baltimore Soundstage
- The Music Center at Strathmore
- The Fillmore Silver Spring
- Capital One Arena
- Merriweather Post Pavilion
- EagleBank Arena
- U Street Music Hall
- The Howard Theatre







- Washington Redskins FedEx Field
- Baltimore Ravens M&T Bank Stadium
- Baltimore Orioles Oriole Park at Camden Yards
- Washington Nationals Nationals Park
- Bowie Baysox Prince George's Stadium
- Washington Capitals Capital One Arena
- Washington Wizards Capital One Arena



#### **OUTLET SHOPPING**

- Leesburg Corner Premium Outlets
- Potomac Mills



- Kings Dominion
- Six Flags America Baltimore/Washington, DC



#### **Grand Fairfax Hotel**

#### Letter of Agreement

These are our terms and conditions/contract. Our proposal explains how we are uniquely prepared to meet our customer's needs. Our contract, on the other hand, details the costs as well as our terms.

You may want to include a copy of the schedule of events or other details relating to the meeting and banquet space earlier in the proposal section.