

SELF-GUIDED TOURS

Discover Alexandria while you stroll historic streets



1. 508 Cameron St. Re-creation of a townhouse built by George Washington in 1769 to provide convenient quarters when business or inclement weather prevented his return to Mount Vernon
2. 118 N. Washington St. Built in 1773, this is an excellent example of a small rectangular Georgian church. The three-story tower with belfry topped by a cupola was completed in 1818. George Washington played a part in building the church and was an original pew-holder (number 60).
3. 517 Prince St. Built in 1775 and one of the least-altered homes in Alexandria, this timber frame and brick dwelling was around during the American Revolution.
4. 201 S. Washington St. Built in 1839, this building has served as a Civil War hospital, private home and the nation's first Bicentennial Center. Today, visitors enjoy learning about the city by viewing 1,500+ historical objects.
5. 1315 Duke St. Located in the former headquarters of the largest domestic slave trading company in the country, the Freedom House Museum preserves the powerful stories of the enslaved in the same space where they were once held.
6. 902 Wythe St. Originally the segregated library for Alexandria's African-American residents, the museum documents the local and national history, culture and contributions of black America.
1. 221 King St. Re-creation of the circa 1724 home of Scottish merchant and city co-founder William Ramsay
2. 105 N. Union St. A torpedo factory during World War II, now home to 82 artists' studios
3. One of two cobblestone blocks in the city, Captain's Row got its name from Captain John Harper, a successful overseas trader
4. 201 Prince St. Built in 1851 and now an art gallery, this antebellum Greek Revival building originally housed the Bank of the Old Dominion.
5. 105-107 S. Fairfax St. This family-run pharmacy operated from 1792 until 1933 and served customers like Martha Washington. Step back in time and view its vast collection of still-intact herbal botanicals, handblown glass, and medical equipment.
6. 301 King St. Now City Hall, this structure was built in 1871 as a courthouse atop a site first used as a market space frequented by George Washington. Today, its steeple tower is a landmark on the Alexandria horizon and the farmers market tradition continues each Saturday year-round.
7. 121 N. Fairfax St. This Georgian Palladian manor house was built in 1753 by wealthy Scottish merchant and city co-founder John Carlyle.
8. 134 N. Royal St. Businessman John Wise built this two-building complex: the 1785 Georgian-style City Tavern and the 1792 Federal-style City Hotel famous for its great ballroom. Ideally situated on the main stage coach route between Boston and Williamsburg, the tavern became an important political and social center, whose notable patrons included George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.