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EXPLORER

From the venerable Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Arlington National Cemetery landmarks to the well-known John F. Kennedy Grave Site and Pentagon Memorial, visitors will get their fill of history as they honor our country’s heroes. Don’t miss the Netherlands Carillon in springtime as the tulip gardens come to life; with hilltop views stretching past the Potomac to the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument and U.S. Capitol, the Carillon offers one of the best views in the area.

REVEL

For a night out on the town in Alexandria, you’ll find everything from live jazz and blues to country line dancing and live DJs spinning tunes. Visit The Birchmere, an intimate setting that’s hosted the likes of Johnny Cash and Esperanza Spalding. If you’re in Arlington, head to the Punch Bowl Social, located in the renovated Ballston Quarter Mall, where three floors of fun await. Four bars, scratch-to-craft restaurant and entertainment (mini and full-size bowling, karaoke, ping-pong and arcade games!) mean a fun-filled evening with your significant other or a great girls’/guys’ night out!

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STROLL

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