

A COASTAL WITH KELLY GUIDE

Old Town Alexandria *Virginia*

Day
Trip

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About Old Town ALX

HISTORIC

Walk the streets and waterfront to learn about the history of George Washington, buildings from the 1700s, and the African American communities that built this city.



GETTING THERE

Fly into DCA so you can take the metro and DASH bus system to get to your accommodations (DASH is free!)

SEASONAL

Take advantage of seasonal festivals, beautiful spring blooms and fall foliage. Plus, enjoy riverfront dining and Hallmark-like winter strolls.



PARKING

Driving? There are multiple parking garages and lots in Old Town, as well as curbside hourly parking. Check signs for hourly parking fee requirements.



ACTIVITIES

Enjoy strolling the King Street Mile for local shopping and walking the waterfront Mt Vernon Trail to enjoy views of the Potomac River.

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Day Trip Itinerary

Old Town Alexandria, Virginia

BREAKFAST



Grab breakfast at Call Your Mother Deli on King Street or a baked good from Fresh Baguette before walking down to the waterfront to enjoy the current art installation and stroll along the waterfront.

ART



Walk back to the foot of King Street to explore the **Torpedo Factory** where you can see local artists and explore the archaeology lab.

SHOPPING



While the King Street Mile offers the most condensed shopping experience, be sure to explore off the beaten path and step onto side streets to explore **great locations off King Street**.

DINNER



Take advantage of the seafood available at one of the delicious restaurants on King Street (always get the oysters). Finish off the evening with some gelato from one of the local shops like **Casa Rosada**.

HISTORY



Stroll or bike along the Mt. Vernon Trail. See the **last riverine light house** in the Chesapeake Bay area at Jones Point, or walk toward **Founders and Oronoco Bay Parks** to learn about the Black History along Old Town's waterfront.

LUNCH



Nice day? Dine at the waterfront by visiting **BARCA** to enjoy wine and tapas and watch the boats go by on the Potomac. Lots of locations along King Street have patio seating.

CRUISE



Take a sunset cruise aboard the **Tall Ship Providence**, Alexandria's historic Tall Ship and learn about the history of the Potomac and the ship (which was featured in Pirates of the Caribbean!). Enjoy a cocktail dockside at **The Pier Bar** after your cruise.

Rainy Day Activities

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ART



Enjoy touring the Principle Gallery, located on King Street, or the Torpedo Factory along the waterfront.

CRAFTING



Sign up for an **AR Workshop** or walk in for an open craft bar to take on making your own candle, chunky knitting, and more.

ESCAPE ROOM



Take on the challenge of the **Escape Room** on King Street.

HISTORY



Explore the Black History Museum to learn about the Black History in Alexandria. With rotating exhibits, there's always more to learn.

WINE TASTING



There are a few wine bars in town to choose from - try **Sonoma Cellar** on King Street, **La Fromagerie**, or **Wine Gallery 108**.

SHOPPING



There's nothing better than spending a rainy day in a bookstore. Check out **Old Town Books** and **Friends to Lovers**, both women-owned businesses.

Free Resources

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Packing List

Tried-and-true for every trip

- **Rain jacket**
 - I've had one **like this** for years
- **Comfortable walking shoes**
 - **Sneakers** are great for long bouts of walking and I've sworn by these for travel for almost two years. Their flip flops also have incredible **arch support**.
- **Reef-safe sunscreen**
 - I've used **this brand** since 2019, and it's THE BEST mineral SPF - no white cast!
- **Polarized sunglasses**
 - I wear **this pair** for water activities
- **Jacket or wrap**
 - I absolutely LOVE **this wrap** because it's so chic, easy to pack, and cozy - I have it in both Birch, Blush, and Blue.
- **Solid Suitcase**
 - Love the warranty on **this** suitcase, and the wheels roll great even on cobblestone and brick
- **TopTote Hat Clip**
 - Trust me, when going in and out of businesses with a wide-brim hat, you'll be glad you could **keep your hands free with this hat clip**



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Ready for a longer stay?

You need the Old Town Waterfront Weekend Guide

If you have questions like:

- What is parking like? Is there public transit?
- Are there public bathrooms?
- Can I bring my dog?
- What seasonal events should I plan my trip around?

And you want:

- A weekend itinerary
- A 3-4 day itinerary
- The secret to saving on Water Taxi tickets
- Recommended walking tours
- Top 10 photo spots in Old Town
- Brunch and cocktail bar recommendations
- Hotel suggestions

This guide is for you



GET ON THE WAIT LIST

Meet Kelly

Your go-to for waterfront destinations



Coastal with Kelly is your one stop for all things coastal living, waterfront travel destinations, get-wet adventures, and sustainable blue tourism.

At **Coastal with Kelly**, I encourage immersive, get-wet adventures, like snorkeling and diving. You'll find recommendations for places to stay, things to do, and how to live your best salty life (and the **products** that make that easier, too).

I'm based out of Old Town Alexandria, so you'll always find the local happenings at my local page **@exploringoldtown** on Instagram. You'll find a lot of East Coast recommendations like **how to plan a girls trip to Charleston**, but you'll also find recommendations for traveling abroad to coastal getaways like the **Bahamas**.

Coastal with Kelly is here to make it easy for you to spend more time living your best life relaxing by the coast, glass of wine in hand and book in hand after a day of adventuring.

So if you're ready to kick your feet up and soak up the sun (after applying some **reef-safe sunscreen**, of course), check out my other resources too.

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