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## 6 Romantic Getaways Near DC for Every Couple

*Cozy wine tastings, luxurious spas, and secluded nature retreats are just a drive away.*

Enjoy side-by-side massages, cozy wine tastings, outdoor adventures, and more at these nearby romantic getaways.

### Perfect Pairings

6. Albemarle County, VA

*Keswick Hall and the onsite restaurant Marigold by Jean-Georges are a short drive from downtown Charlottesville.*



*Photograph courtesy of Keswick Hall.*

**Distance from DC:** 116 miles.

**For couples who want:** To channel the romance of Provence in Virginia wine country with scenic tastings and French cuisine.

**Where to head:** Charlottesville and surrounding Albemarle County, where vineyards and wineries dot the landscape. The [Clifton hotel's](#) Manor House Suites are spacious, with soaking tubs and garden views. Down the road lies [Keswick Hall](#), a recently renovated 80-room resort with a spa plus a bar overlooking the verdant golf course for a sunset glass of wine.



*Photograph courtesy of Keswick Hall.*

**What to do:** Start the day with a stroll around the [historic Downtown Mall](#) in Charlottesville, swinging by Mudhouse Coffee for an organic roast. Oenophiles can make a reservation on the winterized terrace at [Merrie Mill Farm & Vineyard](#), a five-year-old winery with eclectic style, then stop by [Keswick Vineyards](#) for build-your-own wine flights. Looking to sample cider and craft beer? Enjoy a tasting by the fire pit at [Castle Hill Cider](#) or embark along the [Charlottesville Ale Trail](#).

**Where to dine:** Seasonal dishes are matched with upscale cocktails and local vintages at [1799 Restaurant](#) in the Clifton. At Keswick Hall's [Marigold](#) by Jean-Georges, the Michelin-starred chef forages from the property's garden to curate menus. Or dine on moules frites at [Brasserie Saison](#) on Charlottesville's Downtown Mall.