



7 Weekend Getaways for When You Need to Escape DC This Winter

From underrated cities filled with museums to quaint towns with ski slopes and relaxing spas.

Once the holidays wind down and winter truly descends on DC, it may feel like time to escape the city. And luckily, our region is filled with underrated cities and sleepy hamlets that make for a perfect getaway—especially in the winter, when you can enjoy the quiet beauty without all the crowds.

So whether you want to hit the slopes at [one of the best places to ski near DC](#) or find your zen in quaint towns filled with wineries, museums, and spas, you can escape the winter doldrums at these mid-Atlantic destinations. We've rounded up seven getaways in Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania that make perfect escapes from the city, so get out of town and head to one of these spots before the season ends.

Central Virginia

Distance from DC: Two hours and 30 minutes

With the Blue Ridge Mountains offering both a scenic backdrop and excellent ski slopes, Central Virginia makes a great winter getaway. The family-friendly [Wintergreen Resort](#) in Nellysford offers 26 slopes for everyone from newbies to expert skiers, as well as tubing and snowboarding—and there's a heated indoor pool and spa, perfect for unwinding after a day of downhill racing.

Visitors can also indulge in a weekend stay at the legendary luxury resort [Keswick Hall](#), which reopened in October after an extensive multi-year renovation. The new features include acclaimed chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten's first Virginia restaurant, [Marigold](#), which sources produce from the hotel's farm.