

Vacations Of A Lifetime

Destinations To Suit The Whole Family

(NAPSA)—A new contest gives travelers the chance to explore a Civil War battlefield, play on one of nine championship golf courses or shop the afternoon away at any of over two hundred stores, all at a unique vacation destination, steeped in national heritage.

Northern Virginia has become a popular destination for vacationers. Known for its warm autumn days and breathtaking fall foliage, the area tends to have mild weather the year round and offers visitors a variety of activities.

For example the Prince William County and Manassas area in Northern Virginia has attractions and points of interest that can suit the tastes of even the most diverse group of travelers.

For history buffs, the area is showcased by the Manassas National Battlefield Park. The 5,000 acre National Park was the scene for two important Civil War battles: the First and Second Battles of Manassas (Bull Run). Visitors to the park can take a walking, equestrian or driving tour.

Nature enthusiasts may enjoy a stroll through Prince William Forest National Park. The 17,000 acre destination has more than 35 miles of scenic hiking, a driving loop and camping. In addition, nature lovers can take a bird watching tour on the banks of the Potomac River.

For those who prefer not to rough it while on vacation, the area has Occoquan, a riverfront artisan community with more than 100 specialty boutiques, dining and antique shops. There is also Old Town Manassas, a com-



General “Stonewall” Jackson is said to have made his historic stand in Manassas—a destination located in Northern Virginia.

munity filled with shops, museums, galleries, and cafes.

The Potomac Mills Value/Outlet Mall may also give vacationers something to write home about. The completely enclosed, mile long shopping attraction has more than 220 manufacturer outlets and discounters.

To encourage vacationers to visit Prince William and Manassas, the area frequently holds vacation getaway contests. One contest features three separate prize packages—a family, romantic and golf weekend getaway—for three different winners. The weekends include two nights lodging, dinner at a local restaurant, a \$50 shopping certificate and admission to various area attractions.

Visit www.visitpwc.com to enter the travel contest and to learn more about planning your getaway to Prince William County and Manassas.