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great escapes:

Due to celebrating the holidays with loved ones spread across the country if not the globe, this time of year brings us more than our share of travel headaches. Amidst delayed and canceled flights, lost baggage and foiled plans, we begin to treasure moments spent close to home.

That's why we bring you two local escapes this month, each offering experiences that are ultra low on the frustration scale, and uber high on fun!

First, we take a look at Historic Manassas (www.visitmanassas.org). After all, while the history buff in your family should enjoy visiting sites such as the Historic Manassas Train Depot, built in 1914, your family's shopper extraordinaire will adore scoping out Old Town's array of vintage furniture, rustic crafts, fine jewelry and high art.

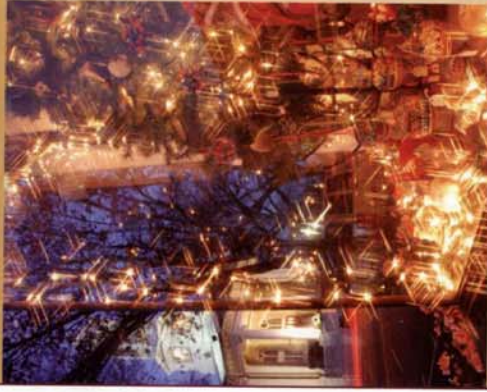
Once you've worked up a hunger, you'll be delighted to find an assortment of dining establishments nearby. Bases are covered with options ranging from casual to formal, from American fare to Italian, Thai and Portuguese specialties.

Then again, if a winery tour is more your speed, set your sights west to Fauquier County (www.visitfaquier.com). In recent months, three new wineries have entered the scene: Marterella Winery & Vineyard, in Warrenton (www.marterellawines.com); Miracle Valley Vineyard, in Delaplane (www.miraclevalleyvineyard.com); and Vintage Ridge Winery, in Rectorstown (www.vintagebridgewine.com). This brings the county's total to 15—soon it will be 16 with Barrel Oak Winery (www.barrelwinery.com), slated to open in Delaplane come spring.

Of course, winter is a particularly great time to enjoy a romantic meal at the Blackthorne Inn and Restaurant (www.blackthorne-inn.com) in Upperville. Long known as the 1763 Inn and once owned by George Washington, the historic property was recently acquired by new owners who continue to wow diners.

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