



Quantum Tours Americana is a website and app that enables participants to experience eight unique audio tours that take them on a trip through time. Each tour tells a story from Ballston's history, or its imagined future, using interviews with local experts and recordings from the Arlington Historical Society to transport listeners into another world.

These stories bring new perspectives to Ballston, as lush sound effects and music recreate what it was like to stroll through the early days of the American settlers, and imagine what it will be like to fly through Ballston's bustling streets of the far future.

Guiding listeners through these disparate elements is Quantum Tour Guide's Rick Vallance and his artificial intelligence program. The narrations are combined with contemporary and historical recordings to touch on subjects like sustainability, technology, and community.

Connect to this tour via the BallstonConnect Mobile app or the Quantum Tours Americana app (both available for iPhone by searching the App Store) and experience this rich mix of fantasy and history.

<http://quantum-tours.com/>



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At turns comedic and direly serious, Andrew's work provides space to imagine the world differently.



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BALLSTON ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA



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STEP 1:

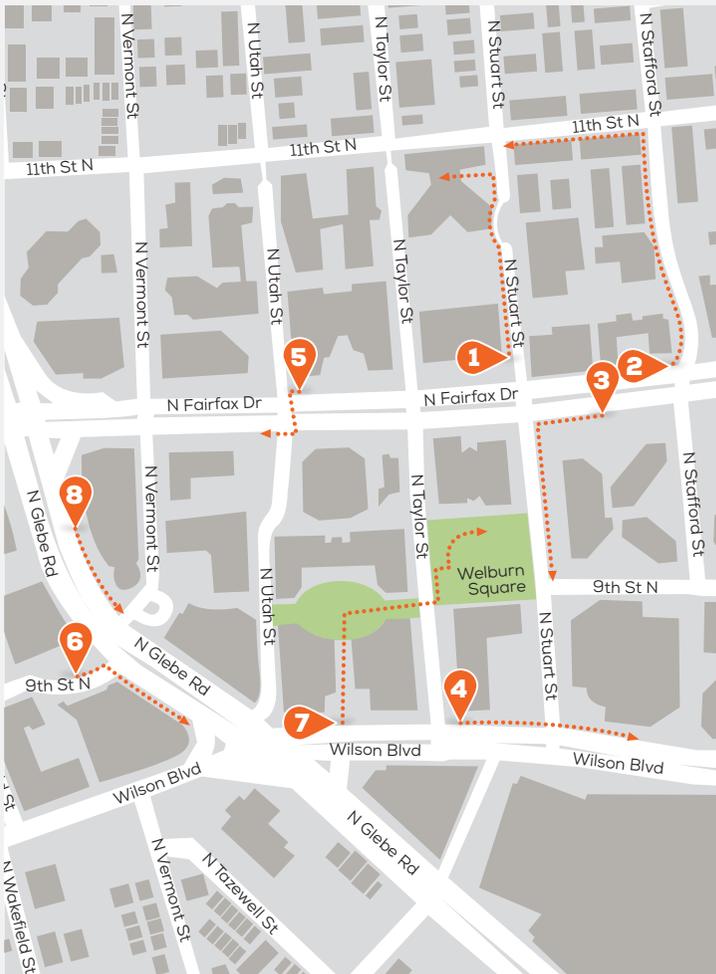
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STEP 2:

Walk to any tour marked on the map and look for the specific location pictured. Complete tours in any order.

STEP 3:

Put on headphones to ensure an optimal time travel experience, and press play to begin.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Arlington still had farmland for most of the Twentieth Century.
- Giant sloths and beavers once roamed the area.
- President Woodrow Wilson used to ride his horse along Wilson Boulevard.

1 PREHISTORIC TREK 14,122 B.C.E.

Go back to the wild jungles of Arlington and learn about the mysterious plants and animals that inhabited the region.

2 BUILDING BALLSTON 1802

See the city in its infancy among lightly settled woodlands, its early inhabitants struggling to survive with only their wits and the natural resources of the land.

3 ELECTRIC DAWN 1898

Experience the rush of the Industrial Revolution firsthand—the smells, noises, and activity of a new age—as railroads and electric trolleys dramatically expand the urban landscape of Ballston.

4 PRESIDENTIAL ENCOUNTERS 1919

Listen to stories about the casual visits President Woodrow Wilson paid to Arlington, and maybe even catch a glimpse of the POTUS himself. These charming vignettes paint a picture of life in the early Twentieth Century.

5 FIRE AWAY 1925

Watch as the volunteer firefighters of a young Arlington extinguish a blaze along a quiet main street. Take in the sights and sounds of the local storefronts and listen to memories of a simpler time.

6 CAR CRAZY 1967

Hear the roar of the automobile revolution as Ballston paves the way to becoming a commuter city. Visit the landmark Bob Peck Chevrolet dealership and experience the birth of consumerism in the 1960's and its space-age idealism.

7 POWERING PROGRESS 2051

Find the answers to the energy crisis in near-future Ballston, and watch as the foundations of urbanism are rebuilt with no other options left. New energy options and impossible technologies are deployed to avoid sheer catastrophe.

8 TOMORROW'S METROPOLIS 2125

Visit the ultimate expression of the modern city: when energy and resources no longer limit the evolution of urban structure. How will people spend their time in this futuristic utopia? See for yourself in this trip to the far future.

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