Easily accessed via U.S. Route 58 and an easy ride down from Roanoke or Richmond, Southern Virginia offers opportunities to step back in time and embrace the moment. Its picturesque towns and country roads recount a fascinating story of Virginia’s tobacco and textile past. Then, you can zoom your way into the present by embracing this region’s racing heart and exciting outdoor adventures.

**EXPERIENCES THAT DEFINE THE REGION**

**The Raceways**
They don’t call Southern Virginia the racing capital for no reason. This region is home to a major NASCAR speedway, along with five other raceways to visit - all iconic stops along Virginia’s Motorsports Heritage Trail, which highlights Virginia’s rich and vibrant racing history.

**The History**
You can’t talk about American history without mentioning Southern Virginia. It holds tales of our country’s past - from Revolutionary War battles to iconic Civil War sites to the powerful fight for Civil Rights in Virginia and the nation.

**The Waterways**
 Bodies of water large and small decorate this region’s vibrant green landscape. That means plenty of possibilities to kayak, fish, boat and more.

**WHAT WE RECOMMEND FOR FIRST-TIMERS**

**Martinsville Speedway**
People travel near and far to visit this epic NASCAR track. It’s the shortest track in the NASCAR Cup Series, with races happening year-round. Even if racing isn’t in your heart, it’s worth the visit for the thrill and the history, dating back to 1947.

**Buggs Island Lake**
(John H. Kerr Reservoir)
Virginia’s largest lake is found in this region, easily accessible by U.S. Route 58. When the sun is out, it’s hard not to resist this water retreat, with all the water sports, sunbathing, fishing and fun at your disposal.

**Rails to Trails**
Southern Virginia brings a beautiful balance of nature and industry. Many of Virginia’s old railroad grades have been converted into multi-use recreation trails perfect for outdoor lovers who prefer more moderate and leisurely outdoor experiences. Check out The Tobacco Heritage Trail, which pedestrians, hikers, bicyclists and even horseback riders can enjoy.

**LOCAL FAVORITES**

**Springfield Distillery**
A strong spirits tradition exists in Southern Virginia, and Springfield Distillery in Halifax pays homage to it, using only local materials to make their whiskeys. Pair your visit with cozy cabin rentals and to-go cocktails for the perfect trip.

**Livy’s Ice Cream Shop**
Hidden in Collinsville is the ice cream shop everyone dreams of as a child. Livy’s serves up funky ice cream flavors using local Virginia milk. But, want to know the local’s favorite? Their milkshakes.

**Cooper’s Landing Inn & Traveler’s Tavern**
A little jewel in Lake Country, this Inn is a secret getaway for locals and visitors alike. Cooper’s Landing extends warm hospitality year-round with its charming rooms, delicious dining experiences and historic charm.
Located on the Dan River in the southern region of the state, the City of Danville is surrounded on the west, north and east by Pittsylvania County with the North Carolina state line forming the city’s southern boundary. In less than five hours from Washington, DC via Amtrak or automobile, and three hours from Richmond, you will discover a city and county that is growing and becoming a sought-after destination for new industry and an attractive tourism destination.

In just a short drive, you can go from Danville’s thriving Downtown River District to the rolling countryside of Pittsylvania County. In the River District, you will find historic structures reborn into restaurants, shops and attractions creating a vibrant, walkable downtown. Our in-city trail system, The RiverWalk Trail, boasts excellent hiking and biking opportunities. Take a walk along Millionaires Row where wealthy citizens fueled construction of extraordinary buildings giving the Old West End of Main Street structures in a wide variety of architectural styles.

Experience places which influenced our nation’s history including The Danville Museum of Fine Arts & History, a destination site on the U.S. Civil Rights Trail. Kids of all ages will enjoy the Danville Science Center, part of the Science Museum of Virginia, and attending an event at the Old Dominion Agricultural Complex might include a National Rodeo, concert or heart-pumping Motorcross.

Danville and Pittsylvania County are the perfect place to stay while you explore this extraordinary region that includes Chatham Historic District, Chatham Hall Hargrave Military Academy, Averett University, picturesque Wayside Park, Virginia International Raceway, Martinsville Speedway and South Boston Speedway.

When you are ready to settle in for the night the area offers a wide range of lodging from budget friendly to upscale. And, coming in 2024, Danville will be home to Caesars Virginia, a luxury resort boasting a convention center, entertainment venue, gaming, multiple restaurants, spa, pool and much more.

If you haven’t ventured to Danville and Pittsylvania County, now is the time to experience it for yourself.