Located right in the heart of the state, CENTRAL VIRGINIA is an easy drive from beaches, mountains and Washington, D.C. From vibrant small towns to the bustling state capital, this region teems with creative energy, passionate makers, local love and rich history. And as the landscape transitions from urban riverfronts to rolling hills to mountain-top vistas, you’ll also find a wide array of outdoor experiences and a diverse abundance of locally sourced cuisine.

Richmond Night Market, Richmond
Art, culture and family come together at this unique market that showcases quality vendors and their talents. From art and jewelry to home decor, clothing and more, you’ll enjoy the feeling of community while supporting local artists and businesses.

Hopewell Riverwalk, Hopewell
A scenic gem tucked along an industrial cityscape, the newly built installment allows you to stroll along the boardwalk and take in the sunset, watch birds soar and let the kids run wild on the playground. You can also picnic under the pavilion and bring your own pole for a relaxing afternoon of fishing on the Appomattox River.

Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College, Lynchburg
Open to visitors year-round, the Museum offers an outstanding collection of American art, chiefly paintings, works on paper and photographs dating from the 19th, 20th and 21st Centuries. Changing exhibitions, rotating displays of the College’s permanent collection and educational programs offer unique opportunities to discover arts and culture in the region.

Champion Ice House, Gordonsville
With a Biergarten, bocce ball, fire pits and live music, this spot is the perfect gathering space for award-winning beer – and excellent fried chicken, a nod to the renowned Chicken Vendors whose entrepreneurial spirit earned Gordonsville the title of “Chicken Leg Centre of the Universe” at the turn of the 20th century.

Cair Paravel, Stanardsville
This small-scale homestead is a Blue Ridge experience like no other. Stay at the small lodge, romantic house, glamorous yurt or vintage Airstream, as you settle in to enjoy the farm’s sustainable practices, homegrown food, lively residents (like baby goats and piglets!) and 58 acres of mountaintop beauty.

The Looking Glass, Charlottesville
Step into a whimsical wonderland in this immersive and interactive art space created by local artists intent on sparking your imagination and captivating your sense of childlike wonder. Every corner is packed with sound, light and color to ignite all your senses.

Add these experiences to your travel bucket list for the region!
The Robert Thomas Carmage Museum
217 N High St, Blackstone; 434-292-3345; blackstonemuseum.org. A restored church building with restored buggies and carriages donated from a local collector. Tours by appointment.

Schwartz Tavern
102 Town St, Blackstone; 434-292-3041; blackstonemuseum.org. A fully restored tavern from the 1820s that was used by George Washington.

Camping Sites
The Salvation Army Campground
160 Greenup Rd, Blackstone; 434-292-2472; salvationarmy.org/campground.

Historical Courthouse Museum

Red Hill Patrick Henry Memorial
2100 Red Hill Rd, Brookneal; 434-376-2044; nps.gov. Home to the world’s largest collection of Patrick Henry artifacts.

Willie Hodes Booth Museum
209 Lynchburg Ave, Brookneal; 434-376-3034; boothmuseumva.com. Local history on display including Civil War and tobacco.

Arlington Heights Historic District
Includes homes, buildings and churches. The last hand-poled ferry still operating in America. Wednesdays, April-October. 1400 Locust St, Brookneal.


James Monroe’s Highland
2150 James Madison Hwy, Buckingham; 434-379-4120; historicmonroe.org. Explore the home of the 5th US President James Monroe.

Old Albemarle County Jail
409 East High St, Charlottesville; 434-296-3492. Tours offered on Saturdays, April-October and by reservation.

The Rotunda, University of Virginia
233 4th St NW, Charlottesville; 434-982-7600. The Rotunda is open daily from 9am to 5pm.

Scotchtown Museum

Appomattox Museum
111 National Park Dr., Appomattox; 434-352-8999; appomattoxhistoricalsociety.org. Museum covering American history and heritage. Includes Rockbridge Battlefield, the last hand-poled ferry still operating in America. Saturdays and Sundays.

Richard E. Byrd Educational Center
1514 Main St., Altavista; 434-356-9797. The last hand-poled ferry still operating in America. Tours by appointment.

Charlottesville Area Visitors Bureau
1610 Emory Street, Charlottesville; 434-977-1252; cvb.org. Visitors’ bureau located downtown showing information on history and attractions.

Charlottesville’s 1864 Rose Festival Parade Historic Courthouse Museum

Blackstone Valley Heritage Museum
441 S Main St, Blackstone; 434-292-2525. Museum of local history and culture.

Amherst County Visitor Center
872 Bacon Hollow Rd, Amherst; 434-546-9525; amherstcountyva.org. Visitors’ bureau located downtown showing information on history and attractions.

Appomattox Court House National Historical Park
113 National Park Dr., Appomattox; 434-412-9897. The park is the largest unit of the National Park Service, bringing an end to the Civil War. Tours are offered on Saturdays.

Appomattox Court House Theatre
315 Court St, Appomattox; 434-664-9527; appomattoxtheatres.org. Theater offering tours.

Carver-Price Legacy Museum

Clear Hill Village Living History Museum

Hazel Moon Resource Center and Museum

Holiday Lake State Park
1695 Lake Rd, Appomattox; 434-246-6308; virginia.gov/lakepark. Park offers camping, fishing, hiking, picnicking and boating.

Pamplin Pipe Factory

Stein Unlimited Museum
636 Main St, Pamplin; 434-248-4314; historicpamplin.com. Largest collection of antique and collectible steins in the world.

Turn of the Century Walking Tours
Visitor Information Center, Appomattox; 434-352-8999; historicpamplin.com. Experience 50 stops including historic homes, buildings and heritage markers.

Ashland/Hanover County Visitors Information Center
1000 Main St., Ashland; 804-752-3210; rmcashlandva.org. Information center and gift shop. Tourist information and local history.

Hanover Tavern
3181 Hanover Courthouse Rd. 625 301, Hanover; 804-557-5600; hanoverva.org. The last hand-poled ferry still operating in America. Saturdays and Sundays.

Keeble Observatory

Five Forks Battlefield

Old Highland Historical Society Museum
220 S Main St, Highland; 540-367-3400; oldhighlandva.org. Museum located downtown showing information on history and attractions.

Patrick Henry’s Scotchton Farm

Beautiful 19th century home with a 12-inch astronomical observatory in the garden.

Four Forks Battlefield

Old Highland Historical Society Museum
220 S Main St, Highland; 540-367-3400; oldhighlandva.org. Museum located downtown showing information on history and attractions.

Grant's headquarters from antepee. Location of General Grant's Headquarters at City Point, Virginia, a museum that showcases the Civil War era.

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Nelson: 29 Craft Beverage Trail
8310 Thomas Nelson Hwy., Lovingston; 434-637-7015; distillery.com. Tour includes a brewery and distillery along Route 29.

Nelson County Wildflower Walk
12425 Rockfish Valley Hwy, Lovingston; 434-637-7015; nelsoncounty.com. Native plants, herbs, bees, butterflies, birds.

Scholar's District and Museum

ORANGE COUNTY
Includes Barboursville, Gordonsville, and Madison.

Orange County Visitors Center
123 W. Main St., Orange; 540-672-1776; theorangecountyva.org. Tour and overview of the region.

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2130 Main Street, Monticello Heritage
129 Cedar St., Orange; 540-672-1776; themadisonmuseum.org. Tour and overview of the region.

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