



BELLE ISLE
Richmond

CENTRAL VIRGINIA

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.

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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.

Add these experiences to your travel bucket list for the region!



MERRIE MILL FARM & VINEYARD
Keswick

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.

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.



