Central Virginia is a place to celebrate life. It’s vibrant and versatile, a friend to nature lovers, history lovers and urban dwellers alike. Spread out around I-64 and I-95, it’s easy to explore this region’s wealth. With award-winning wineries, farm-fresh food and history underneath every footstep, Central Virginia makes everyone feel right at home.

EXPERIENCES THAT DEFINE THE REGION

The Wine
When we think Central Virginia, we think wineries. This region holds a wealth of wine culture with views, bottles and bites to beat. From Cab Franc to Merlot, 12 Ridge’s 360-degree views to Early Mountain’s nationally acclaimed tasting room, there’s something for everyone to sip and savor.

Arts & Culture
With cities like Lynchburg, Charlottesville and Richmond, Central Virginia is an energetic region of musicians and artists. Galleries, live music and creative events are always around - all you need to do is take a walk and explore.

History
An epicenter of history, this region is home to quite a few historic happenings per square mile. Just turning a corner can lead you to the home of a former president, through the footsteps of Civil Rights trailblazers or even to the famed site of Patrick Henry’s “Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death” speech.

WHAT WE RECOMMEND FOR FIRST-TIMERS

Monticello Wine Trail
40+ wineries on a single trail? Now, that’s a wine lover’s paradise. The Monticello Wine Trail, home to several award-winning wineries, is the perfect combination of wine and history. Fortunately, picking which wineries to visit is easy with Monticello Wine Trail’s itinerary tool on their website.

Presidential Home Tours
You can’t visit Central Virginia without a trip to Monticello or Monticello. These sprawling estates, home to former Presidents Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, offer more than just a house tour; they shed light on the tremendous contributions of their enslaved communities through exhibits like The Life of Sally Hemings and Mere Distinction of Color.

Richmond’s Local Art Scene
With a top-ranked art school at its core, it’s no wonder that Richmond has a brilliant local arts scene. Just by foot, you can discover galleries, street art and art pop-ups, with many that are free for the public to enjoy. If you’re in town on the first Friday of the month, don’t miss RVA First Friday Art Stroll in the Arts District.

LOCAL FAVORITES

Walker’s Diner
It’s hard to beat a local diner; especially Walker’s in Farmville. Since 1952, locals venture here for all the diner classics, from homemade pancakes to burgers to all the coffee refills. It’s a spot for a great meal and to really get a feel for the town.

Trapezium Brewing
Born in Petersburg, Trapezium Brewing is all about out-of-the-box beer. With two locations (and a third on the way), this brewery is on the move. Visit their flagship location and savor their awesome outdoor patio with a side of delicious Neapolitan-style pizza.

Carter Mountain Orchard
A quick ride from downtown Charlottesville is the apple picking of your inner child’s dreams. This orchard welcomes visitors year-round to pick seasonal fruits, paired with an unbeatable view of Virginia’s iconic rolling hills.
Amtrak services are available at Lynchburg.

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**Virginia IS FOR LOVERS**
Greene County Courthouse
22 Court St., Stanardsville; 434-985-5238; stanardsville.org/about-historic. Circa 1838 and listed on National Register of Historic Places. Virginia's famous Greek Revival Courthouse tradition.

Greene County Historical Society Museum
360 Main St., Stanardsville; 434-985-1834; greenemuseum.org. Established 1978. Fridays & Saturdays 10am-3pm; no admission charge.

Old Greene County Jailhouse
22 Court St., Stanardsville; 434-985-1834; greenemuseum.org. Built in 1838. Prize Greene County Historical Society Museum.

Ruckersville Antique District
9157 Seminole Trl., Ruckersville; 434-985-6662; exploregreene.com/regions/antiques. A designated district with over 75,000 square feet of antiques.

Stanardsville National Park/Skyline Drive Entrance

Stanardsville Historical Walking Tour
360 Main St., Stanardsville; 434-985-1834; greenemuseum.org. Tour includes 31 historical venues. Self guided.

HOPEWELL
VIRGINIA MAIN STREET COMMUNITY

Beacon Theatre
401 N. Main St., Hopewell; 804-446-3457; thebeacontheatreva.com. Fully restored 1928 silent movie and Vaudeville show palace.

General Grant's Headquarters at City Point
1001 Pecan Ave., Hopewell; 804-458-9504; nps.gov/pete. Location of General Grant's headquarters from June 1864-April 1865. Guided Tours.

Weston Manor
400 Weston Ln., Hopewell; 804-458-4682; westonmanorva.org. Tours, river view event area, tent, dock, boutique. $.

LOUISA COUNTY
Louisa County Parks, Recreation and Tourism
Betty Queen Center, 522 Industrial Dr., Louisa; 540-967-4420; visitlouisa.com, lcprt.info. Offering information on recreation, parks, amenities, programs, events and tourist attractions in Louisa County.

Louisa County Historical Society Museum and Heritage Farm
234 Fredericksburg Ave., Louisa; 540-967-5375; louishistory.org. Experience history in existing museum exhibits and living history programs at the Sergeant Farm.

Netherland Tavern

LYNCHBURG
VIRGINIA MAIN STREET COMMUNITY

Amazement Square
27 Ninth St., Lynchburg; 434-845-1888; amazementsquare.org. Hands-on museum offering four floors of interactive exhibits.

Lynchburg Museum & Visitor Services
901 Court St., Lynchburg; 434-485-7290; lynchburgvirginia.org. Make the Lynchburg Museum your first stop when visiting our city! Friendly and helpful staff are happy to assist you in planning your visit to Lynchburg.

Arms Daddy Square
27 Ninth St., Lynchburg; 434-485-1888; armsdaddysquare.org. Hands-on museum offering four floors of interactive exhibits.