Welcome to Central Virginia, the historical heartland of the United States, where the past interweaves with the present. With its rich heritage dating back to early colonial times and a wealth of iconic landmarks like Virginia’s capital, Richmond, and the presidential estates of Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and James Monroe, this region offers visitors an unforgettable journey through the country’s founding history and the charm of its Southern hospitality.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

1. Virginia Foothills Distillery - Gordonsville
Nestled in the picturesque town of Gordonsville, Virginia Foothills Distillery offers a delightful escape for whiskey enthusiasts and those seeking handcrafted spirits. Opening its doors in the fall of 2023, the distillery promises a unique blend of traditional techniques and modern flair, making it a must-visit destination for connoisseurs and curious travelers alike.

2. Edna Lewis Menu Trail - Orange
Embark on a culinary journey through the heart of Orange, as you follow the famed Edna Lewis Menu Trail. Named after the pioneering African American chef and cookbook author, the trail takes you on a delightful exploration of local restaurants and eateries, offering a taste of the region’s rich culinary heritage and innovative dishes inspired by Lewis’s legacy.

UNEXPECTED EXPERIENCES

3. Richlands Dairy Farm - Dinwiddie
Delight in the sweetness of the Highland County Maple Festival, a yearly event celebrating the region’s maple syrup production. Enjoy maple-inspired treats, live entertainment, and explore the picturesque town of Monterey.

LOCAL FAVORITES

6. Bodo’s Bagels - Charlottesville
Don’t skip Bodo’s Bagels, a beloved local favorite in Charlottesville. With an impressive array of freshly baked bagels and an assortment of delectable toppings and spreads, this spot has become a cherished institution. Whether you’re a bagel enthusiast or simply looking for a tasty breakfast or lunch option, Bodo’s is sure to leave you satisfied and smiling.

FOR FIRST-TIME TRAVELERS

4. Kings Dominion - Doswell
A world of thrills and excitement awaits at Kings Dominion in Doswell. This renowned amusement park offers an array of thrilling rides, family-friendly attractions, and live entertainment, ensuring a fun-filled day for travelers of all ages. From adrenaline-pumping roller coasters to charming shows, Kings Dominion guarantees an unforgettable adventure.

UNDERRATED EXPERIENCES

5. Jackson Ward historic tour - Richmond
Uncover the hidden gems of Richmond’s historic Jackson Ward on an underrated tour that unveils the stories of African American leaders, artists, and entrepreneurs who shaped the neighborhood’s vibrant cultural heritage. From notable architecture to jazz and blues roots, this tour offers an enriching and often overlooked side of Richmond’s history.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO BBQ
Opening in 2024
Mar. 16, 2024 to Sept. 2, 2024
JULIA CHILD: A RECIPE FOR LIFE

May 25, 2024 to Apr. 20, 2025
A BETTER LIFE FOR THEIR CHILDREN
SMALL TOWN. BIG PERSONALITY.

THINGS TO DO
The Trails Museum of Art at the University of Virginia Thomas H. Jefferson and his descendant, the University of Virginia. www.trailsuseum.org. Exhibits, lectures, and events.

Fluvanna County include:
Fluvanna Visitor Center 272 Pleasant Grove Dr., Palmyra; 434-589-2016; www.visitfluvanna.org. Information about local history, sites, parks, and events.
Shenandoah National Park / Skyline Drive Entrance 1155 Shenandoah National Park, Front Royal; 540-635-2484; www.nps.gov/shen. Entrance to the park.

THINGS TO DO
Dinwiddie County include:

THINGS TO DO
Northampton County include:
Northampton Visitors Center 100 East Market St., Lodge; 757-395-4848; www.northamptonva.com. Information about local history, sites, parks, and events.

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Goochland County include:

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Campbell County Training School Complex 2400 Byrd Ave., Roanoke; 540-775-6614; www.campbellcountytrainingschoolcomplex.org. Historic Rosenwald School building restored to become cultural, historical facility.

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Historic Court Square of Charlottesville Between High & Jefferson St., Charlottesville; 434-295-6450; www.cvillesquare.com. Exciting exhibits, world-class collections, special openings, lectures, and group tours.

THINGS TO DO
Historic Jamestowne include:
Jamestown National Historic Site 100 Jamestowne Dr., Williamsburg; 757-229-1500; www.nps.gov/jamo. Historic site and museum.

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Northampton County include:
Northampton County Historical Society Museum 124 East Main St., Lodge; 757-395-4848; www.northamptonva.com. History and genealogy research.

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**Things to Do**
Amusement Square

Dona Spencer House & Garden Museum

Dona Museum of Art
300 Clay St, Lynchburg; 434-544-8414; Lynchburg Arts Inc. An eclectic collection that includes more than 1200 paintings, drawings, prints and sculpture. 5400.

Fort Early
3511 Memorial Avenue, Lynchburg; 434-480-7290; lynchburgmuseum.org. Civil War era fortifications, cannons and Civil War artifacts.

Historic Sadby
77 Sadby Dr, Lynchburg; 434-833-0362; fraternalsadby.com. Union Headquarters during the 1864 Civil War Battle of Lynchburg.

Jones Memorial Library

Liberty Mountain Snowshoe Centre
4000 Candlers Mountain Rd, Lynchburg; 434-542-3315; libertymountain.com. Year-round skiing, snowboarding, and tubing on a synthetic ski slope.

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Museum of Art at Randolph College
1 Qunlan St, Lynchburg; 434-372-5800; randolphcollege.edu. An outstanding collection of American art from the 19th-21st centuries.

Miller Clapette House & Garden

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110 N Main St, Madison; 540-948-4132; madisonva.com. Hike Oak Canyon Falls in SNP, find history, wineries, breweries, restaurants, unique lodging. Ride, hike, taste, shop, and stay in Madison.

**Madison County Historical Society**
142 N Main St, Madison; 540-948-5126; madisonhistoricalsociety.org. History Museum in General Ferguson’s former residence.

**Westmore Manor**
400 Westmore Ln, Hopewell; 804-568-4822; hopewellchamber.org. Tours, river view event area, tent, dock, boutique.

**Louisa County**

**Louisa County Visitors Center**
212 Industrial Dr, Louisa; 540-967-4420; visitlouisa.com. Louisa County Parks, Recreation and Tourism, Betty Queen Center.

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**Leesburg**

**Pierce Street Renaissance Historic District**
1300-1400 blocks of Pierce St., Lynchburg; 434-845-1313; americappenscmuseum.com. Free African American history district & Civil War medical Camp Davis.

**Point of Honor**
1318 Cabell St, Lynchburg; 434-455-6226; lynchburghistory.com. The restored Federal era mansion, gift shop, grounds, former plantation, museum.

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