

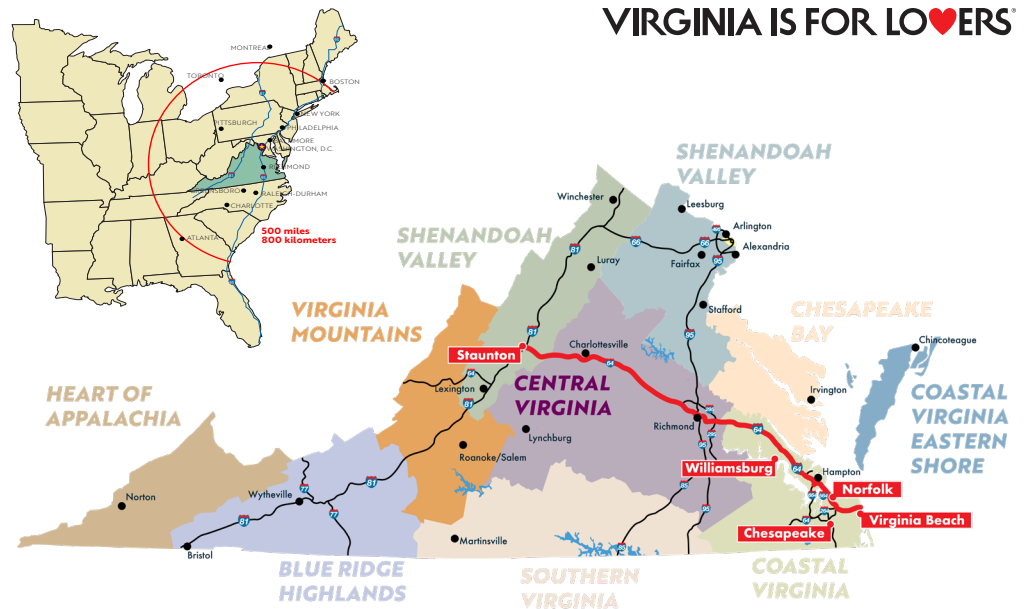
A ROAD TRIP THROUGH VIRGINIA

Along I-64

Highlighting Staunton, Williamsburg, Norfolk, Chesapeake and Virginia Beach

Day 1: City of Staunton

Staunton is a bustling mountain town with an eclectic vibe. With the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains as the backdrop, Staunton is often named one of the most celebrated “Main Streets” in the U.S. Staunton’s historic downtown delights visitors with its distinctive architecture, historic sites and vibrant arts & culture scene.



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With four distinct seasons, plan an unforgettable group trip—any time of year—to the heart of the Shenandoah Valley: Staunton, Virginia.

Just 20 miles from downtown Staunton lies the entrance to both the Blue Ridge Parkway and Shenandoah National Park. Start your day with a scenic drive, offering breathtaking mountain views and overlooks ideal for photo ops and picnics. They also provide access to a number of the area’s most popular hiking destinations for all ages and abilities.

Next, discover the life and legacy of the 28th President at the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum. Take a guided tour of the Presbyterian Manse where Wilson was born. Next stop is the museum, which includes Wilson’s Pierce-Arrow limousine, an interactive World War I trench and seven exhibit galleries.

Explore downtown Staunton from the comfort of your bus, with a step-on guide, or go on a walking tour! Learn about the history and architecture of this award-winning “Main Street.”

Visit working farmsteads from Africa, England, Germany and Ireland as you learn about daily life of the Shenandoah Valley’s earliest settlers at the Frontier Culture Museum.

End the day with an award-winning performance at the Blackfriars Playhouse. The American Shakespeare Center produces a wide array of performances. Choose from: Shakespearean staples, contemporary works, and world premiere musicals. Arrive early for the pre-show concert; you don’t want to miss it!

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Led by a docent, tour the sanctuary of Staunton’s oldest church which includes twelve Louis Comfort Tiffany-stained glass windows.
- Join cheesemaker Louella Hill with a 101 on the basics of home cheesemaking complete with cheese and wine tasting.
- Watch live glassblowing demonstrations and “Blow Your Own Ornament” at Sunspots working studio and gift shop.
- Hop on the Shenandoah Beerwerks Trail with 19 craft breweries to try and each offering a unique experience.
- Step aboard Virginia’s newest rail excursion, the Virginia Scenic Railway. Sit back and enjoy the modernized ambiance of a 1940s passenger car through the legendary Shenandoah Valley and Blue Ridge Mountains.



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Day 2: Greater Williamsburg

Just a short drive from Washington, D.C., the spirit of America is alive and well in Greater Williamsburg — where colonial meets cool. The historic sites in Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown are connected by the 23-mile long Colonial Parkway. Explore the first permanent English settlement, enjoy the world's largest living museum, and experience thrills and adventure at America's most beautiful theme park! Discover the sights, sounds, and tastes of America!



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Arrive at Historic Jamestowne, part of the NPS Colonial National Historical Park. Tour the original site of the first English colony in America and explore the Archaearium, a museum that houses some of the two million artifacts uncovered since the Jamestown Rediscovery Project began in 1994. Then observe artisans practice the art of glassmaking at the Jamestown Glasshouse.

Next, head over to Jamestown Settlement for a guided tour of the indoor museum galleries and the recreated fort, Powhatan Indian village, and climb aboard replicas of the three ships that made the historic voyage from England in 1607. Interact with interpreters who will make you feel like you've gone back four centuries.

Take the Colonial Parkway to Colonial Williamsburg for a group lunch in one of the Colonial Taverns. Complete the afternoon with a guided tour of Colonial Williamsburg, the world's largest living history museum that takes you back in time where you will get a new understanding of life in the 18th century.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Experience the fun at Busch Gardens Williamsburg, including award-winning gardens, exhilarating rides, shows, and animal encounters.
- Tour battlefields where our independence was won in 1781 and explore the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown.
- Enjoy the Fife and Drums, historical interpreters, or an evening adventure, or even a Ghost tour in Colonial Williamsburg!
- Enjoy the spirits and tastes of Williamsburg. Explore craft breweries, distilleries, a winery, and even a meadery!
- Go shopping at Williamsburg Premium Outlets.



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Day 3: Norfolk

Norfolk, Virginia is a historical seaport on the Virginia waterfront, with big city amenities. Offering nightlife, shopping, and museums. Visit Battleship Wisconsin, Chrysler Museum of Art, and Naval Station Norfolk, the World's Largest Navy Base. Only 20 minutes from Virginia Beach and 45 minutes and 3 hours from Washington, DC.



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A Day to Explore in Norfolk, Virginia

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Explore Nauticus, The Hampton Roads Naval Museum and Battleship Wisconsin. Nauticus is a fun and exciting interactive science and technology center exploring the power of the sea. It features more than 150 exhibits, films and exotic aquatic life. The Hampton Roads Naval Museum, located inside of Nauticus, introduces you to over 200 years of naval history in Coastal Virginia. Located next to Nauticus, discover Battleship Wisconsin, the largest and last battleship ever built by the US Navy.

Enjoy Lunch at Omar's Carriage House, whose original patrons were horses before it was converted to a locals' favorite restaurant!

P.M.

Walk through over 5,000 years of art at the Chrysler Museum of Art. And then stop by the Perry Glass Studio for a live glass making demonstration. Take a tour of the world's largest naval installation, Naval Station Norfolk. aboard the Victory Rover Naval Base Cruises on a two-hour cruise touring the world's largest naval base by water.

For dinner, enjoy an exciting evening with a blending at the Mermaid Winery! Your team will create their very own blend of wine and compete against others. After you have made the perfect wine, a team of Sommeliers will examine and provide their results. And then be seated for a private customized dinner.



ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Doumar's to experience the invention of the waffle ice cream cone.
- Casual Gourmet cooking classes.
- Virginia Zoo is great for student groups.
- Norfolk Botanical Gardens Guided Tram Tour.
- Virginia Arts Festival full calendar of events.



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Day 4: City of Chesapeake

Any season is the perfect reason to bring your adult, senior, and student groups. It's an outdoor lovers' paradise with plenty of activities for those who need to escape from life's stresses. Our central location and wonderful year-round weather make us a favorite destination. Once here, you are less than 30 minutes from Downtown Norfolk or the Virginia Beach Oceanfront. Offering exciting itineraries and an unbeatable group value for history buffs, shopaholics, and outdoor enthusiasts.



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Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways Museum. The Revolutionary War Battle of Great Bridge on December 9, 1775 was the first significant land victory in the South. It was one of the earliest and shortest battles of the American Revolution, yet one of the most important as the victory here led to the British retreat from Virginia. At this site, learn about "Dunmore's Royal Ethiopian Regiment" who fought for liberty on the side of the British and about William "Billy" Flora, a black man born free. His bold action on the side of the Patriots delayed the British attack.

Next, hike the scenic South Norfolk Jordan Bridge. This marvel is higher than the Brooklyn Bridge and connects Chesapeake to Portsmouth, providing spectacular views of the Elizabeth River.

On to the Dismal Swamp Canal, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and recognized as a National Civil Engineering Landmark. The Dismal Swamp Canal Company began the digging of the canal in 1793. The canal was dug by people who were enslaved. Twelve years later, the canal became a vital waterway for travel and commerce. Maroon Communities, in the depths of the Great Dismal Swamp, were formed by enslaved people seeking freedom and survived for generations.

Visit the Superintendent's House where tolls were paid by those using the canal. At various times in history, the house was a lumber company store, tearoom and more. Designated as an Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Site. Moses Grandy was an enslaved man whose work as a boat captain was a key part of the business of trade along the newly formed canal. He bought his freedom three times after being cheated in various ways.



ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Fly fishing demonstration - learn how to cast and tie a knot. Kayaking, paddle boat or canoeing at Northwest River Park.
- Visit Coastal Virginia's only Lock Parks! Great Bridge and Deep Creek.
- Chesapeake Arboretum consisting of 2 acres of gardens, the Caleb Williamson Farmhouse, 48 acres of woodlands, 3.5 miles of trails.
- Get your steps in on the Black Bear Trail. It's a mile-long favorite for hiking. Tasting at Big Ugly Brewery.
- Birdwatching since the 17th Century, Chesapeake is home to more than 200 species including Bald Eagles, Hawks, Merlins, Song Sparrows.



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Day 5: Virginia Beach

Famous for its iconic three-mile boardwalk and beaches, Virginia Beach provides groups with the opportunity to experience all the city has to offer through customizable “Live the Life Adventures” in five categories. Groups can delight their taste buds with Culinary & Agriculture adventures, go behind the scenes of thrilling performances with Arts & Culture, fly a WWII airplane with Military & History, watch Dolphins swim in Outdoor & Eco-Adventures and reconnect during a Mind+Body+Spirit adventure.



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Meet your guide for a Virginia Beach riding tour. You will visit the historic Cape Henry Lighthouse, the oldest government-built lighthouse in America that was overseen by Alexander Hamilton. Also, you will see the spot where the English Colonists first landed in 1607 at the First Landing Cross.

Next come nose-to-nose with Komodo dragons, hedgehogs and more on your visit to the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center. After exploring the aquarium, see the largest population of bottlenose dolphins on the east coast with a dolphin watching boat trip.

Next, take a trip back to a time when the aircraft were spectacular and learn why our heroes never let us down. “Swingtime in the Skies.” takes you to the Military Aviation museum to see one of the largest collections of flying WWI and WWII aircraft in the world. Lunch is also included with a Fighter Pilot or Rosie the Riveter

Then tour the Thoroughgood House, this national historic landmark, built in 1719 reflects the lifestyle of one of Virginia’s first colonists. Also enjoy the English cottage-style gardens.

Tonight, enjoy a walk on the iconic Virginia Beach Boardwalk and dine at one of the many oceanfront group friendly restaurants.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Take a Dream Workshop at Edgar Cayce’s A.R.E.
- Learn about Virginia Beach’s heritage and shipwrecks and lore at the Virginia Beach Surf and Rescue Museum.
- Attend a performance at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts or Zeiders American Dream Theatre.
- Explore Virginia Beach’s culinary offerings including Oyster Tastings, crab feasts and more.
- Enjoy a “Taste of the Market” at the Virginia Beach Farmers Market.



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