Discover something unexpected in this rich and extensive collection. You’ll find rare antique furniture, fashionable Chinese porcelain, colorful textiles, mesmerizing paintings, and cutting-edge firearms from the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries in the DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum exhibitions. Plus, examine imaginative toys, carousel figures, and remarkable portraits created by untrained artists in the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum.

ART MUSEUM MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE.*

Become one of the first members for exclusive access to a celebratory year of openings, with the realization of the 65,000-square-foot expansion of the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg. Details available online.

Find out more about current exhibitions, performances, tours, and programs colonialwilliamsburg.com/art.

*Beginning February 1, 2020
In C’ville, wine comes with a view. As you sip your new favorite white or red, take in the beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains and kick back in the birthplace of American wine.

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CREATE MEMORIES THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME

You’re invited to discover the people who bring history to life at Colonial Williamsburg. There’s something new to discover every season, for every generation. With entertaining evenings, mouthwatering menus and luxurious hotels, spending time together has never been easier.

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A VACATION IN VIRGINIA IS ABOUT DOING THE THINGS YOU LOVE WITH THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE MOST – AND MAKING MEMORIES THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME.

It’s no surprise why Virginia attracts so many people. The Commonwealth’s beaches, parks, mountains and vast historical assets attract millions of visitors every year. Whether it’s a hike in the mountains, a historic attraction or a fine meal at one of our restaurants, Virginia has something for everyone. The stories and photos featured in this guide will inspire you to take an adventure and make some memories of your own.

One of the best ways to experience Virginia is through its food, which includes dishes capturing the New Southern cuisine created by our ever-growing number of award-winning chefs. Craft brewers and winemakers in Virginia have elevated the state’s long-standing reputation for good things in a bottle.

Virginia’s outdoor recreation is approachable, accessible and unforgettable. We’re home to 37 State Parks, two National Parks, and national wildlife refuges, national scenic trails and national historic parks. We also have more miles of the Appalachian Trail than any other state – 544 miles, more than one-fourth of the 2,175-mile footpath.

You can also immerse yourself in the history of Virginia by visiting any of our hundreds of historic sites across the state that date back to the first permanent English settlement at Jamestown and cover every important period of American history from 1607 to now. That includes places like Colonial Williamsburg, Civil War battlefields, and the Birthplace of Country Music, located in Bristol on the Virginia/Tennessee line.

We hope you will enjoy all that the Commonwealth has to offer. Whether you’re soaking up the sun on one of our warm sandy beaches, sipping wine overlooking mountain views or enjoying our vibrant arts and culture, we can’t wait for you to discover for yourself why Virginia is for Lovers.

Ralph S. Northam
Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia
“Virginia is for Lovers” was created more than 50 years ago, and it’s become one of the most beloved and iconic slogans in the world. While it’s meant a lot of different things to a lot of different people over the years, one thing remains the same: LOVE. We hope this guide helps you find what you love in Virginia!

Virginia’s 10 Travel Regions

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