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.

**PERFORM**

The show must go on at the renovated Academy Center of the Arts in Lynchburg! Embracing the culture and diversity of the community, the Academy highlights the rich history of the 1905 theatre along with modern-day amenities. With live performances, films, concerts and more, you’ll not only feel good about supporting a local treasure, but get an authentic experience at one of the 20th century’s most prominent and well-attended theatres in Central Virginia. Afterwards, grab a drink and take in the sweeping city views at the Skylines Grill, located on the rooftop of the beautiful Virginian Hotel.

**CRAFT**

Crafting is no longer limited to painting and papier-mâché. Pair beautiful views with craft beverages along the Nelson 29 Craft Beverage Trail. The trail features a barrel house, four wineries and a distillery in the heart of Virginia’s most refreshing retreat. With additional dining and unique lodging options, like Orchard House Bed & Breakfast, craft beverage lovers can enjoy an ideal getaway with family and friends on the sunrise side of the Blue Ridge. Or, hop aboard a Crozet Trolley Tour to explore 13 wineries, breweries and cideries along the nearby Nelson 151 Trail.

**EXPERIENCE**

In Richmond, our state’s capital, visitors seeking arts and culture need look no further than the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Peruse 35,000 pieces of art from around the world, including the new “Rumors of War,” a powerful monumental sculpture designed by Kehinde Wiley. Plus, enjoy curated food and spirits in their onsite restaurant, Amuse, or take a class in design or photography. Virginia Commonwealth University’s Institute of Contemporary Art also features rotating exhibitions of interactive art to get your creative fix. Afterwards, stroll the Fan and other neighborhoods for gorgeous murals by local artists. As a hub for entertainment, Richmond also hosts a multitude of live musical talent, from local bands to award-winning and world-renowned visiting artists.

**REDISCOVER**

Some of Virginia’s most iconic sites are telling a more comprehensive story, bringing to light the lives and experiences of their enslaved communities. Discover Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello from a new perspective – along Mulberry Row, the hub of Jefferson’s plantation, and in the exhibit The Life of Sally Hemings; Hemings not only bore several of Jefferson’s children but negotiated their freedom as well. Nearby is James Monroe’s Highland, where you can tour the restored slave quarters, experiencing the stories of the home through the voices of many. And James Madison’s Montpelier is home to the emotional and proactive exhibition The Mere Distinction of Colour, featuring artifacts, artwork and stories told by living descendants of the enslaved.

**CELEBRATE**

Explore the stories of those who blazed the trail for Civil Rights in education and beyond. Begin at the Robert Russa Moton Museum in Farmville, where a student strike in 1951 led to the hallmark Brown v. Board of Education decision in 1954. In nearby Lynchburg, the Legacy Museum of African American History celebrates the African American experience in the region, including historic impacts on education. Then head to Richmond to view the Virginia Civil Rights Memorial on Capitol Square, featuring 16-year-old Barbara Rose Johns, leader of the Moton High School walkout. While you’re near, visit the Maggie Walker National Historic Site, which honors the first female bank president in America, and the Black History Museum and Cultural Center in Jackson Ward, once the “Harlem of the South.”
This is Lynchburg.

Things move at a different pace here in Lynchburg, Virginia. We move with the pace of the James River, with the rising of the sun over the Blue Ridge Mountains and with the energy of an artist creating something new. Those are the things that fuel us here. Experience a change of pace and see why Lynchburg is the city you’ll fall in love with.
DOSWELL
Kings Dominion, 1-800-836-4600; madisonva.com. We got the most hair-raising ride, the scariest water park. The most exciting stage shows and tons of other cool stuff everyone can enjoy.

FABER
Delphi Trail, 500 Delphi Rd., 434-392-4200; delphitrail.org. Great for cyclists, hikers, and kids. 5.5 miles hiking and mountain biking trail at Delphi Mine.

Lower Rockhill Valley Watchable Wildlife
Rockhill Rd. to Rockfall Dr., 434-263-7015; visitrockfallva.com. View birds and wildlife on this valley trail.

Rockfall River VA-6, 434-263-7015. Cannable in winter with very good scenery.

FARMVILLE
Lax’s Retreat/Virginia’s History, 434-263-7015; nelsoncounty.com. Lax’s Retreat/Virginia’s History is a military-style boarding school founded in 1858.

GLEN ALLEN
Meadow Farm Museum at historic Dillard, 1350 Adams Ave., 804-744-2401; greggsmuseum.org. Meadow Farm Museum interprets pioneers’ stories from 1775 to present.

GODCHALD
Quail Hollow Country Club of Commerce, 2125 Quail Hollow Rd., 804-351-1821; quailhollowclub.org. Godchal, a day well spent with history, recreation, wineries, craft breweries, cideries, kayak tours, archery, mountain bike trails.

GREEN BAY
High Ridge Trail State Park, 8519 Thomas Nelson Hwy., 804-501-5520; dcr.state.va.us/parkmap. Explore DCR’s 1,5625-acre nature preserve.

HANOVER
Hanover Tavern, 12301 Hanover Courthouse Rd., 804-557-5005; hanoverva.org. Colonial Virginia’s home for history, dining and theater.

HENDRICO
Henrico County Tourism Information Center at Dabbs House, 202 Nine Mile Rd., 804-458-3481; henrico.org. Informational brochures about Henrico County Open Monday-Sunday, 10am-Sun.

HOPEWELL
Victorian Prince Guest Welcome Center, 4208 Main St., 804-537-5050; historichouse.org. Let us be your guide to Presoire George.

The Beacon Theatre.
401 S. Main St., 804-466-3568; thebeacontheatre.com. Fully restored 270-seat movie and Vaudville show place “Tea in spring, dance in summer, stage in fall and theater in winter.”

City Point Early History Museum, 619 Born Ave., 804-458-4900; hopewell.va.gov. Chapel currently under renovation.

Glenwood Center For The Visual Arts.
401 S. Main St., 804-351-2268; ksaunawind.org. Nationally recognized; rotating exhibits focusing on Virginia artists.

Robert Russa Moton Museum
500 South Main St., 434-263-7015; rosettafoundationva.org. Museum interprets the history of civil rights in Robert Russa Moton Museum.

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GROSVILLE
Gardnerville Visitor Center, 200 South Main St., 434-263-7015; townofgrosville.org. A charming town of quaint shops and galleries, a noted Civil War museum and critically acclaimed restaurants in the heart of historic central Virginia.

GREEN BAY
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Twin Lakes State Park.
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Prophan State Park
1082 State Park Rd.
434-864-8340;
site.virginia.gov/nps/rdb

PRINCE GEORGE
The Prince George Regional Park
4600 Courthouse Rd.
434-384-9300;
site.virginia.gov/nps/prg

CHESTERFIELD
The Exchange Building
15 West Bank St.
804-990-5680;
visitchesterfield.com

RICE
J. Sallors Creek Battlefield Historical Site
2386 Sayles Creek Rd.
434-517-2775;
va.sallors-creek.com

RICHMOND
Richmond County Tourism
409 North Blvd.
804-526-8600;
visitrichmondva.com

POWTHAN
Prince Edward County Tourism
20001 Waterfront Rd.
434-263-7130; virginia.org/tourism/prince-edward-county

Center Hill Museum
102 Hull St., 804-231-4324;
Richmond Railroad Museum
1801 Vane St.
804-644-2847;
Richmond Railway Hull Station
222 East Franklin St.
804-644-7998;
Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
428 North Boulevard,
804-644-4741;
Virginia Museum of Natural History
831 Main St., 804-340-7401;
Children's Museum of Richmond
211 East Franklin St.
804-644-3041;
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
2401 East Broad St.
804-340-1400;
John Marshall House
211 Hanover Street,
804-340-1400;
Tuckahoe Plantation
1201 East Clay St.
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804-831-1794;
Seaman's Island
403 V. Holloway Rd.
804-272-8130;
Museum of the American Revolution
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Museum of Virginia
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804-644-1950

Petersburg National Battlefield
2900 Hull St., 804-644-3041;
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804-834-3327.

Hermosa Ranch Historic Site
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