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## MID-ATLANTIC TOURISM PUBLIC RELATIONS ALLIANCE

### From Rugged Routes to Future Flights: A Tour through Time

Take a unique Mid-Atlantic tour through time exploring the historic and future themes of these extraordinary destinations. Travel through the mountains on a scenic railroad, marvel at over 150 stunning quilts at Virginia's only quilting museum, then experience the cutting edge of U.S. Naval Aviation technology by testing your flight skills in full-size flight combat simulators.

#### Arrive in Pocahontas County, West Virginia



#### Day One:

Visit intriguing [Pocahontas County](#) and find yourself merged between the rich history of the past and the bright possibilities of the future. Ride through the Appalachian Mountains and across the crystal clear streams that run among them on a two hour train ride on the [Cass Scenic Railroad](#). Then venture up the road to [Green Bank Observatory](#), where you'll be able to check out the world's largest steerable telescope and learn what it takes to track extraterrestrial life on a guided tour.

#### 2 hours and 30 minutes to Harrisonburg, Virginia



#### Day Two:

Start your day on Main Street in downtown Harrisonburg one of Virginia's first Cultural Arts district and Virginia Main Street Community since 2011 and honored with a Great American Main Street Award in 2014.

Your first stop on Main Street is a visit to the [Hardesty-Higgins House Visitor Center](#) open Monday-Sunday 9am-5pm, here is "Where History and Hospitality Meet". Before



heading outside walk through the [Valley Turnpike Museum](#), and discover the natural buffalo path and game route used by Native American Indians as they migrated to the west through the wilderness attracting thousands of early pioneers

Across the street, step into part of the city's unique history viewed through the work of quilting artisans by visiting [Virginia Quilt Museum](#). The museum serves as a resource center for the study of the role of quilts and quilting in the cultural life of society. The permanent collection features over 150 quilts dating from 1810 to the present.

### 3 Hours and 15 minutes to St. Mary's County, Maryland



#### Day Three:

Take a tour to [Historic St. Mary's City](#), Maryland's first settlement and Capital. Explore living history on this site. You will leave with a new appreciation for life on the Chesapeake frontier! Experience the cutting edge of the U.S Navy Aviation, get up close to the planes that safeguard the nation, and test your skills in the cockpit of an actual jet-fighter simulator at the [Patuxent River Naval Air Museum and Visitor Center](#).



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