

Welcome to Lexington

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A Sophisticated Southern Getaway

These vibrant, historic and charming communities are located in the western foothills of Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains. Here, visitors will find endless opportunity for outdoor adventure, unparalleled history, unique arts and cultural experiences, entertainment, renowned Civil War sites and complete relaxation. Lexington, Buena Vista and Rockbridge County are conveniently located in the Shenandoah Valley, easily accessible and all within a day's drive of every major east coast city.

DISTANCE TO LEXINGTON:

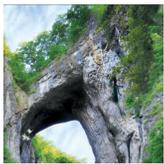
Washington DC	190mi
Charlotte, NC	238mi
Columbia, SC	327mi
Atlanta, GA	446mi
Baltimore, MD	219mi
New York, NY	446mi
Philadelphia, PA	315mi

POPULAR SITES



Blue Ridge Parkway

"America's most popular scenic drive" stretches over 469 miles and offers views of amazing vistas, rugged mountains and unbelievable landscapes to be enjoyed at a leisurely pace.



Natural Bridge State Park

One of the original "Natural Wonders of the World" and a National Historic Landmark. Once owned by Thomas Jefferson, this marvel of nature soars 215 feet high. Virginia's 37th State Park.



Historic Downtown Lexington

On foot or in a horse-drawn carriage, Lexington's downtown offers historic hotels and B&Bs, boutique shops, galleries, Virginia-made gifts and unforgettable eateries serving local fare.



Buena Vista

This picturesque mountain town is known for outdoor recreation, music festivals at Glen Maury Park and Southern Virginia University. As an Appalachian Trail Community, the city welcomes AT hikers and travelers on the Blue Ridge Parkway.



Virginia Military Institute & Museum

The nation's first state-supported military college opened its doors on November 11, 1839. Tours are offered daily and dress parades are held on select Fridays during the school year.



Washington and Lee University

Founded in 1749 and home to two National Historic Landmarks – the Colonnade and Lee Chapel. Lee Chapel & Museum is the burial site of Civil War general Robert E. Lee.



Appalachian Trail

Easy access to this world famous trail at several points in Rockbridge County. Nearby Blue Ridge Parkway trails include Indian Gap (seasonal rhododendron displays), Boston Knob, Otter Creek and more.



Virginia Safari Park

Virginia's only drive-thru zoo is the place for guests to get eyeball-to-eyeball with over 1,000 animals and feed them from the comfort of their own car!

Story Ideas:

Patty Williams, director of marketing, is available to discuss the following story ideas and more.



Follow Your Own Path: Scenic Paddles and Drives

The Upper James River Water Trail follows the river from its headwaters as it winds through the Blue Ridge Mountains. The trail includes nearly 75 miles of river including a stretch of the Maury River up to Glen Maury Park in Buena Vista, Virginia. With numerous public access points along the trail, paddlers can choose a brief half-day float or a multi-day camping adventure.

Surrounded by the breathtaking Blue Ridge Mountains, you can find few places on earth which offer the memorable scenery found in Lexington, Buena Vista and Rockbridge County. Visitors can enjoy a leisurely outing along "America's Most Popular Scenic Drive," while viewing amazing vistas, rugged mountains, and unbelievable landscapes. The Blue Ridge Parkway meanders for 469 miles through Virginia and North Carolina with an average elevation of 3,000 feet.



Shenandoah Valley Craft Spirits

Come find a brew with a view, a glass of Virginia wine or a well-crafted cocktail at one of the Shenandoah Valley's 50 wineries, breweries, cideries and distilleries. The Lexington and Rockbridge area is home to two breweries, three vineyards and a cidery. Devils Backbone Outpost Tap Room & Kitchen - 2018 World Beer Cup Silver Winner: Alt Bier - German-style Altbier; Bronze: Danzig - Baltic-Style Porter - offers over 15 craft beers and have won more awards than you can shake a stick at. Great Valley Farm Brewery offers stunning views as a sample a flight. Visit these and a dozen other craft brewers on the Shenandoah Beerwerks Trail. Rockbridge Vineyard is pleased to say that their 2016 V d'Or and 2016 Tuscarora White won both Best of Category and Gold Medals in the 2018 Atlantic Seaboard Wine Competition! Halcyon Days Cidery, complete with an apple orchard labyrinth, opened in 2018.



A Legacy of Leadership

George Washington. Robert E. Lee. Stonewall Jackson. George Marshall. These four generals were remarkable military leaders, but in Lexington their legacies aren't limited to dusty textbooks. As you'll discover, their commitment to civility, honor and education remains an important part of the culture at Washington & Lee and Virginia Military Institute as well as the surrounding city.

George Washington has the best view in town. Perched atop Washington Hall on Washington & Lee's colonnade, a statue of the great man has watched thousands of fresh-faced students hurry across campus. Visitors to Lee Chapel often think that Edward Valentine's marble statue of a recumbent Lee is the Confederate general's tomb. Lee is actually interred in the lower level of the chapel along with immediate family members. The elusiveness of Stonewall Jackson hits home as you gaze at his bullet-torn raincoat, which hangs behind glass in the entrance way of the VMI Museum. The George C. Marshall Museum spotlights George Marshall's life and accomplishments, including his Nobel Peace prize which is on display.



Farm to Table for Real

As your taste buds will discover, "farm-to-table" is more than a culinary buzzword in Lexington. Haywood's and TAPS, the short but robust menus change weekly based on what's newly available. At Southern Inn, Mano Taqueria, Pure Eats, savor meats, cheeses, grains and desserts sourced regularly from Shenandoah Valley farms and mills.

The area boasts specialty shops featuring locally produced items including Cheese to You, Cocoa Mill Chocolates, Sweet Things Ice Cream, Virginia Gold Pear Orchard and Wade's Mill.

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