





Virginia Trips

VIRGINIA IS DECEPTIVELY BIG, BY WHICH WE MEAN, JEEZ, VIRGINIA IS ENORMOUS.

With a western mountain spine, beach-studded ocean coastline, miles of farmland, stately Southern cities, liberal Northeastern-esque suburbs and a political climate that consistently makes her a toss-up in national elections, it's hard to imagine a state with more diversity.

Actually, Virginia is both a state and technically a Commonwealth. The Old Dominion has both produced more presidents than any other state, and led the Confederacy that rebelled against the nation those presidents led.

Admire Jeffersonian architecture. Stew over politics outside DC. Wind along Skyline Drive, or hike in the Blue Ridge Mountains' shadow.



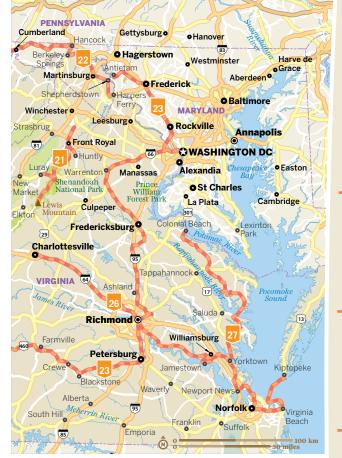
Skyline Drive 3 days
Cross the Commonwealth's highaltitude spine in the green Shenandoah
Valley. (p255)

Across the Appalachian Trail
5 Days

Drive alongside mountain wilderness and one of the USA's great hiking treks. (p267)

The Civil War Tour 3 days
See preserved battlefields, 19thcentury countryside, museums aplenty
and Southern small towns. (p277)

The Crooked Road 3–4 Days
Check out banjo tunes, hill-country
culture and rugged upland villages. (p289)



Blue Ridge Parkway 3 Days

Travel through college towns, back-road hamlets and miles of woolly wilderness trails. (p299)

Peninsula to the Piedmont 3 days
Visit living history museums, go on
sunny wine tours, and dip into university
culture and presidential palaces. (p313)

Bracketing the Bay 2 days
Enjoy cheesy beach boardwalks and
quiet tidewater inlets, with great food in
between. (p323)



Hear Music

Southwestern
Virginia is the soil that
American country
music and bluegrass
are rooted in. Toe tap to
fiddles on Trip
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Beach Bumming

From Virginia Beach's golden sand to quiet corners of the Eastern Shore, there's plenty of watery diversions. Cruise the coast on Trip 27

Oddities Abound

Eccentrics have indulged their creative passions in the small towns and roadside attractions that line the Blue Ridge. Find fun on Trip 25

Peep Into the Past

Living history towns like Williamsburg abut the actual places where America was founded and achieved her independence. Get oldschooled on Trip

Trail Trekking

Many trails arc along Skyline Drive, plunging past forests, white waterfalls and lonely mountains. Get your boots on for Trip 21