





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.

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Classic Trip

21 Skyline Drive 3 days

Cross the Commonwealth's high-altitude spine in the green Shenandoah Valley. (p255)

22 Across the Appalachian Trail 5 Days

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

Classic Trip

23 The Civil War Tour 3 days

See preserved battlefields, 19th-century countryside, museums aplenty and Southern small towns. (p277)

24 The Crooked Road 3-4 Days

Check out banjo tunes, hill-country culture and rugged upland villages. (p289)



25 Blue Ridge Parkway 3 Days
Travel through college towns, back-road hamlets and miles of woolly wilderness trails. (p299)

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

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

DON'T MISS

Hear Music

Southwestern Virginia is the soil that American country music and bluegrass are rooted in. Toe tap to fiddles on Trip **24**

Beach Bumping

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 about the actual places where America was founded and achieved her independence. Get old-school on Trip **26**

Trail Trekking

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