

JUST FOR SIPS & GIGGLES

Prince William • Richmond • Norfolk

EVENTS

Prince William

- Souper Bowl
- St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Manassas Air Show
- Occoquan Arts & Craft Show
- Occoquan RiverFest
- Tank Farm Open House

Richmond

- Virginia Wine Expo
- National Beer Expo
- RVA Craft Beer
- Richmond Jazz Festival
- Hops in the Park
- Celtic Festival & Highland Games

Norfolk

- Spring Town Point Virginia Wine Festival
- Fall Town Point Virginia Wine Festival
- Spirit of Norfolk Wine Cruise
- Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival

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DAY 1 Prince William, VA

Begin your adventure at *Effingham Manor & Winery* for a wine blending class and competition. Effingham's vintners will educate, assist, and judge the contest. This is the perfect group activity for wine lovers; it encompasses fun, competitiveness, education, and uniqueness. Be sure to take advantage of the complimentary history tour of the property.

Continue testing your palate with a visit to *Winestyle*, offering hundreds of different types of wines and crafts beers, that have been sorted by style and taste. Pair a wine or beer with a selection of artisan cheeses, gourmet food, and handcrafted chocolates.

Eat, drink, and relax at *Giorgio's Family Restaurant*, a neighborhood cornerstone for over 19 years. Serving wonderful made from scratch meals with Italian and Greek influences. Some of the most popular dishes include their Greek-style pork chops, jumbo crab cakes, and house special flaming cheese.

DAY 2 Prince William, VA

Start your morning with a guide dressed in Civil War era military uniform as he leads you through *Manassas National Battlefield Park*, "Where the Southern Victories Tested the Northern Resolve". Two armies clashed for the first time with heavy fighting, sweeping away any notion of a quick war. Afterward, visit a Civil War hospital at the *Ben Lomond Historic Site*. Soldiers were taken here after the Battle of First Manassas, also known as First Battle of Bull Run, to care for their wounds. Several soldiers left their signatures on the walls.

Enjoy lunch around a spectacular, two-story, historic dairy barn at *Farm Brew Live*, Northern Virginia's first destination brewery that features craft beer, craft food, and live local music.



After, head to Historic Occoquan for a late afternoon cruise on the Occoquan River. Board the *Miss Rivershore* and enjoy the scenery and the history of the community.

For dinner, visit *Cock & Bowl*, a husband and wife-owned eatery. Tucked away down one of the alleys in Occoquan, this enchanting European bistro indulges with 60 different Belgian beers, frites, and seafood.

DAY 3 Prince William and Richmond, VA

Start your morning by jumping into the boots of a Marine at the *National Museum of the Marine Corps*, a lasting tribute to past, present, and future U.S. Marines.

Grab lunch and a beer at the museum's *Tun Tavern* before heading to Richmond.

Discover the story of *Blue Bee Cider* on a one-hour tour and tasting. Learn about how Virginia's first urban cidery made their home in two distinct Richmond neighborhoods and enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at a historic revitalized horse stable complex from the 1940s now home to the cidery. Create fine cider at this unique property and experience guided cider tastings.

The next stop is a gilded Victorian mansion, *Maymont*. The mansion tour explores the glitz and glamour of the Dooley family in the 1930s. Gorgeous table settings for a garden party or dinner invites visitors to imagine the extravagant life that was once Maymont. Following the mansion tour, explore the elaborate Italian and Japanese gardens. Animals lovers will delight in the Nature Center and Maymont Farm. Explore this 100 acre estate on foot through stunning winding paths or with a private golf cart tour.

Enjoy a cocktail at *The Jefferson Hotel* before heading out to dinner. Listed on the National Register of Historical Places, this five-diamond luxurious hotel provides an unmatched setting for an overnight stay.

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views at *Striper's Waterside Seafood*. Continue the wine tasting at the *Cork & Company*, an intimate wine and martini bar located in the heart of Downtown Norfolk, just off Granby Street. Whether you're a novice or an Oenophile, there's wine for all tastes and budgets.

Shop from emerging small businesses in Norfolk at the *Selden Market*. The Selden Market offers a rotating lineup for the city's up and coming concepts in retail, food, and new ideas.

Spend the evening at *Varia*, a trattoria-style Italian fare dinner, with a piano bar and tasking room with an unequaled wine selection. Become an expert at wine by attending Varia's wine education classes happening every first Tuesday of the month. The classes are hosted by the Hilton Norfolk Main's Sommelier, Mathew Emborski. Whether you're a wine connoisseur or a newbie, this class is open to all wine enthusiast.

Richmond also offers an impressive selection of cozy boutique hotels that include *Quirk*, *Linden Row Inn*, or the trendy *Delta Hotels by Marriott* and *Graduate Richmond*.

Stop, Shop, Sip, and Savor in the very walkable *Carytown*, Richmond's Mile of Style, where you can find unique boutique shops and restaurants for dinner. From the oyster bar, sushi, and hand cut steaks at *East Coast Provisions*, to the Parisian-style eatery of *Can Can Brasserie*. Finish your meal off with a locally hand crafted sweet treat from *For the Love of Chocolate*.

DAY 4 Richmond, VA

Start your day with a hearty breakfast from a local favorite, *Perly's*. Afterward, head down to the banks of the James River to *Historic Tredegar*, home of *Richmond National Battlefield Park Visitor Center*. After exploring the nation's most significant Civil War Sites, take advantage of the photo-op from the *Tyler Potterfield Memorial Bridge* with Richmond's skyline as your backdrop. Continue your journey through history with a visit to the *Virginia State Capitol* and the *White House and Museum of the Confederacy*. Enjoy lunch in Richmond's *Historic Shockoe Slip*. A quaint cobblestone street adorned with Italianate style brick and front front buildings, and a decadent selection of restaurants.

Spend the remainder of the afternoon amongst a million blooms in the spring at *Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden* or view the largest collection of Fabergé eggs at the *Virginia Museum of Fine Arts*. Grab a *Richmond Beer Trail Map* and head over to *Richmond's Historic Scott's Addition*, home of the largest collection of craft breweries.

Enjoy a scrumptious meal at one of the dozen restaurants on *Grace Street*, followed by a live performance at *Dominion Arts Center*. Top off your night in style at *Q Rooftop Bar*, for a great view of the city lights.

DAY 5 Richmond to Norfolk, VA

Wrap up your fun in the Richmond region with a *RVA Trolley Landmark Tour* or a guided *City Center Walk*. Tours depart from the *Richmond Region Visitor & RVA Gift Shop*. Now it is time to head to Norfolk, Virginia. First stop for lunch at Norfolk's entertainment venue, *Waterside District*. Sip on local wines paired with a crab cake taking in waterfront

DAY 6 Norfolk, VA

Discover one of the largest collections of azaleas, camellias, roses, and rhododendrons on the East Coast at the *Norfolk Botanical Garden*. Experience 175 glorious acres of gardens with guided tours on foot, tram, or by boat. Next take a wine tasting class among the flowers to learn how to make more informed wine purchases!

Start the afternoon on a wine tour, sip over 50 wines from around the world at *Press 626 Cafe and Wine Bar*. Their menu will please all taste buds using only ingredients from local farms for the freshest of tastes! Head to *Crystal Palate*, a wine boutique and education center located in the beautiful coastal community of East Beach. With a thoughtfully curated selection of over 120 wines from around the world, the Crystal Palate specializes in wine education and also offers several wine classes every month.

Enjoy nature and art at the *Hermitage Museum and Gardens*. This early 20th century Arts-and-Crafts estate was formerly home to the Sloane Family. Nestled on the shore of the Lafayette River this estate features gardens and a nationally recognized art collection spanning 5,000 years.

For dinner, enjoy an exciting evening with a blending at the *Mermaid Winery*! Using Award Winning Mermaid Winery wines, your team will create their very own blend of wine and compete against others. After you have made the perfect wine, a team of Sommeliers will examine and provide their results. After the course you will be seated for a private customized dinner.

DAY 7 Norfolk, VA

Before heading back home, head to *Pinot's Palette* for an unforgettable time of fun, friends, and fine art with beer and wine! All you need to do is get ready to be inspired by local artists who will guide you step-by-step through a featured painting. At the end of the class, you'll leave with your very own masterpiece and maybe even a painted wine bottle to commemorate your visit.