



The mountain-fringed town of Staunton is located in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley and is the perfect base of operations for exploring the area.

MORNING OF DAY 1:

Discover the life and legacy of the 28th President at the [Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum](#). Take a guided tour of the Presbyterian Manse where Wilson was born and spent the first year of his life. Next stop is the museum which includes Wilson's Pierce-Arrow limousine, an interactive World War I trench and seven exhibit galleries which represent through historic photographs, documents and objects, the life and public service of Woodrow Wilson.



AFTERNOON OF DAY 1:

Staunton's compact "Main Street" makes it easy to explore. Enjoy lunch at one of these local favorites: Byers Street Bistro, Pampered Palate Cafe, the Depot Grille, Baja Bean Co. and many more!

After lunch, head over to the [American Shakespeare Center's Blackfriars Playhouse](#) and take a tour of the world's only re-creation of Shakespeare's indoor theatre. There you'll get a behind-the-scenes look as you go on, behind and under the stage. Photography—including selfies—are encouraged!



EVENING OF DAY 1:

Head back to your hotel and freshen up for a night out! Enjoy dinner at Emilio's for upscale Italian, Aioli for Mediterranean fare or keep it classic with Mill Street Grill. Then head back to the Blackfriars Playhouse for an award-winning performance. The American Shakespeare Center recently announced their [2017-18 season](#) which includes Shakespearean staples like *Much Ado About Nothing* and *Hamlet* as well as the Tony Award-winning *Peter and the Starcatcher*, a world-premiere adaptation of Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility* and other exciting works.



OTHER AREA ATTRACTIONS:

If time allows, be sure and check out these other popular attractions:

[Staunton Guided Tours](#) - take a guided tour of downtown Staunton or if you're feeling adventurous, try our interactive walking tour with the free app Traipse.

[Frontier Culture Museum](#) - visit working farmsteads from Africa, England, Germany and Ireland as you learn about daily life of the Valley's earliest settlers.

[Sunsports Studios](#) - Watch live glassblowing demonstrations and "Blow Your Own Ornament" at this working studio and gift shop.



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