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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:

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:

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:

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.



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.

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