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Mountain Towns

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Staunton is the perfect place for students of all ages, as most attractions offer hands-on experiences, interactive displays and lots of fun! With many attractions to choose from, educators and parents can plan a day or multi-day trip depending on your schedule and learning objectives. Here are some of the must-see things in Staunton:

STUDENT TOUR OF STAUNTON

The [Frontier Culture Museum](#) tells the story of early immigrants and their American descendants, through reproduced examples of traditional rural buildings from England, Germany, Ireland, West Africa, and America. These farmsteads come alive as costumed interpreters demonstrate the lifestyles of early settlers to the American colonies. For a more in-depth experience, the museum offers a number of specialized tours and can customize your experience to meet your learning objectives.

**Insider's Tip: Allow three hours to experience all the farmsteads at the Frontier Culture Museum.*

Lunch options include having delivery to the Frontier Culture Museum or a picnic at [Gypsy Hill Park](#) with access to playgrounds, a duck pond, picnic tables and restrooms.

Next stop: the [Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum](#). Learn about the life and legacy of our 28th president. Take a guided tour of the museum, where you can see artifacts of Woodrow's life in Staunton just prior to the Civil War as well as an extensive collection of relics from his time in the Oval Office including his 1919 Pierce-Arrow limousine. The museum offers several interactive school programs designed for grades K-8 along with field trip grants to help pay for transportation to and from the museum.

While your downtown, explore Staunton's remarkable collection of historic buildings and architecture before dinner at one of Staunton's group-friendly restaurants.

**Insider's Tip: For a complete listing of group-friendly dining and lodging options go to www.VisitStaunton.com/groups*

Before you head out of town, be sure and stop at the [American Shakespeare Center's Blackfriars Playhouse](#). Take a tour and get a behind-the-scenes look as you go on-stage, behind stage, and even under the stage! Blending lecture and performance in an educational and entertaining way, tour guides tell the story of England's first indoor theatre and describe how the staging conditions of 16th and 17th century London shaped the works of Shakespeare and his fellow playwrights. Compliment your tour with a hands-on workshop with ASC's Educators and Actors and of course stay for a performance to round-out your Shakespearean experience.

