



With four distinct seasons, each offering an unparalleled experience, plan an unforgettable group trip— any time of year—to the heart of Virginia’s Shenandoah Valley.

DAY 1:

Start your day at the [Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library](#) where you will discover the life and legacy of the country’s 28th president in the city where he was born. Visitors will receive a guided tour of Wilson’s birthplace, as well as a self-guided tour of the museum featuring seven galleries which explore Wilson’s early years, his eventful presidency, suffrage, prohibition and World War I. Highlights include the President’s restored 1919 Pierce-Arrow limousine as well as a state-of-the-art World War I trench exhibit complete with lights and sound to experience what life was like for soldiers as they engaged in battle.



Make it a Presidential Home Tour: Round out your trip to Staunton with a visit to Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello, James Monroe’s Ash-Lawn, or James Madison’s Montpelier.

Shakespeare is serious fun at the [American Shakespeare Center’s Blackfriars Playhouse](#), the world’s only re-creation of Shakespeare’s indoor theater. Take a backstage tour where you’ll get a behind-the-scenes look as you go on, behind, and under the stage. Photography—including selfies—are encouraged! Or perform your favorite scenes on stage with a hands-on workshop; perfect for groups.



Head back to your hotel and freshen up for a night out. Enjoy dinner at one of our local restaurants in downtown Staunton. Visit [Zynodoa](#) for a modern, Southern-style farm-to-table eatery; [Mill Street Grill](#) for their barbecue ribs; [The Depot](#) for American inspired dishes; or [Aioli’s](#) for its Mediterranean fare.

DAY 2:

Foodies will love this food tour of Staunton and Augusta County. Start your day at [Staunton Olive Oil Company](#) learning about the health benefits of olive oil, watching a cooking demo, and tasting over 30 different oils.

Next tour [MeadowCroft Farm's](#) pickle factory where they produce all-natural pickles, relishes, and spreads. After your tour, head to The Cheese Shop where foodies will delight in their unique snack selection, old-fashioned candies, hard-to-find baking ingredients and much more.

End your day with a cheese making class paired with wine. Join cheesemaker Louella Hill with master vintner and owner of [Ox-Eye Vineyards](#), John Kiers with a 101 on the basics of home cheesemaking. Taste your way from fresh to aged cheeses and learn why cheeses are so different from one another. Next work on pairing a final cheese tasting flight with the award-winning wines of Ox-Eye.

Further your culinary exploration by tacking on a wine or beer tour to several of our area [wineries or craft breweries](#).

Other “winter friendly” attractions include: the [Camera Heritage Museum](#), [R.R. Smith Center for History and Art](#) and [Sunspots Studios](#).



DAY 3:

No trip to Staunton is complete without shopping! Explore our nationally recognized Main Street featuring over 100 unique boutiques, artisan studios, antique shops, galleries, and restaurants. Lovers of antiques can peruse from [several different shops](#) in and around Staunton. And if you haven't found what you're looking for, head to the Valley's premier antiques destination: [The Factory Antique Mall](#). With 200,000 square feet of antiques and over 200 vendors, making it the largest antique mall in America.

Hobbyists will enjoy a number of eclectic shops that range in interests from [clocks](#) to [model trains](#), planes, and automobiles and even [miniature houses](#).



Next, visit one of the area's natural wonders: [Grand Caverns](#). Discovered in 1804 by Bernard (Barnette) Weyer while trying to retrieve one of his traps. Weyers Cave opened for tours in 1806, making it the oldest continually operating show cave in the U.S. Explore these caverns at a leisurely pace as you walk the paved, one-mile trail.

On your way home stop for dinner at the ever-popular [Mrs. Rowe's](#) for home-style cooking and scratch made pies.