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SATISFY YOUR CULINARY CRAVINGS: A TASTE OF THE TOWN

Head to Staunton, Virginia the “South’s New Foodie Hot Spot” as designate by *Vogue*.

DAY 1:

Foodies will love this tour of Staunton and Augusta County. Start your day at the [Staunton Olive Oil Company](#) learning about the health benefits of olive oil, and tasting over 30 different oils. Head to [MeadowCroft Farm to tour their pickle factory](#) where they produce all-natural pickles, relishes, and spreads.

Right next door is [Polyface Farms](#). Known world-wide for their diversified farming techniques, Polyface farm is a leader in sustainable farming using no chemicals and feeding 6,000 families, restaurants and food outlets within a three-hour ‘food shed’ of their farm. Take a guided tour of their open farm and see the Egg-mobile, visit the turkeys in the Gobbledy-Go, and shop in the farm store for pasture raised meat, eggs, and other goodies.

Spend the afternoon at the [Inn at MeadowCroft](#), a beautifully renovated 1795 log home surrounded by pastoral views of Augusta County. Try an assortment of finger sandwiches using the MeadowCroft Farm’s scratch-made pickles, jams and relishes. Then indulge in their signature cookies like their lemon bars or thumbprint cookies.

End your day at [Barren Ridge Vineyards](#) where you can savor a glass of one of their handcrafted wines. This family-owned vineyard has been transformed from an apple orchard into an award-winning vineyard with a state-of-the-art winery and tasting room. Come for the wine—tastings and tour—stay for the amazing views.



DAY 1 CONTINUED:

Dine at Staunton's restaurant [BLU Point Seafood](#) where the Chesapeake Bay meets the New England shore. Seafood favorites include like lobster rolls, fried clam baskets, soft shell crabs and raw oysters while land lovers can choose from a variety of local, pasture-raised offerings along with the best of the Valley's produce and a regional beverage selection.

After dinner head over to the [Blackfriars Playhouse](#) for an award-winning performance. Choose from over 15 productions including Shakespearean staples, contemporary works and world premiere musicals.



DAY 2:

Take a tour of downtown Staunton from the comfort of your bus with a step-on guide or do a walking tour! Learn about the history and architecture of this award-winning "Main Street" touring four neighborhoods with stops at Trinity Episcopal Church to see the original Tiffany stained glass windows; [Sunspots Studios](#) to watch live glass blowing demonstrations; and finally the [R.R. Smith Center](#) to visit the visual art and history galleries.

Have lunch on your own and enjoy free time exploring the many boutiques, art galleries, and antique stores lining Beverley Street. You won't find any chains here!



Head to [The Cheese Shop](#) where foodies will delight in the unique snack selection, old-fashioned candies, hard-to-find baking ingredients and much more.

Wind down your day with a cheese making class paired with wine. Join cheese maker Louella Hill with a 101 on the basics of home cheese making. 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 alongside master winemaker and owner of [Ox-Eye vineyards](#), John Kiers.



Experience a true working farm brewery at Stable Craft. With opportunities to tour hop fields, visit with the horses, take a behind scenes tour of the brewery and enjoy a tasting and dinner. There is a lot to see and experience at Stable Craft Brewing.



OTHER AREA ATTRACTIONS:

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

[Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum](#) - Discover the life and legacy of the country's 28th President in the city where he was born. Led by an interpreter, get a behind the scenes look at Wilson's birthplace, historic gardens, and interactive exhibits.