Weave an adventure through the City of Lynchburg & Counties of Amherst, Appomattox and Campbell via our City Streets & Country Roads Artisan Trail

Weekend Adventure:

Arrive Friday evening and check into boutique charm at the Craddock Terry Hotel. Revel in a luxury riverfront experience in the heart of downtown Lynchburg. The hotel’s shoe theme comes from the building’s former use as a shoe factory, now transformed into a chic inn with soft beds and resident canine greeter, Penny Loafer.

Once checked in, grab a brew at Kegney Brothers Irish Pub. Take a seat on the patty o’ overlooking the James River and unwind from your drive with a pint. The original Kegney Brothers Pub was established in the mid-1800s and is now revived by a new generation with live Irish music and genuine Irish pub grub.

Saturday:

Arise to the Craddock Terry Hotel’s Continental Shoe Box breakfast waiting for you just outside your door. Then get ready for an artful Central Virginia adventure.

It’s time for your pre-scheduled appointment with KellyMattox Fine Art Studio. Kelly’s work is an extension of her personality with bold strokes, lots of energy, excitement and movement. She paints with bright colors to tease, intrigue and harmonize. This interplay of exciting colors, shapes, and forms are a key component to the composition, manipulating the abstract verses the real, perfect for adding a little color to your collection.

Then head to your next pre-scheduled appointment with Jill Jensen, a mixed media artist creating work with paint, original prints and stitching. Jill hand colors all of her fabrics using paint, pastels and colored pencils and designs and carves her own printing plates to use on her textiles, with the final component being machine stitching which adds color and texture. Commissions are welcome.

Time to think about lunch! Drive to the Lynchburg Community Market to pick up something yummy from any of the food vendors at the market. While you wait for your meal, wander around the art vendor stalls to see what strikes your fancy.

Take your lunch to the swing area at the Old City Cemetery Museums & Arboretum and set up your picnic underneath the shady trees. After lunch, wander the grounds to experience the history and grandeur of the most visited attraction in Lynchburg.
After your outdoor adventure, drive to the Maier Museum of Art on the campus of Randolph College to enjoy the indoor scenery. The Maier offers an outstanding collection of American art, chiefly paintings, works on paper and photographs dating from the 19th and 20th centuries and is virtually unique among colleges and universities for its continual building of a collection focused on American art including such artists as John Sloan, Georgia O'Keeffe, Robert Rauschenberg, and Jacob Lawrence, among others.

Have a leisurely dinner at one of Lynchburg’s fine dining establishments then back to the hotel for a restful night’s sleep.

**Sunday:**

Though you will be heading home today, there are still more stops to make for the full Artisan Trail experience in Appomattox County!

Start the day at the American Civil War Museum in Appomattox. Drawing from its rich collection of artifacts and documents, the Museum interweaves the story of the Confederate States government, the military, civilians, and enslaved and free African-Americans. Exhibits detail events leading up to and following the War including the "Appomattox moment" when the armies of two warring nations clashed at a rural crossroads in April of 1865.

Next head over to DeVault Vineyards, situated on 32 beautiful rolling acres in Appomattox. Visit the tasting room, request a tour or time your visit with one of their signature events. You can extend your time at the vineyard with some fun in their indoor Olympic size pool, children's play house, swing set, and basketball court. Check with the vineyard for availability.

Last stop is Kat’s Pottery. In the Appomattox woods, Kat Ferguson’s studio is open by appointment and shows off her handmade porcelain pottery inspired by the surrounding nature. If you are unable to get to the studio, no worries, you can find her work every day in Baines Books & Coffee on Main Street in downtown Appomattox.

With a trunk full of handmade pieces for your home and memories for you, it’s time to head home. Thank you for traveling our City Streets & Country Roads Artisan Trail!

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