**HISTORIC HOMES TOUR**

Our view of the majestic Blue Ridge Mountains and place beside the historic James River made Lynchburg a unique place for industrialists and adventurers to call home. These people created a city that, at times throughout its history, ranked as one of the wealthiest communities per capita in the nation. This affluence fueled construction of extraordinary buildings in a diverse array of architectural styles. And none are more grand and eclectic than the homes built by our more influential residents.

**Point of Honor Historic Mansion**

Experience life during the early 1800’s as you explore the house and grounds of the original owner and builder, Dr. George Cabell, whose patients included American patriot Patrick Henry. A tour of this historic Federal style home, with its classic architecture and period furnishings, gives insight into the lives of all who lived and worked in this remarkable home.

**Historic District Driving Tour**

Our step-on guide will take you through Lynchburg’s seven nationally designated Historic Districts. These prosperous neighborhoods sprang up during the mid to late 19th century when tobacco tycoons, shoe production, doctors, and attorneys made Lynchburg one of the wealthiest cities in the nation for its size.

*Lunch at your choice of dining establishment*

**Historic Sandusky**

Built in 1808, Historic Sandusky is one of the Lynchburg area’s first homes to display the architectural details and refinements characteristic of Federal style mansions. Taken over and used as a Union headquarters during the Battle of Lynchburg, the home is now the site of the Historic Sandusky Museum and Civil War Center.
Thomas Jefferson’s Poplar Forest

Poplar Forest is Thomas Jefferson’s secluded retreat, now a National Historic Landmark. A mature and innovative architectural masterpiece, Jefferson designed the octagonal house during his second term as President of the United States. Jefferson sojourned to Poplar Forest between the ages of 66-80 to rekindle his creativity, spend time with his grandchildren and escape the crowds at Monticello.

Optional Experience Add-Ons

Anne Spencer House & Garden Museum

An internationally acclaimed poet who was part of the Harlem Renaissance, Anne Spencer was the only black woman and the only Virginian included in the Norton Anthology of Modern American and British Poetry. Take a tour of the house and garden that many Civil Rights luminaries visited during her lifetime.

Avoca Museum

Just 25 minutes south of Lynchburg in Altavista, the Avoca Museum, built in 1901, is an American Queen Anne-style house and was the home of Revolutionary War hero Colonel Charles Lynch. Designated a Virginia Historic Landmark and listed in the National Register of Historic Places, Avoca also features an 1880’s log cabin and is home to an impressive Civil War exhibit.

Patrick Henry’s Red Hill

Red Hill is the last home and the burial place of American patriot Patrick Henry. He is best known for his five terms as governor of Virginia and his “Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death” speech to the Virginia Convention in 1775.

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