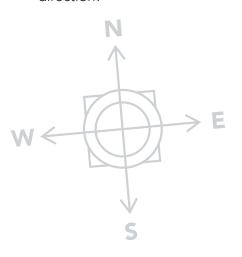
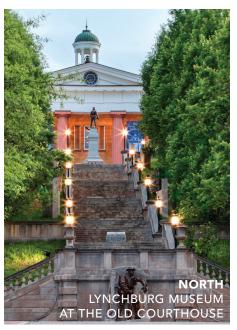


THE COMPASS TOUR

Forged by vigorous industry, Lynchburg, Virginia has always been a cosmopolitan oasis within the otherwise pastoral Central Virginia. Also known as the Hill City, our view of the Blue Ridge Mountains and place beside the historic James River has made us a unique destination for travelers seeking new adventures while being surrounded by natural beauty. And to help you in navigating your group's new adventure, we have curated just a few of our legacy experiences the places and attractions that people tell their friends and family they must go while they're here. So grab your compass or load the GPS, and let's explore the Lynchburg region in every direction!



















DAY ONE - NORTH

For your first day in Central Virginia, you will stay within the Lynchburg City limits which sits on the northern side of our region.

Lynchburg Museum at the Old Courthouse

Explore the rich history of Lynchburg and Central Virginia. The Museum shares stories about the fascinating people and events that shaped our region through rotating exhibitions and their permanent collections.

Old City Cemetery & Arboretum

Established in 1806, this restored public cemetery is a Virginia Historic Landmark on the National Register of Historic Places. Features include a Confederate burial ground with over 2,000 graves, significant African-American history, and five small museums equipped with push-button audio. Interpretive plaques, signage, and brochures are available throughout the 26-acre site.

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.

Lunch at the Depot Grille

This fun, railroad-themed family restaurant is a local favorite and housed in a former freight station. The Depot's eclectic dining space uses church pews for their booth seating and the bar back is an old pharmacy display case. Order the ribs, you won't be disappointed!

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.

Check in to Hotel

Take this time to freshen up before an evening in Downtown.

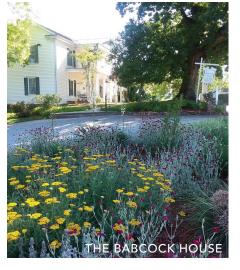
From upscale to economy, Lynchburg boasts an array of hotels from well-known brands to sophisticated boutique hotels that are sure to suite your group's needs.

Lynchburg Dining Experience

A renaissance is happening in LYH, and it has everyone hungry. Michelin star chefs and Food Network veterans have set up shop on cozy Downtown streets and quiet nooks. Dinner is on your own this evening, so walk through the doors of any of our restaurants and you'll be met with extraordinary flavor and attention to detail that will make you want to stay for hours, or at least until the Motorcoach takes you back to your hotel.











DAY TWO - SOUTH & EAST

Today you will travel south into neighboring Campbell County to visit historic estates/museums before traveling east to Appomattox County to see where the documents were signed to end America's Civil War.

Avoca Museum

Built in 1901, Avoca is an American Queen Anne-style house and is the home site of Colonel Charles Lynch, Revolutionary War hero. 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.

Lunch at the Babcock House

The Babcock House is a restored, turn of the century inn, dating back to 1884. You will truly feel you have taken a step back in time as you dine here for lunch.

Appomattox Court House National Historical Park

The Appomattox Court House National Historical Park commemorates the heroic acts which took place in April of 1865 in this, the original village, to bring about the end of the Civil War. The highlight of the Park is the McLean House where Generals Lee and Grant crafted and signed the terms of surrender. The walking tour allows you to see all buildings which are original to the site and have been restored to their original condition.

American Civil War Museum

Drawing from the rich collection of artifacts and documents, the American Civil War Museum allows the visitor to explore the lives of soldiers, civilians, and African-Americans during our country's most trying time. Exhibits detail events leading up to and following the War.

Dinner at Charley's Restaurant

Founded in 1980 by former Major League Baseball player Charley Sands, Charley's has grown into one of Lynchburg's favorite restaurants with steaks, seafood, salads and more.

DAY THREE - WEST

Today is the final full day in the Lynchburg region. You will travel west towards the iconic Blue Ridge Mountains into neighboring Bedford County to honor those who fought and perished during World War II and visit a President's summer retreat.

National D-Day Memorial

The Memorial honors the Allied forces who shared in the invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944 during World War II. The Memorial stands as a powerful tribute to the valor, fidelity, and sacrifice of D-Day participants. Visitors can expect both an educational as well as emotional experience, leaving with a clear understanding of the scale and sacrifices made during the largest amphibious landing the world has ever seen.

Lunch at Liberty Station Restaurant

Dine in this historic railroad station restaurant, located in Downtown Bedford featuring delicious American fare, created with the best ingredients available. Be sure to save some room and grab a slice of Harry's famous cheesecake.

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.

Return to Hotel to Relax and Freshen Up

Head back to your hotel and get prepared for tonight's festivities as this is your final evening with us in Lynchburg.

Dinner at Shoemakers American Grille

Shoemakers is located in the Craddock Terry Hotel and treats guests to big city dining in the heart of Downtown Lynchburg. Offering fine cuisine in an upscale industrial setting, its shoe themed rooms and décor reflect Lynchburg's past as one of the nation's leading shoe manufacturing cities during the late 19th to mid-20th centuries.

Performance at the Historic Academy of Music Theatre

The Historic Academy of Music Theatre, now part of the Academy Center of the Arts complex, is one of Lynchburg's most notable historical treasures. When it first opened in February 1905, the theatre boasted perfect sightlines, extraordinary acoustics and the ability to attract nationally acclaimed performing artists. The theatre closed in 1958 and has lain silent and all but abandoned for four decades...until now. The theatre has undergone extensive restoration to return the building to its original state and reopened its doors in December 2018. Enjoy the show!





DAY FOUR - FAREWELL

Before heading out of town to the next destination on your itinerary or heading home, you deserve a little bit of free time to explore Downtown Lynchburg's shops.

Lynchburg Community Market & Shopping

Lynchburg takes to heart the Buy Local trend. Before leaving Lynchburg for your next destination, visit the Lynchburg Community Market, purportedly the third oldest continuously running farmer's market in the country. Duck in to one of the many unique shops that feature local artisans where you'll find special reminders of your trip.

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