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LYNCHBURG, VA

## This is Lynchburg.

When you're in Lynchburg, you're home. With our welcoming hospitality and beautiful surroundings you will slow down your pace and have a chance to catch your breath. We look forward to having you get to know Lynchburg and know you'll leave with a new home away from home and endless memories.

There are a few Lynchburg legacies that you should explore while you're here. They are locations, sights and experiences that will give you an idea of who we are as a community (and they're just really, really beautiful). But we also invite you to adventure on your own a little bit. Duck into a few shops along the sidewalks, take a road that might lead to a gorgeous view or just sit down at a coffee shop and meet some new friends. However you choose to experience our city, we're just glad you're here.



### Downtown

If you really want to experience the culture of Lynchburg, set your sights on downtown. Restaurants that have been started by innovative chefs dot the streets, the James River creates a beautiful barrier to the city, and street art will guide your path. Our downtown is best navigated on foot—when you have a chance to stop and look further as you go—but our hopper and bus systems make frequent stops along the hilled streets, to make your trip even easier.



### Arts

Art is an incredibly important part of who we are as a city. Our Artisan Trail will give you the must-see galleries, exhibits and artisans, but we also encourage you to wander off the beaten path a bit and find some of the art that is being created by our community. Stop to listen while someone plays at the many public pianos around the city (or sit down and play a tune of your own!), share some photos of the street art that you find, or get to know an artist that you see working in a coffee shop. That's the thing about art—you get to experience it however you want.





# Blue Ridge Parkway

As you spend time in Lynchburg, you'll quickly learn that we love being outside. That's why we have miles of biking, hiking and walking paths that weave throughout the city and it's why you will always find people outside no matter the time of year. Lynchburg is in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, with quick access to the Blue Ridge Parkway from multiple locations. Unplug for a few hours and explore the mountains, and get a view of Lynchburg from a different angle.

## History

Lynchburg was (and still is today), a pretty transient community. In its early days, it was an import/export town via the James River. It then grew to a major rail community. And today, with a handful of colleges and universities in the city, it's still a place where people from all over the world come and go. That movement has shaped our city and, in many cases, it's shaped our nation. Battles have been fought here, ideas have turned into inventions, and presidents have chosen to call the Lynchburg region their home. When you're here, give yourself some time to explore our history, and perhaps make a little of your own.

## Food

A renaissance is happening in Lynchburg and it has everyone hungry. Innovative chefs are making the great migration from big cities and international destinations to set up shop on cozy downtown streets and quiet nooks; and Food Network veterans are suiting up with aprons and pastry brushes to satisfy the city's sweet tooth. Walk through the doors of any of our restaurants and you'll be met with extraordinary flavor and an attention to detail that will make you want to stay for hours (and we want you to, too). Whether you want to stop in for a quick counter service bite at a pizzeria or a full course chef's dinner, our tables are ready to be shared. Food is how community happens.

## Festivals

Here is just a sample of our Festivals:

**April-** Virginia Historic Garden Week, Lynchburg

**June-** The James River Batteau Festival (Batteaux are early 19th century flat bottom boats)

**August-** Lockn' Musical Festival

**September-** Lynchburg Arts Festival

**October-** The Wine & Garlic Festival November- Poplar Forest Wine Festival

**November-** Bluegrass, Barbecue, & Brew Festival - Thomas Jefferson Wine Festival at Poplar Forest

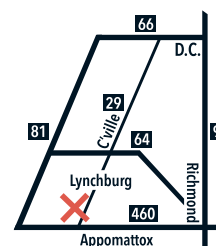
Centrally located in the state, Lynchburg is within a day's drive of most major east coast cities and is a perfect 'hub' location for experiencing all Central Virginia has to offer. Some travelers to Lynchburg choose a relaxing ride on Amtrak, now with direct service from Washington DC, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York! Contact Krista Boothby to help you plan your tour of Lynchburg today!

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**Philadelphia, PA** - 315 mi  
**Baltimore, MD** - 219 mi  
**Washington DC** - 180 mi  
**Raleigh, NC** - 150 mi  
**Charlotte, NC** - 207 mi  
**Columbia, SC** - 289 mi  
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