

## Local Staycations

### Save Money...

### Time...

### Gas...

**Self-Guided Walking Tours:** Harrisonburg's downtown offers a tour that delves into the history, architecture and bright future of the city's center. Other towns, including Dayton and New Market, also offer walking tours. Check out shops that feature local arts and products, and a variety of area and ethnic foods at the city's many restaurants.

**History Getaways:** The Hardesty-Higgins House in downtown Harrisonburg features a Turnpike Museum that celebrates U.S. 11. Various town museums, including the Plains District Memorial Museum in Timberville, the Port Republic Museum and Silver Lake Mill in Dayton offer a peek into the area's past. New Market Battlefield also attracts thousands of visitors interested in Civil War history.

**Heritage Journeys:** Sample local fare at a farmer's market, such as the seasonal one in downtown Harrisonburg or the Dayton Farmers Market. Find traditional artisans demonstrating their crafts at the area's many fall festivals and spring's Court Days celebration. Learn more about the area's rich spiritual legacy at the Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center on Garber's Church Road, or view the "invincible spirit" of Valley residents at the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society in Dayton.

**The Great Outdoors:** Just minutes from Harrisonburg are mountains, streams, rivers and caverns waiting to be discovered. Guide services offer packages that appeal to family groups as well as competitive individuals in mountain biking, hiking, caving and rafting. The George Washington National Forest also boasts picnic areas, hiking trails and some campsites for getting away from it all. Shenandoah National Park and Skyline Drive offer breathtaking views for hikers and drivers alike. Massanutten Resort offers skiing in season as well as a water park. And the sky's literally the limit to enjoying the area; Fly Shenandoah in Weyers Cave and other aviation companies offer sightseeing tours for an extraordinary view of the Valley.

**Great Discoveries:** Children will love the hands-on learning activities at the Harrisonburg Children's Museum, located downtown. Massanutten Regional Library also offers story times and activities for children as well as genealogy resources and books for adults. James Madison University, Eastern Mennonite University and Bridgewater College maintain museums and science centers that feature rocks and minerals, biological specimens, science presentations and other programs. And, burn off excess energy at Pump It Up, an inflatable play area that features a giant slide, basketball area and "gladiator-style" ring.

**Creative Outlet:** Downtown Harrisonburg's You Made It provides unfinished ceramics and paints, brushes and plenty of space to create one-of-a-kind masterpieces to take home. Court Square Theater, also downtown, features live performances, independent movies, film festivals and children's programs. The Playhouse and theater programs at JMU, EMU and BC present shows for family and adult audiences. The area also offers a variety of galleries, including OASIS, 150 Franklin Street Gallery, Tracy's Studio in the Woods Gallery and others.

**Romantic Escape:** Looking for that special getaway for two? The area's many bed and breakfasts offer a night or a weekend of pampering and privacy in settings that celebrate the Valley's unique heritage. Check in, enjoy the comforts of home without the work - and you don't even have to tell anyone you're from the area!