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DISCOVERING THE QUIET CHARM OF LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA

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If you are looking for a vacation spot that feels like you have stepped into a storybook; quiet mornings, mountain air, charming streets and just enough adventure to keep things exciting. Located between the Blue Ridge and Allegheny Mountains, this little valley town is overflowing with romantic history and those "I think I want to live here" kind of moments. Lexington, Virginia has all this to offer and more.

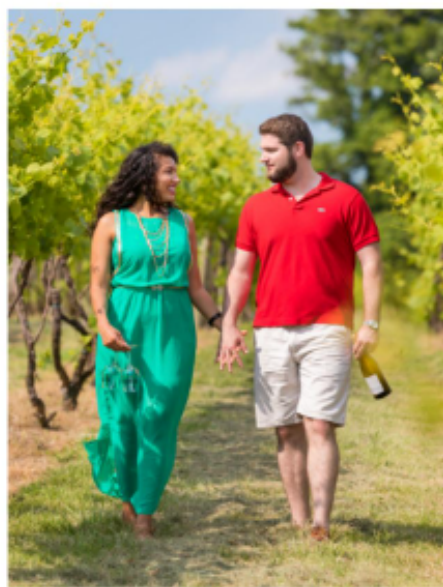
SMALL TOWN, BIG HEART

The town of Lexington will greet you with aged old sidewalks, and the smell of mountain air. Everything moves a little slower here, the sun seems to slowly creep over the mountain points in the morning, and locals and visitors stroll the streets without any real apparent destination. Spend your first days as a visitor, wandering through downtown, walking into antique stores and

art galleries, or take a carriage tour of downtown Lexington with Lexington Carriage and meet the sweet horses that pull the carriage, Weston and Arron.

The town's historic charm is undeniable, but it never feels outdated. You will find beautifully historic buildings and inns that make you feel a part of the story. The Inn at Brierley Hill, for example, is a secluded and charming place to stay, surrounded by the mountains, every which way you look will have a breath-taking view. Less than five minutes away from the heart of Lexington this inn offers guests a chance to unwind and relax.

Now, if you are the type of traveler that is looking to stay in town, I recommend the Georges a luxurious hotel located right in the heart of the city. The Georges has acquired five historic buildings all named





after historical and famous alumni of the Virginia Military Institute.

SIPS, FLAVORS AND ENJOY

Lexington's food scene is something to be mentioned. At the corner of Main and Washington stop in and enjoy a comforting meal in a cozy café. Annie's at the Georges is a great spot to stop in for breakfast or lunch and enjoy fresh pastries, cold-pressed juice and specialty teas like Virginia's own Junga Chai.

If wine is your love language, make time to visit the Virginia Gold Orchard, a family-owned orchard that was started back in 1990 by Paul and Youngsuk Estabrook. The orchard has about 2,000 Asian pear trees, which they have used the pears from those trees to curate a delicious pear wine. The Orchard is also home to cultivated lavender gardens and estate grown wines. You might just find yourself

planning your anniversary trip here or packing up the whole family.

FOR THE TRAVELER WHO PREFERS CHARM, CONNECTION, AND QUIET LUXURY

All in all, Lexington, Virginia is a place that invites its visitors to pause and savor every moment. With its romantic mountain setting, intimate inns, thoughtfully crafted dining, and welcoming people, it offers a traveler a vacation that feels both meaningful and unhurried. Days seem to slow down with scenic walks, wine tastings, and quiet adventures, while evenings are made for candlelit dinners and conversations and moments that become core memories. Seeking an escape, charm, and new and lasting memories, Lexington proves that the most unforgettable beginnings often happen in the most beautifully understated places.



Opposite page, clockwise from top left:

A stroll down Main Street; the campus at Washington and Lee University; Walking through the Virginia Gold Orchard

This page, top to bottom: *A carriage tour through downtown; shopping for special art at a local gallery*