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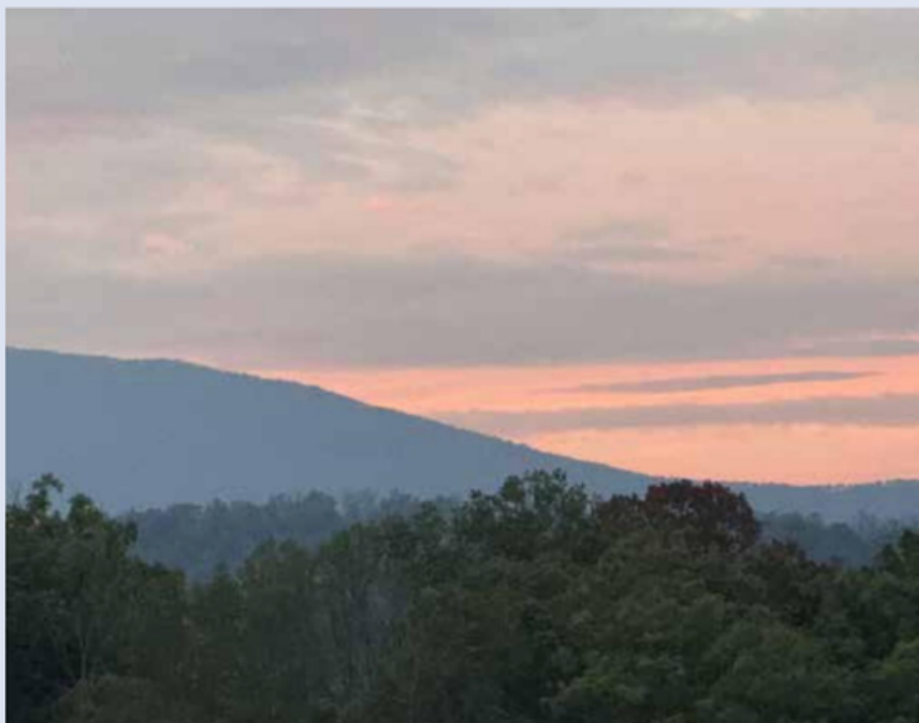
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Small-town history, mountain backdrops and just enough to do and see to escape and recharge.

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Lexington, Virginia: Your Next Quick Getaway



Tucked into Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, Lexington is the kind of destination that immediately slows your pace in the best way. Surrounded by the Blue Ridge Mountains and filled with centuries of history, it blends scenic beauty, walkable charm and thoughtfully curated experiences that make for an easy long weekend.

And after a few days of exploring, I get it. I know exactly why Virginia is for lovers.

From historic campuses and preserved downtown streets to rolling countryside and mountain overlooks, Lexington delivers just enough to fill your days while still feeling refreshingly unhurried. You can spend the morning at a farmers market, the afternoon exploring trails, vineyards or lavender farms and the evening enjoying a relaxed but elevated dinner.

WHERE TO STAY

Inn at Briery Hill offers a peaceful, tucked-away retreat with sweeping views, private suites and outdoor experiences - just steps outside their wrap-around porch, making it feel like a true escape. My stay was heaven.

For a more central stay, The Georges puts you right in the heart of historical downtown with boutique-style accommodations and easy access to everything.

SEE | SHOP | SIP

- Downtown Lexington + local shops
- Virginia Military Institute & Washington and Lee University
- Blue Ridge Parkway + Glen Maury Park
- Natural Bridge State Park (and stargazing)
- Lexington Farmers Market
- Great Valley Farm Brewery & Winery
- Halcyon Days Cider Company
- Virginia Gold Orchard
- Tantivy Lavender Farm
- Ecco Adesso Vineyards

WHERE TO EAT

Local favorites include Hardens, The Palms, Heliotrope Brewing, Legendary Eats and Pure Eats. Don't miss Annie's and Haywood's at The Georges for easy, elevated dining experiences onsite.

For a quick getaway destination that blends history, nature and a relaxed sense of style, Lexington may just be Virginia's most underrated (and lovely) getaway.

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