PET-FRIENDLY

If you like traveling with your four-legged friend, then The Tides Inn is the place for you, ensuring you both feel like royalty. Your buddy will luxuriate on a cozy Harry Barker pet bed, eat from a ceramic bowl and chomp on in-room doggie biscuits. Roam the grounds, beach and marina, then head to Kilmarnock for a downtown stroll and some off-leash play at Scottie Yard dog park.

ASK A LOCAL

“Virginia is one of only two places in the world where vineyards exist alongside water with oysters; Bordeaux in France is the other. Wine and oysters both reflect a sense of place. The ‘terroir’ of the grape and wine is like the ‘merroir’ of the oyster, which results in a perfect culinary pairing. The weather and climate, soil composition and geography are the same for Virginia’s coastal grapes and the nearby oysters. You can seek this pairing at restaurants that offer wine from vineyards on Virginia’s shores and pair it with Virginia’s oysters. Experience for yourself why foods that grow together should be served together. Tasting is believing.” — Dudley Patterson, Hope & Glory Inn and Dog & Oyster Vineyard

DID YOU KNOW?

Virginia’s Gladys West, who began her career at the U.S. Naval Weapons Laboratory in Dahlgren, was part of the “Hidden Figures” team – the Black female mathematicians known as “computers” - performing computations for the U.S. military before the advent of electronic calculators and computers. Among other awe-inspiring accomplishments, she verified calculations for Navy weapon systems and programmed a computer to deliver calculations for a “geodetic Earth model,” which ultimately became GPS.

NOTABLE TOWN

In Mathews, Main Street is more than just an address – it’s a description. Downtown Mathews exudes a nostalgic small-town vibe, with plentiful smiles and 21st-century benefits. Stroll the friendly streets to boutique and antique shops. Muses thrive here, as evidenced in local art and craft galleries and studios that highlight pottery, paintings, wood carvings, jewelry and more. Choose from fine dining, casual fare or fast food, but don’t miss regionally celebrated White Dog Bistro or local favorite Southwind Pizza.

HIDDEN GEM

Time took a toll at Menokin, a 1749 Georgian-style mansion that was crumbling to the earth. Meanwhile, the surrounding woods reclaimed the native plants and animals. Now, the two exist side by side – the home is being gently restored and the land is a wildlife refuge. The National Historic Landmark won’t become just another museum house, though. The restoration of the ruins will use structural glass, leaving elements of the house visible, to better illuminate Menokin’s story for visitors.

ICONIC

The small park seems unassuming, but Tyndall’s Point Park showcases an enlightening connection to history. As you read the interpretive signs, a picture of the past materializes: first settlers landing here in the early 1600s; forts during the 17th century, the Civil War, and the Revolutionary War; and sporadic battles. Imaginary sounds of musket fire and cannon may drown out nearby river traffic as you wander past redoubts and trenches. You’ll leave respectful – and better informed.

BUCKET LIST

Of course, Westmoreland State Park offers outdoor opportunities galore, but you’ll also find something unexpected, something that just might be on your bucket list. The sand at Fossil Beach harbors sharks’ teeth and other fossils, from millions and millions of years ago, when the region was covered by the ocean. Think whale teeth, shark and fish bones, and big-as-your-palm megalodon teeth – the biggest shark ever to patrol the oceans.

INSTAGRAM-WORTHY

Your photo finger will be itching at Merroir tasting house on the Rappahannock River. With waterside views, spectacular skyscapes, fabulous food and numerous accolades, it’s the epitome of Virginia’s River Realm. Your drool-worthy pictures are sure to inspire FOMO and food envy, though you may have trouble putting down your fork to pick up your phone.
Tour the 18th-century Great House & Gardens
Explore Nature Trails & Beaches along the Potomac River
Located in the Historic Northern Neck of Virginia


Come visit Historic Westmoreland County, explore acmic byways, stop at the wineries and enjoy the county’s small-town charms. Discover the birthplaces of George Washington, James Monroe and the Lee family. Enjoy the sunrise at Westmoreland State Park or the beaches, see artisans at work and enjoy nature’s bounty of fresh seafood, produce, and other culinary treasures. There’s more to see and do in Westmoreland County.

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When the days are shorter and the air is crisper, there’s no better place to be than Virginia’s Northern Neck. Enjoy the miles of shoreline with local wine and oysters, or maybe catch your own dinner right off the dock. But don’t wait, we’re wasting daylight.

Northern Neck Tourism Commission
407 Main St, Warsaw; 804-333-2195; northernneck.org. Historic sites, waterfront recreation, oysters, craft beverages and relaxation!

Northen Neck Watertrails
417 Main St, Warsaw; 804-224-7181; colonialbeachva.net. Open daily.

Colonial Beach Municipal Fishing Pier
Beach Terrace, Colonial Beach; 804-224-7181; colonialbeachva.net. Fishing pier extending over the Potomac River. Open daily.

Colonial Beach Public Boat Ramp
Monroe Bay Ave. on the Point, Colonial Beach; 804-224-7181; colonialbeachva.net. Public boat launch with vehicle and trailer parking.

Gloucester Blueways
3601 Timberneck Farm Rd., Gloucester; 804-693-2585; gloucesterva.info. Suited for kayaks in Gloucester. Self-guided maps, water trails explained area's history, ecology, significance.


Woodville Park

Rosewell Ruins
5113 Old Rosewell Ln, Gloucester; 804-493-2351; virginiastateparks.gov. Preserved ruins of one of Colonial America's grandest mansions. $.

Whitley's Peanut Factory and Museum
6504 Main St., Gloucester; 804-693-3215; visitgloucesterva.info. Visitor's Center, retail store selling peanut products and souvenirs.

Birding Trail
3155 Greate Rd., Gloucester; 804-693-2234; visitgloucesterva.info. Static and changing exhibits of early Gloucester and its people.

Gloucester Museum of History
4645 George Washington Hwy., Gloucester; 804-693-1234; visitgloucesterva.info. Interpreted walk along York River explains area's history, ecology, significance.

Historic Courthouse Circle
1255 Greate Rd., Gloucester; 804-693-3215; visitgloucesterva.info. Central to downtown Gloucester. Site of one of Virginia's oldest courthouses, 1812 debtor's prison, 1897 jail, 1896 clerk's office and more.

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Stratford Hall
3601 Timberneck Farm Rd, Hayes; virginiastateparks.gov. $.

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3255 Greatie Rd, Gloucester Point; 804-493-2351; visitgloucesterva.info. Interpret a walk along York River explains area's history, ecology, significance.

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Pamunkey Indian Reservation and Museum 355 Lay Landing Rd, King William; 804-643-4792; pamunkey.net. Open daily except Mondays. Confirm by calling.

St. John’s Church 120 St. John’s Church Ln, King William; 804-769-4161. stjohnskingwilliam.org. Guided tours available by appointment. Call for tours. Musical programs.

LANCASTER COUNTY

Belle Isle State Park 1350 Belle Isle Rd, Lancaster; 804-682-5030; virginia.gov. Open daily except Mondays. Confirm by calling.


Historic Church & Museum 2592 Caledonia Rd, King William; 804-682-5030. The church was built in 1850. The Potomac Company built the church as a station for its employees. This church is the oldest in the county. It was built with the labor of the slaves of the Potomac Company. It was moved to its present location in 1900. 右


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Historic 18th-century building. Includes Kinsale, Montross, Oak Island, Stafford counties.

Historical Society of Middlesex County 777 General Puller Hwy, Saluda; 804-758-3663; middlesexmuseum.com. Built in 1815, the oldest wooden structure in Virginia.


Delaplane Maritime Museum and Holly Point National Park 267 Jackson Creek Rd, Delaplane; 703-776-7200; delaplainedVN.com. Visitors can enjoy a park with picnic areas, trails, waterfowl, pier, kayak launch, pavilion/ banquet room rentals and year-round event centers. Open daily. 5 mile bike trail.

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