

VIRGINIA

LUXURY TRAVEL EXPERIENCES:
A WINTER HOLIDAY

A photograph of a fire burning in a metal fire pit. The fire is bright orange and yellow, with flames rising. The fire pit is on a gravel surface. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a sunset sky. A wooden table is visible to the right of the fire pit.

VIRGINIA OFFERS A DISTINCT TYPE OF LUXURY

Discover the magic of Virginia's winter charm. Traverse spectacular landscapes to uncover exceptional experiences, five-star resorts, soothing spas, and one-of-a-kind luxury. Your unforgettable escape begins here.

DAY ONE

Embark on a winter journey through Virginia's captivating landscapes, where each day offers opportunities for luxurious experiences. As you begin your adventure, the historic Morrison House in Alexandria's Old Town welcomes you to a haven of charm and sophistication.

Immerse yourself in history nearby at George Washington's Mount Vernon. Learn about America's first president while you explore his mansion and gardens before savoring lunch at the Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant where the culinary offerings such as peanut soup beckon back to 18th-century flavors. In the afternoon, explore artistic diversity at the Torpedo Factory Art Center—a historic munitions plant turned vibrant hub of creativity, featuring three floors of artist studios and galleries along Alexandria's scenic waterfront. Wander over to the Cameron Run ice rink for a delightful winter experience that combines the thrill of gliding on ice with scenic surroundings.

Wind down your day with a magical walk along King Street where cobblestone streets are lined with boutique shops, antique stores, and eclectic galleries, offering a delightful array of one-of-a-kind treasures. Return to the Morrison House for a nightcap at The Study where you can enjoy a cleverly crafted cocktail or an inviting glass of wine to sip at your leisure in a cozy setting.





DAY TWO

Your journey then leads you to Charlottesville, a historic city sitting at the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Discover why it has been awarded Wine Enthusiast's "Wine Region of the Year" as you begin your day with a chauffeur-driven excursion along the Monticello Wine Trail, indulging in a private tour and tasting at wineries like Pippin Hill Farm & Vineyards, renowned for its sweeping views of the surrounding mountains and their farm-to-table culinary delicacies.

Experience the iconic Thomas Jefferson's Monticello in a whole new light during the winter season as you delve into the rich history and architectural splendor of this historical gem in a serene atmosphere. Afterward, explore Charlottesville's Downtown Mall, where you will find yourself surrounded by historic buildings offering distinctive shopping experiences, and boutiques, galleries, and cafes provide warm respites amidst the winter chill.

Check into The Clifton, an historic estate with ties to Jefferson. Set on 100 acres of rolling hills, this boutique property blends Southern charm with modern elegance to create a tranquil retreat for those seeking a relaxing getaway in the heart of Virginia's wine country. Here, savor a private dinner at The Clifton's 1799 Restaurant, where Michelin-starred Chef Matthew Bousquet serves up food inspired by the land and the 18th-century ambiance, providing the perfect resolution to your day.

DAY THREE

Fulfill your sense of adventure with a morning hot air balloon ride over the scenic Shenandoah, offering a breathtaking aerial perspective of the wintry landscapes. Transition to Wintergreen Resort for an exclusive winter sports experience that offers varying difficulty levels of slopes to accommodate both seasoned professionals and beginners alike.

Wrap up your memorable mountain rendezvous and head east to Keswick Resort, a luxurious refuge where historic elegance meets modern comfort, featuring a renowned golf course and spa that invite you to unwind and indulge in an unforgettable getaway. Settle in with a Michelin-starred chef inspired meal at Marigold by Jean-Georges, before calling it a night.





DAY FOUR

Head east towards the coast where Williamsburg invites you to sojourn at the exquisite Williamsburg Inn.

Step into the living history of Colonial Williamsburg and explore its Art Museums, where every exhibit unfolds a narrative of the past. Glide gracefully across the ice at Liberty's Ice Pavilion, surrounded by the timeless charm of the season. Enjoy the whimsy of a carriage ride around Colonial Williamsburg, where the clip-clop of hooves on cobblestone streets transports you to a bygone era.

Back at the Williamsburg Inn, the Social Terrace beckons with its inviting ambiance for cocktails or light fare, creating the perfect setting to unwind after a day of exploration.



DAY FIVE

Take an excursion to Virginia Beach for an unforgettable winter whale-watching trip. Only an hour's drive from Williamsburg the Atlantic Ocean awaits, where the winter months bring a fascinating display of marine life, including humpback whales and playful dolphins.

Then pamper yourself at The Spa of Colonial Williamsburg, or take a leisurely stroll through Merchants Square, adorned with winter decorations, creating a picturesque backdrop for a shopping excursion.

Your trip comes to a culmination with dinner at the Rockefeller Room, the crown jewel of the Williamsburg Inn, where exquisite flavors combine with timeless charm to create memories that will linger long after your visit.



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