

It's All About the Arts

Fredericksburg, VA

Fredericksburg is a historic town filled with art. Galleries abound, and you can even try your hand at painting and pottery. You'll also enjoy the art of good food and fine distilled spirits. And you'll have plenty of time to shop artfully, too!





DAY 1

2:00 p.m. Wine and Design Painting Class

What kind of inspiration does one need to paint a great portrait? Why, wine, of course! Sit, sip and splash some paint on a canvas. You'll get some instruction from a skilled painter to help with the finer points.

5:30 p.m. Check in to area hotel

6:30 p.m. Dinner at Alpine Chef

Housed in Fredericksburg's historic railroad station, Alpine Chef serves up scrumptious German/Bavarian food in a lovely setting. Sit back and enjoy wonderful European dishes and even some good beer!

DAY 2

6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at hotel

9:00 a.m. Pots and Pallets Workshop

Perhaps pottery is your undiscovered medium. You'll have fun "throwing" a small pot, painting it and then bringing it home with you after it has been fired and cooled.

11:30 a.m. Lunch and art gallery exploration in Downtown Fredericksburg

Downtown Fredericksburg is loaded with good places to eat and cool art galleries to explore. Pick a lunch spot for a refreshing meal and then take time to browse the galleries and maybe find something to bring home.

1:30 p.m. Liberty Town Arts Center demo and meet the artist

Liberty Town is one of those wonderful arts incubators with small gallery spaces for local artists. Sit in as one of our gifted residents shows you how they create their beautiful pieces.

2:30 p.m. A. Smith Bowman Distillery – the art of making fine distilled spirits

Visit Virginia's oldest distillery, known for top-shelf spirits. Tour the facility and learn how fine bourbon is made. Afterwards, enjoy a tasting and be sure to shop for a little something to bring home.

4:00 p.m. Return to the hotel

5:30 p.m. Riverside Center for the Performing Arts: dinner and a show

Riverside Center has long been known for top-rate professional entertainment and also for a good dinner before the show. What a good way to end a fun day in Fredericksburg.



DAY 3

6:30 a.m. -8:00 a.m. Breakfast at hotel

9:30 a.m. Murals of Fredericksburg driving tour

Hop aboard the motor coach for a driving tour highlighting Fredericksburg's cool murals. Some depict local history while others are simply waves of color and light. You'll love it all.

11:00 a.m. Gari Melchers' home and studio tour

In the early 20th Century Gari Melchers was one of America's favorite artists. Tour his gorgeous antebellum home and studio, learn about his fascinating life and see some of his beautiful works.

12:30 p.m. Lunch at Billiken's Smokehouse

A Colonial era house is now home to this excellent barbecue joint. It's right in the middle of downtown, but if you can't find it just follow your nose. And here's an insider tip: don't miss their fantastic brisket mac & cheese!

2:00 p.m. Head for home

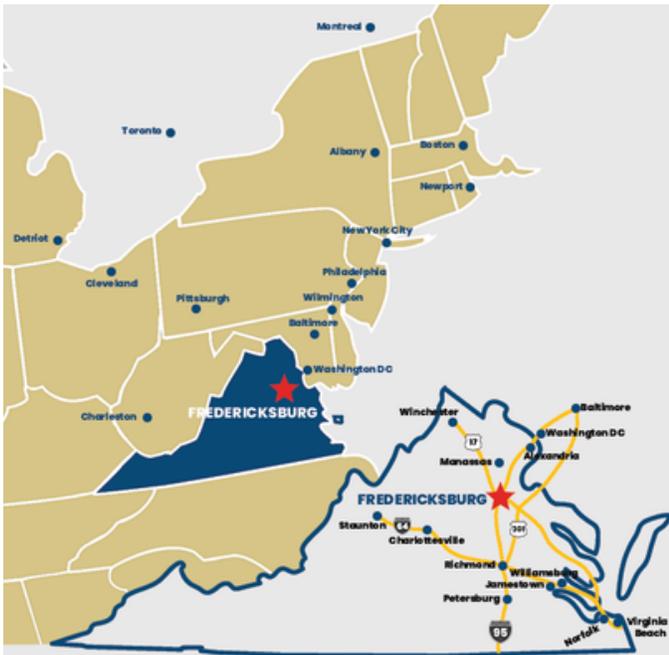
*For more added fun, schedule your visit to Fredericksburg to coincide with its monthly **First Friday Art Walk** (<https://fxbgfirstfriday.com/>). Participating galleries stay open till 8:00 p.m. Enjoy refreshments, demonstrations and new artists' shows – and meet lots of nice people.*

About Fredericksburg, Virginia

Fredericksburg, VA tells America's story - from 1608 when Captain John Smith sailed up the Rappahannock River to George Washington's childhood and adolescence to John DeBaptiste, a free Black man fighting in the Revolutionary War to the Civil War with four major battles and where 10,000 enslaved people crossed the river to freedom, to Reconstruction and the fight for Civil Rights and social justice. The region is filled with historic sites and compelling stories, a phenomenal food and drink scene and is all easily accessible just off the interstate.

Location

Fredericksburg, VA is located fifty miles south of Washington, D.C. on Interstate 95, midway between Washington, D.C. and Richmond, Virginia.



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Albany.....	437
Baltimore.....	106
Boston.....	529
Charleston, WV.....	309
Cleveland.....	427
Detroit.....	577
Montreal.....	655
Newport.....	472
New York City.....	290
Philadelphia.....	210
Pittsburgh.....	295
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