

Planes, Trains and Automobiles

Fredericksburg, VA

Spend a day exploring different modes of transportation in
Fredericksburg!



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Take a ride with **Trolley Tours of Fredericksburg**. A 75-minute tour gives the rider an open air, narrated overview of the history of Fredericksburg. You will learn about some of Fredericksburg's most famous residents, including George Washington, John Washington, Hugh Mercer and James Monroe. Fredericksburg was strategically very important in the Civil War. Find out why.

Motor on down to **Dominion Raceway** to take in a NASCAR race. Or head over to Fun land of Fredericksburg for experience the only 3 story go-kart track in the state of Virginia.

Next, head over to **Shannon Airport Museum** to see the rare vintage aircraft at this working airport. The current collection includes the only Vultee V-1A in the world and the "Stars and Stripes" DC-3. Take a lunch break at the SO's style **Robin Nest Cafe** located next door for sandwiches, salads and dessert.

End the day with the **Rappahannock Train Museum**. Please note this museum is only open on Saturdays. Start with the 45-minute, 1 mile open-air excursion on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac mainline. Explore the train cars and museum.

Have dinner at **The Alpine Chef Restaurant**, offering modern and traditional old-world German cuisine inside the old train station building, built in 1910. Listen as the trains rumble by as you eat your meal in the old waiting room area. Portions are large so make sure you bring your appetite!

Spend the night at the **Courtyard by Marriott** in Fredericksburg's historic district. The hotel is just 3 blocks from the train station that can take you onto DC, New York or down to Richmond.

Additional Activities and Events

Great Train Race - The largest timed youth road race on the East Coast. The race starts at the train station and ends at the city dock. Typically occurs in mid-May.

Soap Box Derby - Watch youth participants in homemade Soap Box Derby cars compete for a chance to go to the World Championship in Akron, OH. Typically held in early June.

Antique Auto Show - Organized by the Historic Fredericksburg Region Antique Automobile Club of America. Get up close and personal with various makes and models. Held in Downtown Fredericksburg, typically in early June



The **Shannon Air Museum** is home to one of the rarest collections of vintage aircraft in the world. Located at the Shannon Airport, the museum regularly features fly-ins and bi-plane rides. The 1950s styled **Robin's Nest Café** offers burgers, milkshakes and other snacks.

Down the road from Shannon Air Museum is the **A. Smith Bowman Distillery**. The original distillery was started in 1934 in northern Virginia but in the 1980s it was moved to Fredericksburg into the old cellophane plant. The extended Bowman family tree includes the families of Presidents James Madison, John Adams, John Quincy Adams and James Buchanan. Take the free hour-long tour (by appointment every hour) to experience a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the production of hand-crafted spirits, see the original stills, and sample their award winning products.

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The **Globe & Laurel** is dedicated to the traditions of the Marine Corps and honors all men and women who wear a uniform or badge in service to our country. In operation for over 50 years, they have collected memorabilia from from the US Marine Corps and various law enforcement agencies that is used to decorate the walls and tables. Opened in 1968 (in a different location) by Retired Major Richard Spooner and his wife Gloria, they offer a fine dining experience featuring steak, prime rib and seafood. There is also a cigar lounge.

Custard is king at **Carl's Frozen Custard**, a family owned ice cream stand that has been in business for more than 50 years. A destination in itself, Carl's is a blast from the past epitomizing what a 1950's community ice cream stand was all about. Note: Carl's is open from Valentine's Day until mid-November and is a cash-only business.

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.



Mileage From Major Cities to Fredericksburg

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
Toronto.....	592
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