

*Holidays in
Fredericksburg*

Twinkling Lights & Holiday Delights

Fredericksburg, Virginia

Celebrate the holiday season with a festive weekend of lights, seasonal traditions, and hands-on fun. From twinkling Christmas trees and gingerbread displays to holiday crafts, downtown riddles, and live performances, this itinerary blends history, creativity, and cheer.

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Day 1 – Friday: A Merry & Bright Evening

Arrive in Fredericksburg & Check-In

Your group arrives in Fredericksburg and checks in at your preferred hotel. Guests may settle in, freshen up, and relax before the evening's activities.

4:30 PM – Riverfront Park Christmas Tree & Group Photo

Address: 701 Sophia Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Stroll to Riverfront Park, where the city's signature Christmas tree stands illuminated by thousands of twinkling lights. Stop for a group photo in front of the glowing tree or capture memories at holiday-themed photo stations throughout the park.



6:00 PM – Dinner Downtown – Alpine Chef

Address: 200 Lafayette Blvd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Located in the historic 1910, train station enjoy beautiful decorations and authentic Alpine and German cuisine. Alpine Chef is known for hearty dishes, warm hospitality, and a charming, festive atmosphere.

8:00 PM – Holiday Lights Trolley Tour

Address: 601 Caroline Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401, or pick up directly from dinner

Board a private Fredericksburg Trolley for a sparkling nighttime tour of the region's best holiday lights. From historic downtown to glowing residential neighborhoods, it's a cheerful seasonal highlight. Let the Trolley do the driving while you enjoy the festive light displays and take in the joyous sights of Christmas.



9:15 PM – Return to Hotel



Day 2 – Saturday: Holiday Traditions & Creative Fun

8:00 AM – Breakfast at the Hotel

9:00 AM – Holiday-Themed Historic Site Tour

Select one of Fredericksburg’s significant colonial sites for a morning tour with seasonal interpretation:

Mary Washington House

Address: 1200 Charles Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Step inside the home of George Washington’s mother, Mary, elegantly decorated in simple 18th-century holiday style. Learn about Mary Washington’s life and the holiday customs of colonial Virginia.

Rising Sun Tavern

Address: 1304 Caroline Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

At the Rising Sun Tavern knowledgeable guides share tales of holiday customs, wintertime gatherings, and the everyday traditions of early Virginians, offering a vivid glimpse into how the season was celebrated in an authentic 18th-century tavern.



11:00 AM – Gingerbread House Contest at Ferry Farm

Address: 268 Kings Highway, Fredericksburg, VA 22405

At Ferry Farm—the boyhood home of George Washington—your group will wander through the annual Gingerbread House Contest, where intricate gingerbread creations represent historical scenes, whimsical settings, and impressive edible craftsmanship.

12:30 PM – Lunch in Historic Downtown – Brocks Riverside Grill

Address: 503 Sophia Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

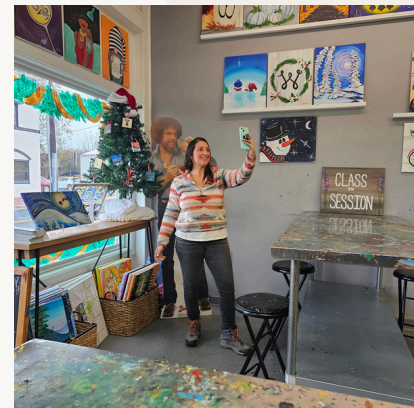
Enjoy a riverside lunch at Brocks Riverside Grill, known for its fresh, locally sourced ingredients and classic American fare. Its waterfront views make it a delightful spot for a midday break.



2:00 PM – Wine & Design Holiday Craft Workshop

Address: 502 Sophia Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

A festive hands-on holiday workshop where guests create a themed craft (ornament painting, winter canvases, or seasonal décor). This session is highly interactive, relaxed, and full of photo-worthy fun. Everyone leaves with a personalized keepsake from the trip. The workshop takes place at Wine & Design Studio or in a pre-arranged space at your hotel, depending on group size.



4:00 PM – Downtown Holiday Shopping

Address: Caroline Street

Walk along Caroline Street to see holiday window displays, decorated lamp posts, and seasonal storefront charm. This is a great opportunity for guests to explore shops offering holiday gifts, local art, and seasonal treats. Many storefronts feature whimsical holiday displays perfect for browsing.

5:00 PM – Return to Hotel & Rest Break Before Dinner

7:00 PM – Riverside Center for the Performing Arts

Address: 95 Riverside Parkway, Fredericksburg, VA 22406

Enjoy a seasonal production and dinner at Riverside Center for the Performing Arts. Riverside has long been known for top-rate professional entertainment and for a good dinner before the show. Wrap up your day in Fredericksburg with the dazzling sights and sounds of a Broadway-style show.

•2026 Seasonal Production – A Christmas Carol





Day 3 – Sunday: Riddles, Miniatures & Spirits

8:30 AM – Breakfast at the Hotel

9:30 AM – Window Wonderland Riddle Contest & Toasty Holiday Sips

Take time to participate in Fredericksburg’s popular Window Wonderland challenge – Solve creative riddles displayed in downtown shop windows while enjoying holiday décor. Along the way, enjoy a warm seasonal beverage from one of many downtown coffee shops and cafes. Options include Agora Downtown, Hyperion Espresso, Curitiba Art Café, Original Grinds, and more.



11:00 AM – Dollhouse & Miniatures Show at Historic Kenmore

Address: 1201 Washington Ave, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Visit Historic Kenmore for its annual Dollhouse and Miniatures Show, a charming exhibit showcasing artist-created miniature homes, accessories, and elaborate holiday scenes. The setting is quiet, refined, and serene.

12:30 PM – Brunch – Foode

Address: 900 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Enjoy a group brunch with locally sourced ingredients and creative dishes in a charming downtown atmosphere. Foode offers farm-to-table American dining with a focus on products sourced from local farms. Located in the historic National Bank Building.



2:30 PM – A. Smith Bowman Distillery Holiday Tour & Tasting

Address: 1 Bowman Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22408

End your weekend in Fredericksburg by heading to A. Smith Bowman Distillery, Virginia’s oldest distillery, for a guided holiday-themed tour highlighting:

- The distilling process.
- Bowman’s award-winning small-batch bourbons and spirits.
- Festive seasonal tasting pours (as available) and recipes for your favorite holiday cocktails.



Optional Add-Ons:

Holiday Market or Pop-Up Craft Fair

Fredericksburg hosts many holiday markets and craft shows. While most are date-specific, there is usually something happening every weekend during the holiday season. Check out the events calendar on FXBG.com for events that line up with your visit dates.

Seasonal Ice Skating at Riverfront Park

Lace up your skates and glide into the holiday season at Riverfront Park Ice Rink! Enjoy classic winter fun right in the heart of Downtown Fredericksburg. Whether you're perfecting your spins or just trying to stay upright, this family-friendly experience is the perfect way to make memories all season long. This is a synthetic ice rink—enjoy a smooth skating experience without the chill! Typically, available Late November – End of December.

Downtown Lodging Options:

- **The Richard Johnston Inn** – Historic B&B in the heart of the arts district
- **Ironclad Inn** – Boutique lodging with gourmet breakfast and live music
- **Courtyard by Marriott Fredericksburg Historic District** – Sleek, modern hotel with all the amenities and walkability
- **The Publisher** – Chic, design-forward hotel located on the former site of the Free Lance Star newspaper, featuring artistic décor and thoughtful touches—perfect for art lovers seeking a modern vibe.

Contact Information:

Visit FXBG.com to plan your trip today!

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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, W.....	309
Cleveland.....	427
Detroit.....	577
Montreal.....	655
Newport.....	472
New York City.....	290
Philadelphia.....	210
Pittsburgh.....	295
Toronto.....	592
Washington, DC.....	50
Wilmington, DE.....	178

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City of Fredericksburg, Virginia