## All Who Wander are Welcome in Harrisonburg

There is so much to Love in Harrisonburg, Virginia from cycling, hiking and outdoor scavenger hunts to great food, local craft beer and wine in a friendly scenic atmosphere. With Harrisonburg's new trip planner, you can customize your own itinerary in only a few minutes. If you download the Visit Harrisonburg Trip Planner app you can save your itinerary, print it out or share it with a friend. For those who prefer their trip planned for them...

## Day 1:

Arrive at the <u>Hotel Madison Shenandoah Valley Conference Center</u>. Check in is easy at this Boutique hotel. Unwind with a swim in their pool or a workout in the exercise room. Then walk a few blocks to Downtown Harrisonburg.

Stroll through Downtown Harrisonburg on the <u>Traipse Pub Crawl</u> (just download the free Traipse app to your mobile device.) One tour leads you from the hotel to the Downtown area. Visit six craft breweries within walking distance, solve puzzles and see who in your group can score the most points. The five craft beer breweries include; Brothers Craft Brewing, the Friendly Fermenter, Pale Fire Brewing, Restless Moons Brewing and Three Notch'd Valley Collab House. Be sure to stop at Harrisonburg's newest craft brewery, a hard cider brewery using 100% Virginia apples, Sage Bird Ciderworks.

Choose from one of Harrisonburg's over 250 restaurants for dinner. For outdoor dining head to Downtown Harrisonburg with numerous options from patios to rooftop dining if weather allows. For dinner with a view enjoy roof top dining at <u>Magnolias Taco & Tequila Bar</u>.

Make reservations for a possible Night Hike or caving excursion with Lester Zook of <u>WildGUYde</u> <u>Adventures</u>.

## Day 2:

Early risers can start the day at the <u>Edith J. Carrier Arboretum</u> which opens at 8 a.m. with miles of trails. Walk through the stone labyrinth for silent meditation.

Enjoy cinnamon rolls or more hearty fare at <u>Heritage Bakery</u> which is housed within the historic Hardesty-Higgins Visitor Center. After breakfast browse through the Civil War Orientation Center and Valley Turnpike Museum (all free).

Take a tour of the <u>Virginia Quilt Museum</u> one of only a few quilt museums in the world. Located in a historic home the museum showcases historic quilts and modern quilts and frequently changes exhibits.

Stop by Walkabout Outfitter, to peruse hiking gear or to get advice on popular local hikes.

Grab your hiking shoes and venture to the edge of the George Washington Forest to enjoy Harrisonburg's <u>Riven Rock Park</u> and an easy hike along a lovely stream. Drive just a bit further along Route 33 where Virginia meets West Virginia for a beautiful more strenuous hike to High Knob Fire Tower Lookout.

After a day of activity enjoy relaxing at one of five local wineries: CrossKeys, Bluestone, Brix & Columns, Marceline and The Purple WOLF Vineyard at White Oak Lavender Farm. Visit the <u>Purple</u> <u>Wolf</u> tasting room on the Lavender Deck to enjoy a lovely view of the lush countryside or browse for lavender items in their Lavender shop.

Dine al fresco at the original <u>Jack Brown's Beer and Burger Joint</u>. While dining on their patio enjoy the surrealist mural highlighting the Shenandoah Valley.

After dinner browse through local shops including <u>Oasis Fine Art & Craft</u>, a non-profit arts organization which serves as a gallery of local artist work from stained glass to hand-made jewelry.

Visit Kline's a local favorite since 1943 to sample their ice cream flavor of the month.

## Day 3:

Plan to have brunch at the new <u>Magpie Diner</u> offering delicious morning buns and chocolate croissants as well as a full breakfast.

Stop by Shenandoah Bicycle Company (https://www.shenandoahbicycle.com/) to rent a bike. Try one of their smoothies or acai bowls in the <u>Pulp Café</u> while you are there. Enjoy cycling nearby in Harrisonburg's <u>Hillandale Park</u> and Rocktown Bike Trails offering beginner, intermediate and advanced singletrack. Discover why Harrisonburg is a recognized International Mountain Bicycling bronze level cycling center.

If you are not a cyclist try Massanutten Resort which is situated on 6,000 acres with a Ski and Adventure Park, an Indoor/Outdoor Waterpark, two fantastic golf courses, farm-to-table dining and a day spa. The resort offers four seasons of fun for the whole family. For the winter enthusiast enjoy skiing, snowboarding, ice skating and snow tubing. At the Family Adventure Park you can climb, tube and zip.

Before heading home stop for one last meal in Downtown Harrisonburg enjoy popular or gourmet Korean inspired dishes at <u>Mashita</u> or Indonesian food at <u>Boboko Café</u> with limited outdoor seating and discover why Harrisonburg is known for international cuisine. Consider ordering to go and enjoying a picnic in Harrisonburg's 72 acre Hillandale Park.

On your way home be sure to follow a portion of Skyline Drive, the 105 mile road that runs the entire length of the National Park Service's Shenandoah National Park in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. With beautiful vistas and numerous hiking trails you might just catch site of deer, black bear or wild turkey. Enter at the Swift Run Gap entrance just off of 33East from Harrisonburg)

For more information go to VisitHarrisonburgVA.com or call (540)432-8940.