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## Fine Hotels of Virginia

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October 5 - 9, 2025

**\$2,795 per guest (double)    \$3,395 per guest (single)**

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### **Tour Includes:**

- 2 nights Omni Homestead Resort
- 2 nights Craddock Terry Hotel, Lynchburg
- Thomas Jefferson's Monticello
- Natural Bridge State Park
- National D-Day Memorial
- Historic downtown Lynchburg
- Scenic Cascades Gorge
- Memorable fine dining
- All meals, full menu where available
- All attractions, guides & activities
- Escorted by Globe Treks tour manager
- Home pick-up service & luggage handling
- Tour limited to 29 guests

*(Prices and itinerary subject to change)*

### **The Homestead & Craddock Terry**

Join an enchanting five-day exploration of Virginia's finest hotels and historic treasures. Begin with two nights at the charming Craddock Terry Hotel in Lynchburg, once a shoe factory and now a boutique retreat overlooking the James River. Explore Lynchburg's vibrant downtown, filled with antique shops, cafes, and art galleries. Enjoy a guided stroll through the beautiful Old City Cemetery gardens and discover the city's rich history at the Lynchburg Museum.

Next, journey to the exquisite Omni Homestead Resort, nestled in the Allegheny Mountains, with a stop at Thomas Jefferson's autobiographical masterpiece, Monticello. Relish two nights at the world-famous Homestead Resort, where you can indulge in their world-class spa, relax in the healing mineral springs, or take in the natural beauty of the Cascades Gorge, offering spectacular views of the surrounding Allegheny Mountains.

On the return trip, stop by Natural Bridge State Park, one of Virginia's natural wonders, before heading back to western North Carolina. This tour promises relaxation, fine dining, and unforgettable experiences in the heart of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

# Fine Hotels of Virginia Day by Day Itinerary

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## Day 1: Your Adventure Begins

Your adventure begins when a friendly Globe Treks representative picks you up at your doorstep. Get ready to experience the charm, history, and elegance of Virginia's mountainous region as we explore its fine hotels, storied past, and stunning natural beauty. Begin the day with a fresh continental breakfast aboard our deluxe motorcoach as we travel through the picturesque Blue Ridge Mountains into Virginia. Our first stop is for lunch at a fun, locally loved eatery, where you'll enjoy regional specialties and warm hospitality. From there, we'll continue to Lynchburg, where you'll check in at the historic Craddock Terry Hotel, overlooking the serene James River. The rooms are spacious and unique, blending modern amenities with a nod to its heritage. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a welcome feast featuring seasonal and local flavors. The dining experience will set the tone for the luxurious meals to come.

## Day 2: Discover Lynchburg

After a hearty breakfast, embark on a guided tour of Lynchburg, also known as the "City of Seven Hills." Your morning includes a visit to the Lynchburg Museum, where exhibits tell the story of the city's fascinating history, from its early days as a trading post to its role during the Civil War. Next, stroll through the peaceful and evocative Old City Cemetery, where over 20,000 stories are told through its headstones, arboretum, and gardens. This poignant site offers insight into the lives of Lynchburg's 19th-century residents. After lunch at one of downtown Lynchburg's charming and locally acclaimed restaurants, we'll journey to Bedford to visit the National D-Day Memorial, a moving tribute to those who fought on the beaches of Normandy during World War II. Learn the stories of courage and sacrifice as you explore this awe-inspiring site nestled against the Blue Ridge Mountains. Return to Lynchburg for dinner at one of its renowned restaurants, where the culinary artistry will rival the beauty of the day's sights.

## Day 3: Monticello and the Omni Homestead Resort

After breakfast, we'll depart Lynchburg for Charlottesville, home to Thomas Jefferson's Monticello. Tour Jefferson's masterpiece, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and marvel at the ingenious design and personal artifacts that reflect the brilliance

of this Founding Father. Walk through the gardens and grounds that Jefferson himself meticulously planned, offering stunning views of the surrounding countryside. In the afternoon, we'll travel to The Omni Homestead Resort, an iconic retreat nestled in the Allegheny Mountains. With a legacy dating back to 1766, this resort has hosted presidents and dignitaries for centuries. Its stunning Georgian architecture, lush grounds, and warm mineral springs make it a true gem of Virginia's highlands. Settle into your accommodations before a dinner feast, a culinary tradition for which the Homestead is famous.

## Day 4: A Day of Leisure at The Homestead

Spend the day reveling in the beauty and activities offered by The Omni Homestead Resort. Enjoy a soak in the resort's natural mineral springs, renowned for their soothing and healing properties, or take a serene walk through the Cascades Gorge, where waterfalls and rich flora, along with the first hints of autumn foliage, create an enchanting atmosphere. Other optional activities include golf, falconry demonstrations, or simply relaxing in the spa. However you choose to spend the day, the beauty and tranquility of the resort will leave you refreshed and inspired. End the day with another exquisite dinner, and perhaps live music in the lounge, savoring the flavors of the region while recounting your adventures with fellow travelers.

## Day 5: Natural Bridge and Return Home

After breakfast, we'll begin our journey back to North Carolina. Along the way, we'll stop at Natural Bridge State Park, a breathtaking limestone arch carved by Cedar Creek and hailed as one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Thomas Jefferson once owned this land, which was surveyed by a young George Washington, and its beauty has captivated visitors for centuries. As the mountains give way to familiar roads, reflect on the memories of elegant historic hotels, delicious meals, new friendships, and the rich history and scenery of Virginia's highlands. A Globe Treks representative will deliver you to your doorstep, bringing this delightful journey to a close.

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