Countryside escape to Albemarle County – Sample itinerary

Charlottesville and Albemarle County offer the best of all worlds… Vibrant city life (without the inconveniences of large metropolitans!) and quaint countryside only a short drive away. Leave your stress behind and make a quick escape to the country, through the picturesque, windy roads of beautiful Albemarle County.

Day One

Rise and shine bright and early and head west from Charlottesville to the charming town of Crozet, where you can enjoy breakfast and a relaxing round of golf at Old Trail Golf Club. Then, time for refreshments so head just down the road to Starr Hill Brewery for a tasting and tour. At midday, discover the pizza that National Geographic recently named “Best Pizza in the World”, at famous Crozet Pizza. Time to see the sights and oh, do we have gorgeous sights for you! Head further west to the Blue Ridge Parkway and enjoy the breath taking scenery, taking your time and stopping to explore and take photos at your own relaxing pace. On your way back to Charlottesville, why not stop and discover a few of our wonderful wineries and cideries? There are so many to choose from including Pippin Hill Farm, Albemarle Ciderworks, King Family Vineyards, and Pollak Vineyards. Be ready for a sensational dinner at the quaint and elegant Ivy Inn. After dinner, sit under the stars with a nice glass of local wine, before catching some “zzz’s” at one of our lovely bed & breakfasts.

Day Two

As you suspect, there is a reason why they are called “bed & breakfast” inns… And your homemade gourmet breakfast will be simply amazing! This will get you ready for a second day of adventure and exploration. Head to the Boar’s Head to catch your flight… aboard a colorful hot air balloon! This will take your breath away, as you discover the natural beauty of the Charlottesville area from high above. Afterwards, sit down for a delicious buffet lunch at the Old Mill Room inside the Boar’s Head. Time to hit the road and head east to discover some of the many stops along the Monticello Artisan Trail. From artisan studios and art galleries to farms, agri-artisans and wineries, drive down beautiful country roads to find amazing treasures (edible or not!). At dinner time, get up close and personal with the culinary team at The Clifton Inn with a chef’s counter front row seat at the nightly culinary cabaret unfolding in the kitchen. Then, head south to the vibrant little town of Scottsville for a fun karaoke night at the Tavern on the James, or a show at Victory Hall.