



Outdoors Experience in Charlottesville

With spectacular scenery, dozens of trails and an active community, Charlottesville and Albemarle County are an outdoor enthusiasts dream! In the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains you'll find an array of outdoor options from hiking and biking to enjoying sunsets over some of the oldest mountains in the world.

Day One

After enjoying a hearty breakfast at one of our local eateries, head towards Thomas Jefferson's home at Monticello, and walk along the scenic and winding [Saunders-Monticello Trail](#). It's only 4 miles from start to finish but the hike features some uphill spots that will melt away those pancakes! Once you're back at the start, head back downtown for a luscious lunch on the [Downtown Mall](#). Then, it is time to hit the trail again... the Rivanna Trail, that is! Enjoy all or part of this gorgeous 20-mile loop. Then, stop by [Blue Ridge Cyclery](#) and rent a road bike for tomorrow (remember, we promised you'd be burning some calories.) Head out to lovely Crozet and pick up a pizza from [Crozet Pizza](#), which National Geographic named "The World's Best Pizza". Make sure to get it to go as we suggest you take it to the **Afton Mountain Overlook** just off of Interstate 64. Once the sun sets, make your way to **one of our beautiful local [bed & breakfasts](#)** and relax amidst the quiet and privacy of unique and quaint lodging spots.

Day Two

Start your day with a delicious breakfast at your bed & breakfast and go for a morning stroll on one of the dozens of trails within walking distance. When you get back, ready the road bikes for your big adventure and pedal your way to the nearby [Stinson Vineyards](#). Have a glass of Virginia vino, some cheese and crackers and make sure to drink some water! Your Tour de Vine continues to [White Hall Vineyard](#), just about three miles down the road. One of our oldest area wineries, White Hall is known for both its mature wine and spectacular scenery. Your last stop is [Glass House Winery](#). Take the back way about fifteen miles and enjoy the mountain views and un-trafficked roads. **Glass House** is known for more than wine so be ready to devour their famous chocolates and ask for a ripe banana picked directly off of their greenhouse trees! After spending some time relaxing, go explore downtown Crozet and enjoy dinner at one of its great restaurants! If you're not too wiped out, dance the night away as a local band plays at [Fardowners](#).