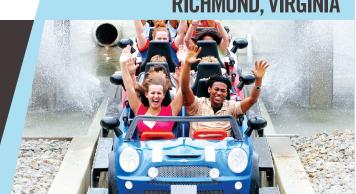
## RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

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## RICHMOND REGION TRIVIA

- » Richmond was the first test market for the first canned beer, produced by Krueger Brewing Company in 1935.
- The site of Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden has been a Native American hunting ground, a bike club, a children's hospital and a residence.
- Two U.S. Presidents and the Confederate president are buried in Hollywood Cemetery: James Monroe, John Tyler and Confederate President Jefferson Davis.
- » The first American hospital, Mount Malady, was built at what is now Henricus Historical Park.
- Richmond is the only U.S. city to offer Class IV whitewater rafting in an urban setting.
- Richmond is the only capital city with bald eagles nesting within the city limits.
- The Richmond Region has more than 900 restaurants and 16,000 hotel rooms.
- The largest display of Fabergé Russian Imperial eggs outside of Russia at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.
- » Richmond's Jackson Ward was known as the "Harlem of the South" in the early 1900s.
- More than 5.75 million visitors come to the Richmond Region each year.
- >>> The Byrd Theater in Richmond, named after William Byrd II, was the first in Virginia to be equipped with a sound system.
- "The Strawberry Street Café in this Virginia capital is famous for its bathtub salad bar," was a clue given on Jeapordy, to which the answer was: What is Richmond?
- » In 2004, Richmond's Main Street Station served as a backdrop for an episode of the TV series Alias, posing as the British Embassy in Vienna.
- » Richmond is the only city with the Triple Crossing, where three train tracks cross above one another.
- » The Jefferson Hotel in the city of Richmond kept alligators in marble pools in the Palm Court until 1948.
- » Richmond has the most Fortune 500 headquarters of any city in Virginia. In fact, the Region is among the top 15 cities with the most Fortune 500 company headquarters.
- Short Pump Tavern, a stagecoach stop on the road to Virginia's western settlements, had a well in the yard with an unusually short pump handle. The name Short Pump now applies to a considerable area in the western end of the county, including the Short Pump Town Center outdoor shopping mall.







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