



MARS
Tours & Travel

Lavender Fields TO THE Shakespearean Stage



Itinerary

Day 1: Lavender, Vines & Shakespeare

Begin your Shenandoah Valley getaway with a beautiful morning at White Oak Lavender Farm and The Purple WOLF Vineyard, where a Guided Tour and Tasting introduce you to this charming family-owned farm. Explore the interactive gardens, butterfly nursery and animal encounters, browse more than 100 handcrafted lavender products, and enjoy some free time to shop, relax, and soak in the peaceful surroundings. Then, it's on to nearby CrossKeys Vineyards, a stunning 125-acre estate overlooking the Blue Ridge Mountains. Savor a Wine Tasting and included lunch at the Tuscan-style villa before continuing to historic Staunton. Check into your elegant hotel, where you'll enjoy a Welcome Dinner before a wonderful evening of theatrical magic at the American Shakespeare Center's Blackfriars Playhouse — a remarkable re-creation of Shakespeare's original indoor theater. Sit back and enjoy an unforgettable performance to cap your day in the Valley.

Day 2: Presidents, Glass & the Story of the Shenandoah

After breakfast this morning, discover the fascinating stories of your historic surroundings with a Guided Tour of the Blackburn Inn. Then step into presidential history at the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum, beginning with a Guided Tour of Wilson's birthplace before exploring the museum at your own pace. See the World War I trench exhibit, Wilson's Pierce-Arrow limousine, and artifacts that illuminate the life & legacy of America's 28th president. Enjoy lunch on your own in charming downtown Staunton, then you'll experience the artistry of Sunspots Studios Glassblowing, where you can browse the colorful gallery & watch skilled artisans demonstrate the mesmerizing process of glassblowing. Your final stop is the iconic Frontier Culture Museum, where costumed interpreters bring the Shenandoah Valley's complex past to life—from Native American traditions and European settlement to the experiences of enslaved Africans. Finish your journey with an included dinner at the historic Mimslyn Inn in Luray before departing for home with two memorable days of history, culture, artistry, and Shenandoah Valley charm.

From fragrant lavender fields and scenic vineyards to the magic of Shakespearean theater, discover the many charms of Virginia's Shenandoah Valley.

Savor local flavors, step into fascinating history, experience artisan craftsmanship, and let the curtain rise on an unforgettable getaway!

Highlights

- White Oak Lavender Farm and The Purple WOLF Vineyard
- CrossKeys Vineyards Tasting and Luncheon
- American Shakespeare Center's Blackfriars Playhouse Performance
- Blackburn Inn Guided History Tour
- Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum Visitor Center
- Sunspots Studios Glassblowing Tour and Demonstration
- Frontier Culture Museum Guided Tour

Inclusions

- 1 night hotel accommodations
- 1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners
- Admissions and Guide Services
- Taxes & Hotel Fees

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