

# Living in Southern Virginia

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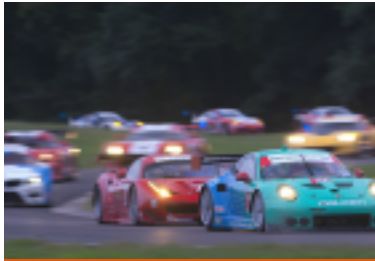
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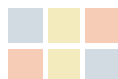


# Welcome to Southern Virginia

Discover life in Southern Virginia...  
where you find yourself in the middle of everything.

The Southern Virginia region's location offers you the best of both worlds. Centrally situated on the Virginia-North Carolina border, it's an easy drive to great cities such as Richmond (VA) or Charlotte (NC) and fantastic destinations such as the Blue Ridge Parkway or the MidAtlantic beaches. But many people find that once they're here, there's no reason to leave the region.

Whether your interests include hiking and biking, touring wineries, kayaking a river or lake, taking in a show or concert, or just grabbing a leisurely dinner with friends, you'll find ample opportunities in Southern Virginia for all of these. Consider the fact that your dollar goes further due to our low cost of living and you'll find that you can do more of the things that you enjoy. And with four distinct seasons of relatively moderate weather, you'll have more time throughout the year to enjoy them.





## DINING

No matter what your tastes, you'll find a place in Southern Virginia to satisfy them.

From high-end restaurants who have won awards and accolades from national travel media to traditional home-style fare at local mom-and-pop restaurants, we eat well in the region. In addition to restaurants, there are numerous wineries and breweries to enjoy the best of Virginia grapes and hops.

For additional variety, you'll find that it's easy to reach Roanoke (VA), Greensboro, and Durham (NC) to expand your culinary horizons. And in Virginia, you're never far from an amazing brewery, winery, or distillery.

One thing's for sure, you won't go hungry or thirsty here.

Primland Resort    Golden Leaf Bistro    Molasses Grill    Oak Tree Tavern

Third Bay Café    Moon River Thai    The 616    Bistro 1888

Preston Ridge Winery    Tomahawk Mill Winery    Hamlet Vineyards

Greenwood Vineyards    2 Witches Winery & Brewing Co.





## ENTERTAINMENT

Live music...national touring drama productions...festivals.

Live performance venues across Southern Virginia have worked tirelessly over the past several years to attract nationally and internationally known talent to the region. Whether it's a music concert at Danville's Carrington Pavilion, summer theater performances at the Prizery in South Boston, or a day-long festival of live music at Rooster Walk in Henry County, there is something for all tastes in the region.

Every summer, the music festival community's eyes turn to FloydFest in neighboring Floyd County where major national acts perform in an amazing amphitheater on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Our proximity to major metropolitan areas also ensures that you can catch major national touring acts and Broadway productions at venues like the Durham Performing Arts Center or at coliseums and amphitheaters in Greensboro and Raleigh, all within a very short drive of Southern Virginia.

The Prizery Cultural & Performing Arts Center   Carrington Pavilion  
Active community theatre and performing arts scene   Bright Leaf Brew Fest  
Virginia Cantaloupe Festival   Harvest Jubilee Concert Series  
Rooster Walk Music and Arts Festival   Rives Theatre



## RECREATION

There's no reason to be bored in Southern Virginia. Our region boasts enough recreational activities to keep you busy no matter what you enjoy doing. While you can enjoy a leisurely visit to a local art or science museum, you can also get your heart rate up when you spend your day hiking or mountain biking on numerous trails throughout the region. Golfers enjoy Southern Virginia's links which include Primland Resort's internationally-acclaimed Highland course. Boaters can enjoy sailing, power-boating, or paddling on our lakes and rivers. No matter how you spend your time, there's always a nearby spa waiting to help you rejuvenate and get ready for the next day's activities.

Southern Virginia is home to three world class resorts which will complement your company's presence in the region. Primland Resort, Virginia International Raceway, and Berry Hill Resort offer many amenities to accommodate your business retreat needs including golf, spas, fine dining, fishing, shooting, and team-building activities.

Blue Ridge Parkway	Smith Mountain Lake	Leesville Lake	Buggs Island Lake
Riverwalk Trail	Southern Virginia Wild Blueway	Smith River	Banister River
Philpott Lake	Fairy Stone State Park	Primland Resort	Dan River
Virginia International Raceway	Berry Hill Resort	Virginia Museum of Natural History	
Danville Science Center	Danville Museum of Fine Arts & History	AAF Tank Museum	





## SPORTS

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Spectator or participant - we've got sports activities for you. From playing team sports to individual pursuits like biking or hiking, there are lots of ways to stay active here. Fans of motor sports can enjoy NASCAR events at the historic Martinsville and South Boston Speedways or take in sports car or motorcycle road racing at Virginia International Raceway (VIR). You can also take in a game with the Danville Braves or Martinsville Mustangs to watch tomorrow's baseball stars today.

Numerous youth programs in the region offer residents the opportunity to cheer their sons and daughters on in games of soccer, baseball, football, lacrosse and field hockey.

From Southern Virginia, it's an easy drive to enjoy professional sports with the Carolina Panthers and Carolina Hurricanes or to participate in a college rivalry at a Virginia Tech, UVA, UNC or Duke football or basketball game.

Smith River Sports Complex    Dan Daniel Park    Danville Braves  
Martinsville Mustangs    Martinsville Speedway    Virginia International Raceway  
South Boston Speedway    Lake Sugartree



There are 6 public school systems and 7 private schools within Southern Virginia. Each school system is fully accredited and boasts high educational attainment rates for their students. We're also home to 8 Higher Educational Institutions, and more than 40 Colleges and Universities are located within a 50-mile radius. Regional Governor's Schools give advanced students academic opportunities beyond those normally available in the students' schools. The Southern Virginia region is gaining increasing attention for its innovative workforce training programs, many of which start with dual-enrollment opportunities in local high schools.

Through local initiatives like the Galileo Magnet High School in Danville, Martinsville's "STEM Pipeline," Halifax County's many "Academy" schools, and the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research's STEM Mobile Learning Lab, students in the region are offered intensive coursework in STEM-oriented curricula.

Graduates of area high schools have the choice of many high quality community college programs in the region, or they can choose from a multitude of public and private universities within an easy drive. Additionally, programs like the New College Institute and the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center allow the region's residents to pursue degrees from universities throughout the MidAtlantic region.





Whether you can picture yourself living in a loft or historic home in the city or living in a rural setting with acreage and a view, you'll find your dream home in Southern Virginia.

No matter where you choose to live, you'll enjoy housing costs 15-30% below the national average with very agreeable property tax rates. Additionally, the cost of healthcare, utilities and transportation averages 10-20% below the national average across the region.

Our cities and towns boast great historic homes on tree-lined streets while houses both modern and traditional can be found in the suburbs and in rural areas. You can even choose to live on the shores of one of our lakes or on a mountain ridge.

Efforts are underway to reinvent the downtown core of cities and towns in Southern Virginia. What this means for you is the availability of attractive loft residences located near unique shopping and dining experiences. Add in access to residential fiber (internet, TV and phone) and walking trails and you can enjoy all the amenities of larger metropolitan areas for a fraction of the cost.