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Virginia State Capitol

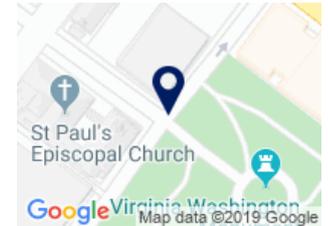
"Stunning Architecture"

Designed by Thomas Jefferson with architect Charles-Louis Clérissseau, this Classic Revival building was modeled after a Roman temple, the Maison Carrée in Nimes. It was completed in 1788 and is the second oldest capitol in continuous use in the country. The focal point of the building is the central rotunda featuring a life-size statue of George Washington, said to be the only one for which he actually posed. A smaller dome displays busts of the eight American presidents from Virginia. The old Hall of the House of Delegates, where the legislature met until 1906, is now a museum. Free tours, lasting about 30 minutes, are offered here. Visitors can stroll around the Capitol grounds and see the nearby Executive Mansion.

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Hollywood Cemetery

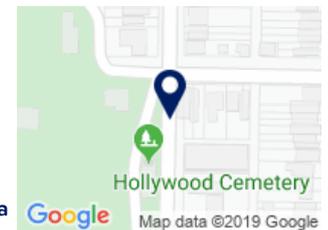
"Noted Natives at Rest"

Founded in 1847, Hollywood is one of the oldest cemeteries in Richmond. Confederate President Jefferson Davis, General J.E.B. Stuart, Presidents James Monroe and John Tyler, novelists James Branch Cabel and Ellen Glasgow, and 18,000 Confederate soldiers, 11,000 of them unknown, are a few examples of the historical figures buried here. Hollywood has the city's best view of the James River. When the cemetery was first established, neighbors declared that the rushing of the falls would, literally, wake the dead. Guided tours are available on the last Sunday of each month through October.

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St. John's Church

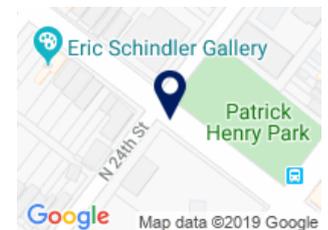
"Famous Words"

It was here that the Virginia Convention of 1775 met to discuss the question of taking arms against the British. One of the oldest wooden buildings in Virginia, delegates to the Convention - including Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and Patrick Henry - had convened in this very spot. And it was here where Patrick Henry gave his famous speech and said the following famous lines: "Give me liberty, or give me death!" Visitors can reenact this experience by watching the live performances offered by professional actors and further enrich their knowledge of history by visiting the city's first public cemetery.

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Maymont Mansion

"Victorian Vision"

Built in 1893, this beautiful home on the James River is a classic example of Victorian architecture and landscaping. Maymont Mansion is filled with period furniture including a magnificent swan bed. Trees and plants from all over the world were cultivated here by the owners. The English, Japanese and Italian gardens are romantic spots for strolling and picnicking. A carriage collection, children's farm and small zoo are other favorite attractions. Admission to the home and children's farm is free, although donations are requested.



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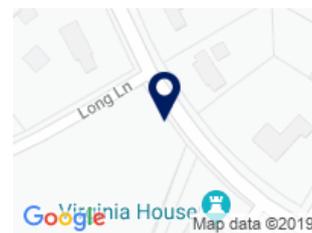


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Agecroft Hall

"A Trip Back in Time"

This Tudor house once overlooked the Irwell River in Lancashire, England. In 1929, it was moved to this site, reminiscent of the original, overlooking the James River in Richmond's Windsor Farms neighborhood. Agecroft contains furnishings dating back from 1485 to 1660, including an interesting 1610 lantern clock that tells time only on the hour. Landscape artist Charles Gillette designed the gardens, which include an Elizabethan knot garden that blooms with fragrant and medicinal plants. When you visit Agecroft, you are stepping back in time and into the lives of gentry in the English Tudor period. Guided tours are available for the museum and the gardens are self-guided.



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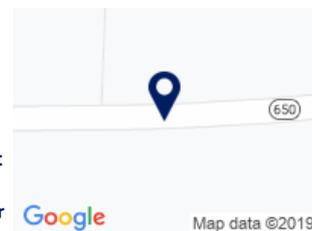


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Tuckahoe Plantation

"Home of Thomas Jefferson"

One of the oldest homes in Virginia, this was a boyhood residence of Thomas Jefferson. Tuckahoe is the location of some of Richmond's eeriest hauntings. The most notorious is of a distressed young bride who rushes down a garden path called "The Ghost Walk" supposedly searching for her beloved. The surrounding gardens are a treat to the eyes, with lush green trees, hedges, lawns and colorful flowers making it a great photography zone. Guided tours of the house and its gardens are held daily, wherein visitors are taken through the history of the structure and its occupants.



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