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The Virginia Tourism Authority promotes and develops the tourism and motion picture industries to stimulate Virginia's economy and enhance the quality of life of all Virginians.

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Virginia Tourism Corporation maintains a library of photographs and video covering the beauty and activities across the Commonwealth. Please contact Andrew Cothorn at ACothen@virginia.org and Jenna Eckel at JEckel@virginia.org for images.

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A vacation in Virginia is about doing the things you love with the people you love most. This year, there's a whole lot more to love in the Commonwealth.

In 2018, Virginia will welcome a multitude of new wineries, breweries, distilleries, and cideries, helping to solidify our reputation as a bona fide destination for craft beverages. There will also be an influx of new restaurants, cooking up fresh flavors and dishes that represent the bounty of the Commonwealth's diverse farm-to-table offerings.

New outdoor recreation attractions and updates to parks across the state will be sure to delight nature enthusiasts and adrenaline junkies alike. And keeping true to our roots as the most historically rich destination in the country, there are plenty of new stories and legends to uncover here in the Birthplace of the Nation.

Whether you're soaking up the sun on one of our warm sandy beaches, sipping wine overlooking mountainous vistas, or enjoying our vibrant arts and culture, we can't wait for you to discover for yourself why Virginia is for Lovers.

On the following pages, Virginia Tourism Corporation is pleased to showcase the many new things Virginia will enjoy in 2018.

Cheers!

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VIRGINIA IS FOR SPIRITS LOVERS

Virginia is the Birthplace of American Spirits—the first batch of whiskey was distilled right here in 1620. From there, George Washington went on to be the biggest producer of Virginia whiskey during his time, producing more than 11,000 gallons in 1798 alone. To honor these roots, **George Washington’s Rye Whiskey** was recently named the Official State Spirit of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The unaged whiskey is produced just twice a year using the same recipe and 18th century methods as in Washington’s day and can only be purchased at Mount Vernon.

Today, Virginia boasts more than 45 distilleries that are making some of the finest whiskey, bourbon, vodka, moonshine, and liqueurs in the United States, with more opening regularly.

New Virginia distilleries

- One of two distilleries in Virginia Beach, offering a portfolio of great tasting spirits, is **Tarnished Truth Distilling Company** at **The Cavalier**. The distillery will open its door in early 2018 as part of the highly anticipated renovations of the historic hotel. The distillery’s product portfolio will consist of its flagship bourbon, rye whiskey, and a special release.
- **Twin Creeks Distillery** opened August 2017 in Henry and **Franklin County Distilleries** opened December 2017 in Boones Mill, both in Franklin County, the “Moonshine Capital of the World.”
- **Devils Backbone Distilling Company**, Roseland, opening January 2018, will distill gin, silver rum, and fine brandy (next to Devils Backbone Brewing Company in Nelson County).
- **Ironclad Distillery** tasting room will open in 2018 in Newport News.
- **Filibuster Distillery** opened October 2017 in Maurertown, Shenandoah County, using locally sourced corn.
- **Dry Fork Fruit Distillery** of Meadows of Dan in Patrick County plans to move its entire production to downtown Danville.

Visit virginia.org/distilleries for more information.