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PRIDE MEDIA TOUR OF RICHMOND

Hosted by the Virginia Tourism Corporation in partnership with Visit Richmond, VA Pride, and OutRVA

We look forward to welcoming you to Richmond! Your visit will take you to several of the area's districts and neighborhoods such as The Fan, Church Hill, Scott's Addition and Downtown, and will allow you to experience our myriad outdoor activities, rich history, and arts and entertainment attractions, in addition to its thriving culinary and craft beer scene.

Experience Richmond's largest annual celebration of the LGBTQ+ community with a trip to experience some of the city's best destinations. In September, VA Pridefest brings a free family-friendly day of festivities, live entertainment, food, and more to the city's riverfront. With hundreds of welcoming restaurants, hotels, and attractions plus a month-long series of events, it's the perfect time to come wave the rainbow flag in Richmond.

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Itinerary

(itinerary subject to change)

We encourage you to share your experience on social media:

Visit Virginia: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) (@visitvirginia), and [Twitter](#) (@visitvirginia)

Visit Gay VA: [Instagram](#) (@visitgayva) and [Twitter](#) (@VisitGayVA)

#loveva, #visitvirginia, #visitgayva

Visit Richmond: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) (@visitrichmondva), and [Twitter](#) (@VisitRichmond)

#visitrichmond

DAY 1

Arrive at Richmond International Airport.

Lunch at [The Daily Kitchen & Bar](#)

The Daily serves foods that are not only delicious, but also health conscious, environmentally friendly and socially responsible. They use organic, all natural, local and sustainable ingredients as much as possible. In addition, we also offer an extensive selection of vegetarian, vegan, gluten free and paleo options.



LGBTQ+ History Tour of Carytown

Presented by [the Valentine](#), this tour explores the [Carytown](#) neighborhood's role in shaping the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community of Richmond. Learn about the many neighborhood businesses, people and places that have supported the LGBTQ community from the 1970s to the present.

Check in to the [Omni Hotel](#) and enjoy free time

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Chasen Galleries and Virginia Pride present Jumper Maybach VIP artist reception

LGBTQ+ celebrity artist and philanthropist Ben Workman aka Jumper Maybach is set to unveil “The Pride Collection: INTROSPECTION,” a timely and important new series of works celebrating Virginia Pride. Richmond Mayor Levar Stoney will attend and be presented with a custom piece of LGBTQ pride-themed art that he will hang in his office for the duration of his term.



Dinner at [Brenner Pass](#)

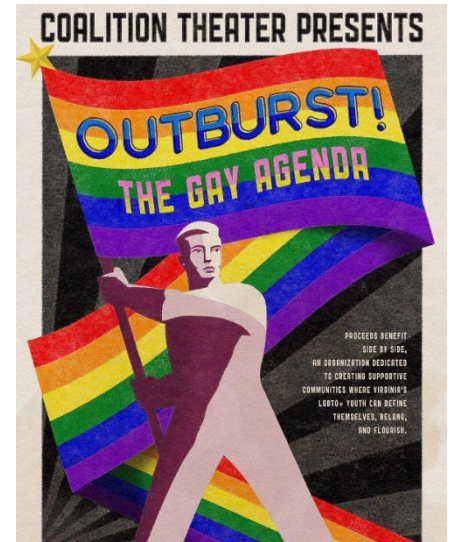
Brenner Pass reflects a love of the Alpine region as well as a dedication to hospitality, great food and drink. Executive Chef Brittanny Anderson prepares a seasonal European-inspired menu, bringing flavors of the alps to the plate with a mix of classic and modern technique.

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Optional activities on your own:

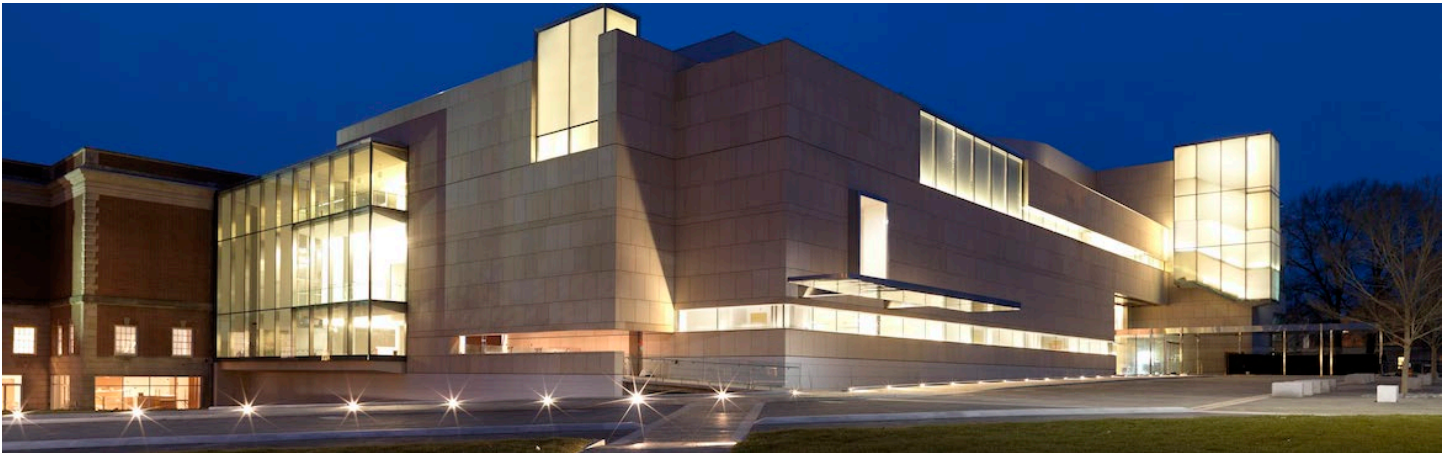
[OUTBURST 2018: The Gay Agenda](#) at Coalition Theater

Celebrate Virginia PrideFest with a sketch comedy show that explores the joys and frustrations of being queer, written and performed by LGBTQ+ Richmonders. Proceeds benefit Side by Side, an organization dedicated to creating supportive communities where Virginia's LGBTQ+ youth can define themselves, belong, and flourish.



DAY 2

Breakfast on your own



Tour [Virginia Museum of Fine Arts](#)

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (or VMFA as it is called) is a top comprehensive US art museum with more than 5,000 years of art from around the world. VMFA is open 365 days a year and general admission is always free.

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Lunch at [Lunch & Supper](#)

Lunch & Supper is a classic southern smokehouse tucked away in Richmond's historic Scott's Addition neighborhood surrounded by local breweries, local produce, and local farms. Cured, brined, and smoked in house, its signature dishes are a take on comfort foods perfect for any time of the day.



Visit [Richmond Triangle Players](#)

Richmond Triangle Players delivers adventurous and entertaining theater as the leading voice in the LGBTQ community's explorations of equality, identity, affection and family, across sexual orientation and gender spectrums.

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Visit [Diversity Richmond](#)

Diversity Richmond is dedicated to serving the LGBTQ+ community, their families and allies. The organization provides support for the agencies and groups that serve Central Virginia's sexual and gender minority people, and to educate the public about the many issues facing the community. It also holds [Diversity Thrift](#), one of Richmond's best known and most popular thrift stores.



Visit [Hardywood Park Craft Brewery](#)

Local craft breweries Hardywood, Ardent Craft Ales and Center of the Universe teamed up to bring you **Tropic Like It's Hot**, a Sour Ale with Butterfly Pea Flowers, Passionfruit, & Pineapple. It displays an incredible magenta hue, naturally derived from the addition of butterfly pea flowers, and delivers an uplifting aroma of fresh tropical fruits with a tart, dry finish that will keep you cool and refreshed celebrating at Pride.

Return to hotel for free time



Dinner at [L'Opossum](#)

Tongue-in-cheek faux French food brought to you by acclaimed chef David Shannon. Expect to find delightful whimsy on the menu, but seriously delicious cuisine on the plate.

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Optional activities on your own:

[Loud & Proud Pride Pre-Party at Kabana Rooftop](#)

Kabana Rooftop bar celebrates Virginia Pridefest with a pre-party benefiting local LGBTQ+ organizations OutRVA and VA Pride. Live DJs, drinks specials, and more. Dress to impress and show your pride.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Morning Breakfast on your own



[VA PrideFest at Brown's Island](#)



The largest annual celebration of the LGBTQ+ community in the Commonwealth. This free, family-friendly day of festivities feature a variety of vendors, local eats, activities, and entertainment for a day of fun in the sun.

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Dinner at [Pasture](#)

Pasture brings local and fresh ingredients together for a newer experience in southern dining. Instead of the more traditional large portions, Pasture has put together a menu of small plates and some big plates to share and be enjoyed by the whole table. Local ham, Virginia cheeses, fresh fish and shell fish, meat, and vegetables all make their way onto its menu seasonally.



Optional activities on your own:

Post-Pride events

- [Unofficial PrideFest After Party](#) at New York Deli
- [This is Me Pride Weekend Party](#) at Babe's of Carytown
- [Rainbow Rodeo Pride Afterparty](#) at Barcode
- [Beach Party Pride Weekend](#) at Godfrey's

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23



Brunch at [Maple & Pine](#)

Maple & Pine, the imaginative fine dining destination at Quirk Hotel, features the talents of Virginia Rising Star Chef David Dunlap and his team. Indulge in seasonally focused offerings with a unique take on New American cuisine with globally inspired flavors and locally sourced ingredients from the mid-Atlantic region.

Departure from Richmond International Airport.