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Virginia's Shenandoah Valley: Lexington, Roanoke, Front Royal, Winchester



Synopsis

The Shenandoah Valley region, renowned for its majestic mountains, its breathtaking scenery and glorious valley, covers most of western Virginia. It's a section of the Great Valley that extends from New Jersey to Tennessee. In Virginia, it funnels between the Allegheny and Blue Ridge mountains. The Shenandoah Valley, "daughter of the stars," with its rich limestone soil, is one of the most fertile regions in the state — an area that once was the breadbasket of the Confederacy. It is also a region that abounds with natural wonders and opportunities for outdoor activities ranging from hiking to horseback riding, and from tennis to snow skiing. The Shenandoah's largest city, Roanoke, is a bustling community with a population of more than 95,000 people and a culture all its own. Steeped in the arts and history, Roanoke lies at the heart of an area where year-round festivals offer a myriad of regional foods and crafts. Also here is Lexington, Winchester, Front Royal. But Shenandoah. The name stirs the blood and conjures romantic images of a long-lost age of magnificence, grand country homes, horse-drawn carriages, elegant men with impeccable manners and beautiful ladies dressed in crinolines. And there's much more. It's an area of extraordinary natural beauty, of rushing rivers, broad meadows, and sweeping mountain vistas. Shenandoah, truly, is Virginia's crowning glory. Here is the most detailed guide to this area - the sights, activities, the history, its hotels, festival, places to eat. Filled with maps and color photos.

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Customer Reviews

I downloaded this book hoping for a comprehensive guide to the Shenandoah Valley but found it to be lacking in several areas. A significant portion of this book is simply the history and geography of the entire state of Virginia, which might be helpful if you've never been there, but I was hoping for more descriptive details about the Shenandoah Valley region. There are copious listings for attractions/restaurants/lodgings in the SV, but the descriptions are brief and highly generic, such that it would be difficult to discern which of these places are actually worth visiting. Furthermore, very few descriptions contained website addresses for the listings. All had phone numbers, which is necessary but a little antiquated when used in place of web addresses. I never pick up a phone when planning a vacation. Lastly, there were almost no mentions of handicapped accessibility, family-friendliness or other pertinent info that travelers are seeking. Skip this book and look elsewhere.

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