



VIRGINIA GETAWAYS

B&Bs: Magical Escapes

STYLE, COMFORT AND HOSPITALITY CLOSE TO HOME | BY AMY HAGER

Today's bed-and-breakfast experience feels less like "staying at someone's house" than a delightful opportunity to sample stylish and oh-so-comfortable living. The days of dingy bedding and bouquet-centric décors are long-gone. Now guests can pick their style and enjoy all the benefits of a regulated property while supporting a locally-owned professional business. Many B&Bs provide amenities such as gourmet meals, wine and cheese socials, luxury linens and fine toiletries and heated tile floors in bathrooms.

If you're looking for a stellar B&B stay, consider properties that have been inspected and approved by the Bed & Breakfast Association of Virginia (www.innvirginia.com). These establishments—all within three hours of Northern Virginia—adhere to the highest standards and ethics of the hospitality industry.

The Carriage House at Goodstone Inn & Restaurant

*“Virginia’s B&Bs are rich with history—
much like the state itself.”*

Mayhurst Inn in Orange was originally constructed in 1859. Innkeepers Jack and Ruth are proud that the Mayhurst is listed on the Registry of Historic Places and is a Virginia Landmark. While the Mayhurst’s rooms have modern amenities, they are finished in the style and colors of the antebellum age. “All the work, doors, molding, stairs, fireplaces, fireplace mantels and surfaces are original,” says Jack. At check-in, sharp-eyed guests can see the home will spot Civil War initials and signatures etched into windows or on walls.



12460 Mayhurst Lane, Orange
www.mayhurstinn.com | 888-672-5597

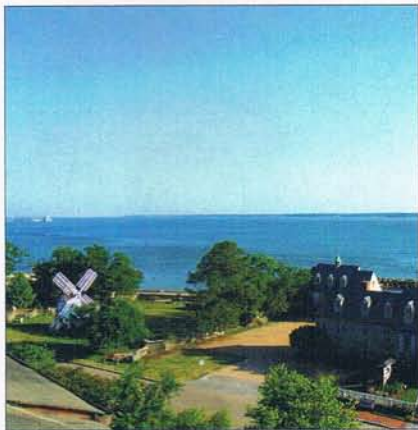


A balance of modern and traditional style was important to Jeff Wells, innkeeper of Maury Place at Monument in Richmond. “We wanted to avoid the tired Victorian look to convey openness

modern aesthetic with a tailored look,” says Jeff. “At the same time, we had to balance that look with the architecture of the 1916 house, which has original moldings, woodwork, fireplaces and detailed plaster work.” The inn also offers fireplaces in most guest rooms, flat-screen TVs, access to a private pool and complimentary Virginia wines.

3101 West Franklin Street, Richmond
www.mauryplace.com | 804-353-2717idence.

York River Inn Bed & Breakfast sits atop a 40-foot bluff overlooking the York River. Visitors arrive intending to relax on the beach but can also opt to enjoy the vast views from the deck instead. For those guests who do prefer to go to the beach, innkeeper Bill Cole provides beach towels, beach chairs, beach games and other extras. “Living here, avoiding the crowds for most of the trip, is relaxing and delightful as well,” notes Bill.



209 Ambler Street, Yorktown
www.yorkriverinn.com | 800-884-7003

At Goodstone Inn & Restaurant, eighteen elegantly decorated guest rooms and suites are situated in six individual residences that have been restored in English and French country styles. You’ll have comfortable sitting rooms—all with fireplaces—and most have fully equipped kitchens, as well as outdoor patios, gas grills and hammocks. Our cottages evoke the feeling of an earlier time, yet offer amenities you expect from a contemporary, luxury retreat.



Snake Hill Road, Middleburg
www.goodstone.com | 877-219-4663



Living in a metropolitan area may make an escape to a private cottage more desirable than a shared residence. The Cottages at Chesley Creek Farm are situated on a 250-acre wooded site in the Blue Ridge Mountains. While you will be unable to see or hear your

neighbors, you might encounter some wildlife. You will also enjoy an array of amenities, including private Jacuzzi tubs, fire pits and a swimming pool. All the cabins are mainly contemporary in décor and are “heavenly” according to innkeeper Chuck Swinney.

2390 Brokenback Mountain Road, Dyke
www.chesleycreekfarm.com | 866-709-9292

Located on the edge of the small village of Reedville is Fleeton Fields Bed & Breakfast. Guests can wander through a large lawn with flower gardens on the way to the water’s edge, which provides access to the Chesapeake Bay. “Watch an osprey nest, listen to the waves on the Bay, smell the salt air or have the opportunity to paddle up Cockrell’s Creek for lunch,” says innkeeper Marguerite Slaughter. “Sit out by the water at night and marvel the brightness of the stars.”



2783 Fleeton Road, Reedville
www.fleetonfields.com | 804-453-5014