



Urban Experience in Charlottesville

Charlottesville and Albemarle County offer the best of all worlds... Vibrant city life (without the inconveniences of large metropolitans!) and quaint countryside only a short drive away. For those who revel in the urban experience, Charlottesville will astound you with its awesome atmosphere and array of options for entertainment, shopping and dining!

Day One

Start your day by hopping on our free trolley, which will take you to the heart of Thomas Jefferson's Academic Village, at the [University of Virginia](#). There, you will want to explore the campus, stroll the Lawn and take a guided tour of the historic [Rotunda](#). Time to eat again, so why not have a bite at one of the many restaurants on The Corner. Time for some serious shopping and you are in luck, because Emmet Street (which turns into Seminole Trail or Route 29) features many shopping centers like [Barracks Road Shopping Center](#), [The Shops at Stonefield](#) and [Fashion Square Mall](#), to name a few. Shopping sure can build up an appetite so time to head to the Belmont neighborhood where you can choose from the many unique restaurants, including [The Local](#), [Mas](#) and [Belmont BBQ](#). And since the night is still young, you can now take in one of the many live music performances presented at venues such as the [nTelos Wireless Pavilion](#), [The Jefferson](#) or the [John Paul Jones Arena](#). Finally, get a good night sleep at one of our many centrally located hotels or inns and dream about your first wonderful day in Charlottesville...

Day Two

Rise and shine! Time for breakfast again and this time, why not try one of the fabulous restaurants on the historic pedestrian [Downtown Mall](#). Then to walk off breakfast, explore the Mall, where you will find an array of unique privately owned boutiques, art galleries and (you guessed it!), eateries (you know you will get hungry again!). To take a break from shopping, why not visit [The Glass Palette](#), where you can create your very own glass art piece or [City Clay](#), where you will be able to spin your own wheel and fabricate a unique pottery item. After lunch at one of our famous downtown eateries, why not go put on some skates and fly on the ice at the [Main Street Arena](#)! Afterwards, venture away from the Downtown Mall to our [Historic Court Square](#) to see our 200-year old courthouse, which is the only one in the United States that has been used by three early American Presidents at the same time. Then, head west on Market Street, passing [Lee Park](#) and the [McGuffey Art Center](#), to West Main Street and its **Main Street Market**, for some lovely shops and eateries (don't miss [Albemarle Baking Company](#) if you're in the mood for a treat!). It's dinner time, and there are so many options to choose from either on West Main Street or in the Downtown Mall area. Time for theater and the choice is yours! [The Paramount](#) welcomes you with its world-class shows, or if you prefer high-quality volunteer theater, don't miss the productions at [Live Arts](#).