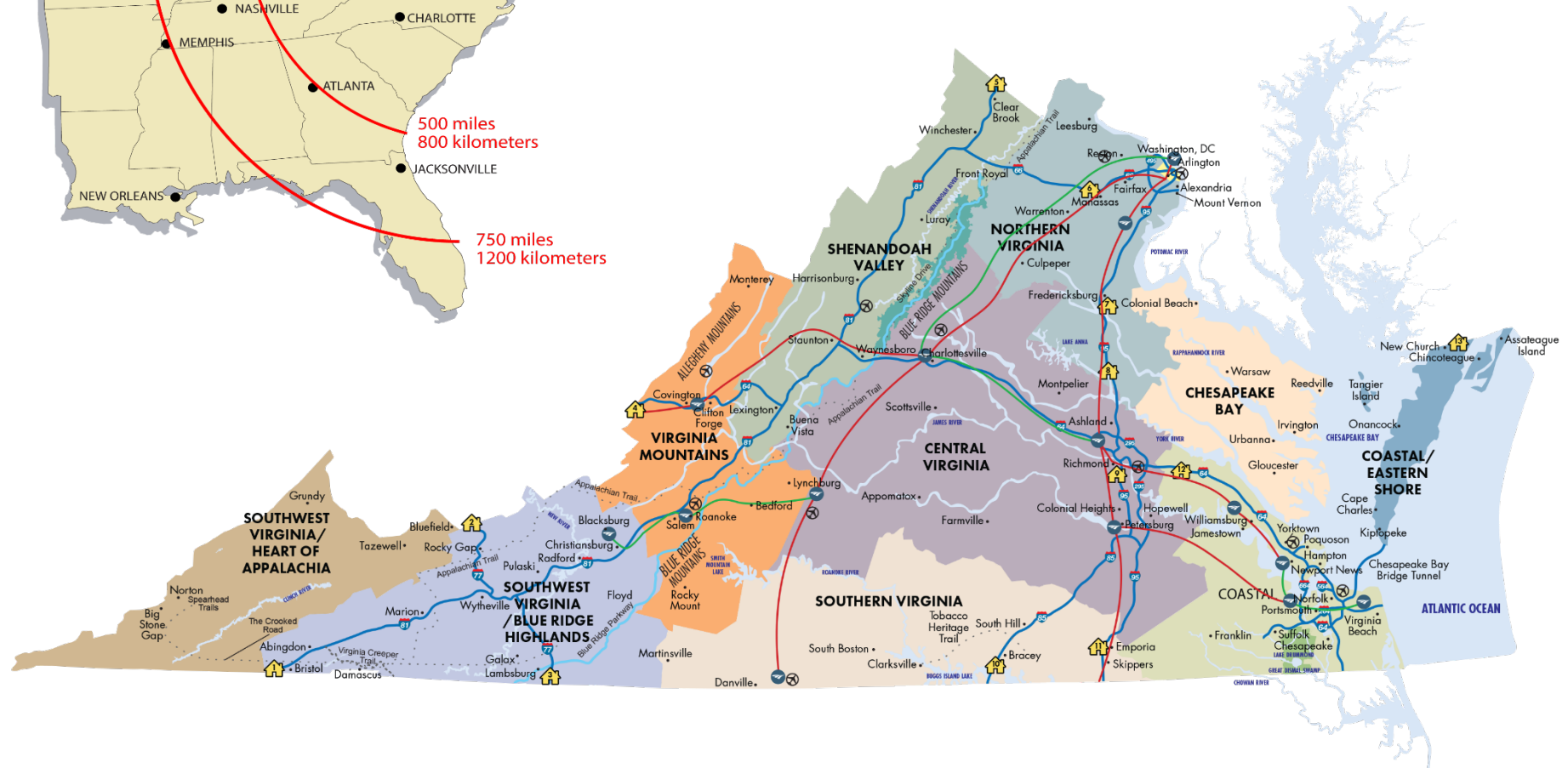


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VIRGINIA AT A GLANCE

Centrally located along the east coast of the United States, Virginia offers a wide range of visitor experiences with rich history, serene natural beauty, an unparalleled culinary scene, and outdoor activities from beach getaways to mountain adventures. Sharing a border with Washington, D.C., Virginia is home to the two main airports serving the nation's capital, Washington Dulles International (IAD) and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA).





TRANSPORTATION

The Washington Metro, a rapid transit system serving the Washington, D.C. area, provides effortless connectivity between Virginia and the nation's capital. Serving nearly 25 stations in the Northern Virginia region, the Metro will also begin offering service to Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) in 2021.

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HISTORY

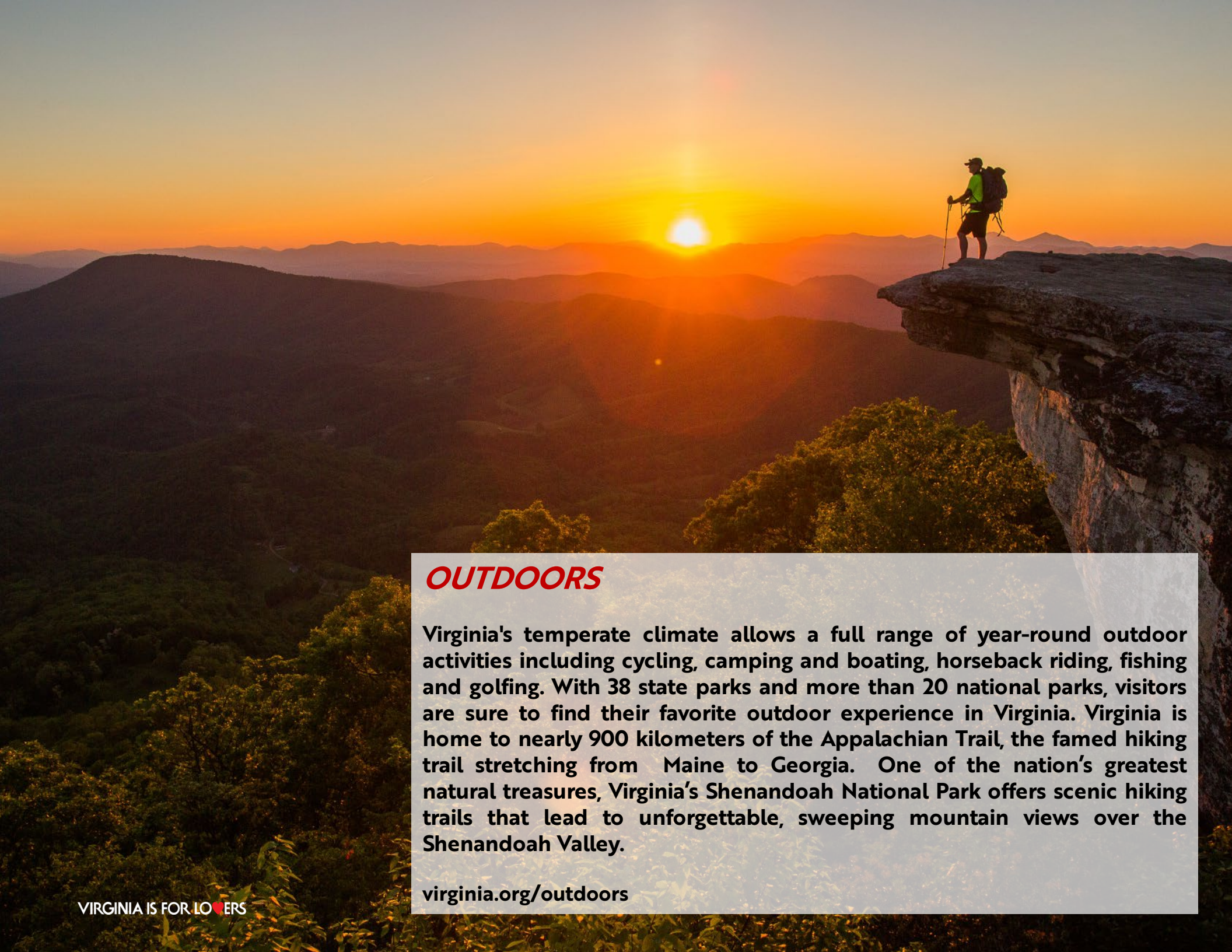
More than 400 years of American history comes alive in Virginia with iconic historic sites such as Colonial Williamsburg, Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, George Washington's Mount Vernon, and Jamestown, the New World's first permanent English settlement, founded in 1607. Home to eight American presidents, Virginia was the fateful site in America's battle for independence and served as the backdrop for many key battles in the American Civil War. Virginia is also home to Arlington National Cemetery, the nation's largest military cemetery, located just outside of Washington, D.C.

BEACHES

Virginia is home to more than 100 kilometers of shoreline with white, sandy beaches along the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay. From the five-kilometer boardwalk and lively oceanfront area of Virginia Beach, to the laid back pace of the Eastern Shore's charming coastal towns, there's a beach experience for everyone in Virginia. Chincoteague Island on Virginia's Eastern Shore is famous for its population of wild ponies, attracting thousands of visitors from around the world each year for the annual Chincoteague Pony Swim.

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OUTDOORS

Virginia's temperate climate allows a full range of year-round outdoor activities including cycling, camping and boating, horseback riding, fishing and golfing. With 38 state parks and more than 20 national parks, visitors are sure to find their favorite outdoor experience in Virginia. Virginia is home to nearly 900 kilometers of the Appalachian Trail, the famed hiking trail stretching from Maine to Georgia. One of the nation's greatest natural treasures, Virginia's Shenandoah National Park offers scenic hiking trails that lead to unforgettable, sweeping mountain views over the Shenandoah Valley.

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MUSIC

Virginia's vibrant music scene boasts a variety of genres including bluegrass, country, folk, R&B, rock, and jazz. Each year, Virginia hosts many world-class music festivals, including the star-studded Something in the Water festival, hosted by Virginia Beach native, Pharrell Williams. Known as the Birthplace of Country Music, Virginia was home to the 1927 Bristol Sessions, the legendary recording sessions marking the beginning of the modern country music era. Popular among music lovers is The Crooked Road, Virginia's Heritage Music Trail, a driving trail through Southwest Virginia taking visitors through one of the country's most scenic and culturally unique regions.

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WINE

Known as the “Birthplace of American Wine,” Virginia’s wine history dates back to the days of Thomas Jefferson. As one of the top wine producers in the United States, Virginia is home to more than 300 wineries and 3,800 acres of sweeping vineyard views. Virginia offers award-winning wines to be enjoyed in stunning tasting rooms from the Eastern Shore to the Blue Ridge Mountains.

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CRAFT BEER

Home to nearly 300 craft breweries, Virginia offers unforgettable craft beer experiences for visitors to enjoy in all corners of the state. Virginia's capital city of Richmond, home to more than 30 craft breweries along the Richmond Beer Trail, was recently recognized as a top beer destination in America. Visitors can also sample local flavors at the nearly 40 craft breweries along Northern Virginia's LoCo Ale Trail, just miles from Washington, D.C.

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OYSTERS

Virginia has recently become known as the Oyster Capital of the East Coast, boasting eight distinctive oyster regions, each with their own unique flavors. The Virginia Oyster Trail links each of Virginia's oyster regions to connect producers, farmers, and restaurants in Virginia's bay and river towns for an authentic oyster tourism experience. Virginia oysters grow in the Atlantic Ocean and the world-famous Chesapeake Bay, and visitors can eat oysters like a true Virginian year-round, thanks to numerous festivals, events, and an abundance of restaurants offering fresh, local Virginia oysters.

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FOOD

One of the best ways to experience Virginia is through food. Known as the Birthplace of American Cuisine, Virginia is America's first food region, dating back to the days of Jamestown. Virginia offers culinary delights for every palate, and many cities and towns across the state are consistently being recognized for their emerging culinary scenes, including Richmond, Alexandria, Charlottesville, and Staunton. The Inn at Little Washington was recently awarded the prestigious distinction of three Michelin stars, the only restaurant to achieve this accolade in the Washington, D.C. area.

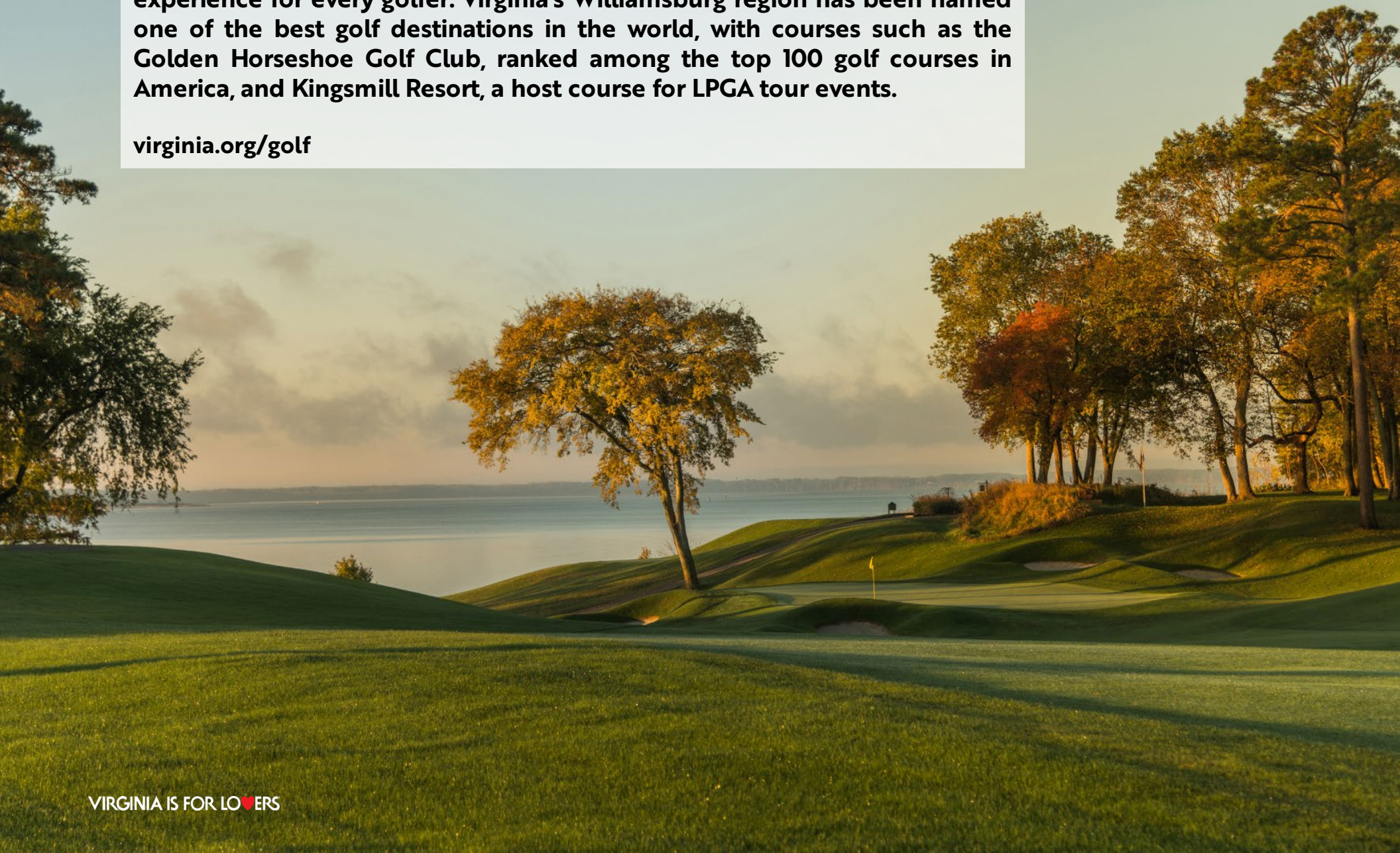
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GOLF

With a moderate climate and more than 200 public golf courses, Virginia offers exceptional year-round golfing experiences. From Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus-designed golf courses in the coastal regions, to breathtaking courses in scenic mountain settings, Virginia has a golf experience for every golfer. Virginia's Williamsburg region has been named one of the best golf destinations in the world, with courses such as the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club, ranked among the top 100 golf courses in America, and Kingsmill Resort, a host course for LPGA tour events.

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SHOPPING

From world-class malls to boutiques lining the streets of its charming small towns, Virginia offers a diverse range of unique shopping experiences. Northern Virginia, just minutes from Washington, D.C., is home to two outlet malls, quaint shops along King Street in the walkable Old Town Alexandria, and Tysons Corner Center, one of the largest malls in the United States.

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