

Follow the APPLE TRAIL

An Apple Adventure Tour

A Taste of the Apple Capital of Virginia!

Day One

Meet your ride-along guide at the **Winchester-Frederick County Visitors Center** and start your day with a visit to nearby **Abram's Delight Museum**. Early settlers planted apple orchards on much that same land that bears the fruit even today. The Hollingsworths, a Quaker family, built this 1754 native limestone home that now tells the story of these early settlers. Also on the property is a replica of a pioneer family's furnished log cabin.

Enjoy a driving tour through the streets of Winchester as your coach follows the "trail of pink petals." Pink apple blossoms painted on the pavement mark the route of the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Grand Feature Parade. Keep your eyes open for "**Apples on Parade,**" a community art project that showcases painted apples that can be seen at 15 locations around Winchester-Frederick County.

Learn about National Fruit Products, Inc., makers of White House Apple Products, as you make your way to **Marker-Miller Orchards and Farm Market**. Here, owner John Marker will share his family's farming story. Sample some of the many varieties grown in these orchards and enjoy an old-fashioned hay wagon ride through the fields and fruit orchards. After the ride, pick your own apples straight from the trees or just relax on the front porch in a rocking chair. Indulge with the sweet treat of an apple cider doughnut - a Marker-Miller specialty!

Next stop, **The Museum of the Shenandoah Valley**. Have lunch in the Museum Café and try the Shenandoah Blend tea, a local favorite. Allow three hours to explore the complex, comprised of a historic house, six-acres of formal gardens, and the museum galleries. Learn the rich farming history of the Valley and see displays of local handiwork and unique craftsmanship.

Refresh and relax as you check in to your hotel before dinner at one of our local favorites. Choose an apple themed dessert for a sweet ending to your first day in Winchester-Frederick County.

Day Two

Begin your day with a trip to **Old Town Winchester** and the **Old Court House Civil War Museum**. Located on the pedestrian mall, this historic court house once housed prisoners-of-war and the wounded during the Civil War. The museum showcases patriotic graffiti written on the walls by these soldiers, many of whom left behind farms and orchards to join the fight.

Allow some time to browse the shops in Old Town. Choose from any of the cafes and restaurants along the pedestrian mall for lunch. Be sure to plan a guided Civil War Walking Tour for after lunch, to learn more about how the conflict affected the city.

Head out to the country on scenic back roads until you reach **Richard's Fruit Market**. Richard's is the oldest "country classic" open air farmers market (est. 1878) in Frederick County. The market is located on the Richard farm, a fifth generation family farm. In addition to apples, a wide variety of apple products are available here, including apple butter, apple sparkling cider, apple bbq sauce, and more!

Wrap up your trip to Winchester-Frederick County by visiting **Belle Grove Plantation** in Middletown for an afternoon tea tour. With its breathtaking views and strategic setting on the Cedar Creek Battlefield, this home is a treasure on the National Register of Historic Places.

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