

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 Visitor Center**. 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. Learn about National Fruit Products, Inc., makers of White House Apple Products, as you make your way to **The Virginia Farm Market**. Here, owner Joe Lizer will share his family's farming story. Sample some of the many varieties grown in the area, and be sure to look for the 8-foot apple on the roof of the market!

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

An afternoon adventure awaits at **Marker-Miller Orchards and Farm Market**. Take an old-fashioned hay wagon ride through the fields and fruit orchards. After the scenic 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!

Refresh and relax as you check into your hotel before your evening at **Historic Jordan Springs**. This elegant event center was once a hotel known for its healing springs, and served as a hospital during the Civil War. Dinner will be served followed by an apple-themed dessert. Top-off the day with a tour of the building.

Day Two

Early settlers planted apple orchards on much of the same land that bears the fruit even today. Start your day with a visit to **Abram's Delight Museum**. 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.

A trip to Old Town Winchester will feature 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.

Wrap up your visit 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.

From our Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival each spring to our Apple Harvest Festival each fall, Winchester-Frederick County, Virginia's rich agricultural heritage makes this a fun & versatile group tour!

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