



Experiential Mother's Day Celebrations Await in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley

Virginia's Shenandoah Valley (May 1, 2018) – Instead of delivering Mom a wrapped gift this Mother's Day, [Virginia's Shenandoah Valley](#) offers a range of unique experiences in celebration of the important women in our lives. Ranging from traditional offerings like Mother's Day tea to an active, fun-filled family hike, the Shenandoah Valley is just the right place to celebrate moms.

Now that spring has finally sprung, it's the perfect time to enjoy being outdoors and the Shenandoah Valley does not disappoint. [Pebble Hall Wildflowers](#) in Weyers Cave invites families to start their own tradition this Mother's Day by bringing a picnic to enjoy while overlooking the flowers, valleys and mountains before picking Mom a beautiful bouquet of wildflowers. The [State Arboretum of Virginia](#) in Boyce hosts its annual Garden Fair on Mother's Day Weekend (May 12 and 13) from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. This plant and garden supply sale features more than 90 vendors and an entire weekend of events, including guided tours, activities for children (noon to 2 p.m. each day), food and more. In honor of Mother's Day, [Birdsong Pleasure Garden](#) in Luray is hosting a "Festival of Flowers" Open House from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 13. Visitors are invited to bring a picnic lunch, camera and painting supplies to enjoy the various gardens in bloom. And yet another way to take in the blooming wildflowers is to book a [Mother's Day Carriage Ride](#) at the Edith J. Carrier Arboretum at James Madison University in Harrisonburg. The horse-drawn carriage rides are available on Sunday, May 13 from noon to 3 p.m.

For a more active outdoor activity, celebrate Mom with a family-friendly hike up Turk Mountain near Waynesboro on Mother's Day. The moderately challenging hike is just over two miles round trip and offers stunning views of the Valley. The outing begins at 9 a.m. and hikers are invited back to Basic City Beer Co, a family-friendly brewpub, to indulge in a hard-earned beverage and a bite from the "Hops Kitchen" afterward.

More celebratory food and beverage options await in the Shenandoah Valley. The 21+ crowd can book mom on a tour of the area vineyards along the [Shenandoah Spirits Trail](#) and let [Shenandoah Wine Tours](#) do the driving. Many of the vineyards along the trail offer specials during Mother's Day weekend. For a beverage of another kind, stop by the [Anne Hathaway Cottage Tea Room](#) in Staunton. Housed in a traditional Tudor-style home, the tea room offers a beautiful spread of tea sandwiches, shortbread and scones, along with the star of the show: the tea, which is

imported from England. (Insider's tip: reservations are highly recommended.) [George's Food & Spirits](#) at the historic George Washington Hotel in Winchester hosts a Mother's Day Brunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 13 (reservations required).

Combine a mother's love for art and shopping with a visit to [SoLace Studios Fine Handcrafts](#) in Elkton. A part of the Shenandoah Valley for more than 20 years, the gallery features the fine marbling of owner and artist Barb Polin, along with fine handcrafts from more than 250 regional and national artists.

And finally, if Mom is a history buff, schedule a horse-drawn carriage tour of historic downtown Lexington with [Lexington Carriage Company](#). The 45-minute narrated tour explores the rich history of this town and passes many historic sites, including the Stonewall Jackson House and Memorial Cemetery, Washington and Lee University, Lee Chapel and Museum, Virginia Military Institute and a residential district dating back to the 1820s. Afterward, stroll the brick-lined sidewalks, window shop or spend time further exploring one of the sites from the tour.

The Shenandoah Valley Tourism Partnership is a professional collaboration among 11 marketing partners representing destinations from Winchester to Lexington, and their shared goal is to promote the region as an outstanding year-round destination. To begin planning your visit and to learn more about these sites and all the adventures that await you in the Shenandoah Valley, please check out www.virginiasshenandoahvalley.com.

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