quaint & historic small towns

Explore sites that changed the course of our nation’s history, feel your heart pound along with the hooves of thoroughbred racing and gaming, lose your breath over our mighty rapids, catch it again as you gaze on nature’s wonders. Throw in some really cool shops and great food and you have the perfect getaway!

Shepherdstown
Enjoy a charming old town with a cosmopolitan attitude—a lively downtown filled with restaurants and eclectic boutiques.

Harpers Ferry
Stroll back in time to an historic and quaint village at the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers.

Charles Town
Explore rich history, eclectic artwork or exciting gaming entertainment in the heart of Jefferson County.
Take in the spectacular scenic beauty with an invigorating trek on the historic C&O CANAL or the famous APPALACHIAN TRAIL. RIVER RIDERS FAMILY ADVENTURE RESORT can guide you on a variety of adventures: whitewater rafting, canoeing, biking and zip-lining.

If you crave a different kind of excitement try HOLLYWOOD CASINO AND INN AT CHARLES TOWN RACES. Live thoroughbred racing, table games and slots and top entertainment keeps the excitement meter charged.

From quaint and country to modern and eclectic, the accommodations in Jefferson County offer something for every taste. Throughout Jefferson County you’ll find charming chalets with plenty of privacy as well as boutique hotels and upscale accommodations.

If history is your passion, HARPER'S FERRY NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK is a must see for every visitor. Tour the famous U.S. Armory and Arsenal held by John Brown and his army for three fiery days in 1859.

Jefferson County is becoming known for its local spirits and ales. The BLOOMERY PLANTATION DISTILLERY and ABOLITIONIST ALE are local favorites. Opening this Summer, BAVARIAN BROTHERS BREWING at the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown will be the newest addition to this ever growing segment.

In our three charming towns, wander through boutique shops, filled with charming handmade goods and try the area’s top-notch independent restaurants that cook flavorful meals from locally sourced ingredients. All just 40 minutes from Dulles International Airport.