

## Virginia Piedmont

**30. King's Dominion** - A Theme park covering 400 acres is located just off I-95, 75 miles south of the beltway. Seven theme areas include 50 rides and live shows. A 300 foot replica of the Eiffel Tower provides excellent photographic position  
<http://www.kingsdominion.com/>

**31. Richmond, Virginia** - Richmond represents the best of the past and the present preserved together. Its history covers four centuries from the early 1600s when settlers traded with Indians on the banks of the James River. Col. William Byrd laid out the city in 1747. The Virginia Convention was held in the St. John's Church where Patrick Henry proclaimed "I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death"! The State Capital was designed in 1785 by Thomas Jefferson after a Roman temple in Mimes, France. Richmond became the Capital of the Confederacy in 1861. Much of the city was destroyed by flames after Confederate soldiers set fire to the government warehouse before fleeing. Much of the city was rebuilt after the Civil War. Richmond today is a city of contrasts. Architecture from many periods can be found here where modern steel and glass office towers can be seen along the James and its 18th century structures. Other points of interest include Agecroft Hall, Maymont, Museum of the Confederacy, Museum of Fine Arts, Tuckahoe Plantation, Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia, Valentine Museum, Edgar Allan Poe Museum, John Marshall House, Science Museum, and Monument Avenue.  
<http://www.ci.richmond.va.us/>

**32. Charlottesville, Virginia** - The "heart" of Thomas Jefferson country. His design influence can be seen not only in Monticello and the University of Virginia but in many of the estate mansions which can be visited during Garden Week. The University of Virginia tour should not be missed. Other points of interest include, the Ash Lawn estate of James Monroe and the historic Michie Tavern.  
<http://www.charlottesville.org/>