

Experience a Day in Danville

Come and explore Danville's historic district just a short ride from VIR. Your day of fun looks like this:

Call 434.770.1974 to inquire if transportation is available. If it is, then at:

9:45 Gather at the VIR Administration Building parking lot where your van awaits you.

10:00 Leave for a Day in Danville

10:30 to 12:00 Learn little-known facts about the historic buildings and their former residents on or near Millionaires' Row during Danville Historical Society's guided walking tour, *The Secrets Inside*. You will walk into the heart of the Historic District where you'll marvel at the beautiful Victorian mansions and churches. Your guide will tell stories about the buildings... and the secrets within their walls. (\$6)

12:15 to 1:15 Your guide will direct you to one of downtown's quaint cafes: Main Street Coffee Emporium, Bronx Boy Bagels, In Good Taste, or Dixie Café.

1:15 to 2:45 Walk to your chosen activity: shop in the downtown historic district, view science exhibits at the Science Center in the historic warehouse district, walk along the Riverwalk, or learn more about art and history at the historic Danville Museum of Fine Arts & History.

Shopping/Murals: Visit one or all of these stores that cater to customers with discriminating tastes: *Rippe's* - over 100 years of women's fashion; *The Invitation Destination*-gifts for life's special events; *Lou's Antiques*; *Dixie Bags*-high-quality, one-of-a-kind tapestry items made on site and other handmade gifts; *Riverland Music*-instruments and more; *River City General Store*-hard-to-find items in turn-of-the-century atmosphere. Allow time to see the outdoor art on two downtown buildings. The Memorial Drive/Main Street mural depicts the story of the Old 97 train wreck and the North Union Street mural shows downtown Danville in the 1920s.

Science Station/Butterfly Station/Riverwalk: At the Science Station, visitors will find the Estelle Womack Natural History Collection of local and exotic animals, rocks, minerals and fossils. Formerly it was a Southern Railway Passenger Station built in 1899 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. (\$6) Nearby is the Butterfly Station and Garden--a living laboratory for visitors of all ages. The Riverwalk is a pedestrian trail that crosses the Dan River and leads to relaxing stops by the water's edge with an opportunity to commune with nature. (Free)

Art and History: Visit the Danville Museum of Fine Arts & History and take a guided tour inside the 1858 mansion. (\$5)

2:45 Board van for return trip. Pick up will be at the parking lot across from Lou's Antiques, the Science Station, or the Danville Museum of Fine Arts & History depending on which afternoon option was selected.

3:00 Leave for return trip to VIR. **3:30** Arrive at VIR