



A Brief History of Strasburg

German settlers traveling south from Pennsylvania along the Great Wagon Road settled in the area in the 1740's and planned and chartered the town in 1761 as Strasburg. In contrast to the English culture found east of the Blue Ridge, Strasburg was settled with family farms and towns rather than plantations; few slaves; and Germanic language, religions, architecture, and decorative arts.

This thriving agricultural community in the fertile bottomland along the banks of the Shenandoah River has scenic views of the Massanutten Mountain, rolling pastures, and historic battlefields. Later nicknamed "Pot Town", Strasburg also became a center for the production of both utilitarian and fancy earthenware and stoneware pottery. During the 19th and 20th centuries, many residents worked for the railroad industry and at limestone quarries; after World War II, other industries came to Strasburg, including paper and auto parts manufacture. Today, Strasburg boasts a growing service economy, museums, charming eateries, numerous antique stores and other shops. But, despite its location only 80 miles from Metro D.C., Strasburg has maintained its hospitable small town charm.

Located at the crossroads of major roads and rail lines, Strasburg was also at the crossroads of history. Playing a substantial role in the colonial history of Virginia's Great Valley, Strasburg found itself in the thick of the Civil War Battles of Fishers Hill and Cedar Creek. Discover this history along our walking tour.

**We hope you enjoy the
*Historic Strasburg Walking Tour***

**This brochure is a supplement
keyed to the ten tour stops**

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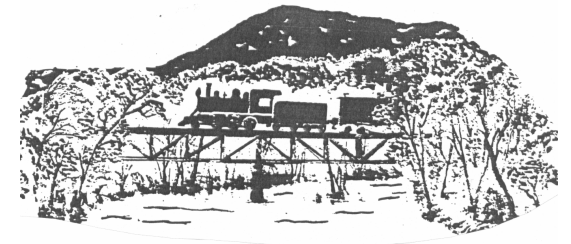
Strasburg Mayfest
3rd Weekend in May

Oktoberfest
1st weekend in October

Strasburg, Virginia, is located
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one hour west of Washington, D.C.

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