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**Win a Winter Getaway from the Virginia Tourism Corporation**  
*-Virginians and visitors can register online for the Virginia Winter Fun Pick Your Passion Sweepstakes-*

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**RICHMOND, Va.** – Virginia is one of the coolest winter destinations on the East Coast, with mountain resorts, 130 wineries and whale watching getaways that will entice travelers with a passion for wine, snow sports, luxury and natural wonders.

To kick off the winter season, the Virginia Tourism Corporation has launched the *Virginia Winter Fun Pick Your Passion Sweepstakes*. Register online at [www.Virginia.org/winter](http://www.Virginia.org/winter) by January 11, 2008 for a chance to win. The sweepstakes is open to U.S. citizens 21 and older, including Virginians. One lucky grand prize winner will “Pick Your Passion” from the following four prize packages.

**Hot Winter Fun and Wine Getaway**

Win a three-day, two night stay for two at [Wintergreen Resort](#), an 11,000-acre, four-season resort located in the Blue Ridge Mountains southwest of Charlottesville. The prize package includes two nights of deluxe accommodations, ski lift tickets and rentals for two days. The winner will also receive souvenir Virginia is for Lovers wine glasses.

Wintergreen is an ideal winter vacation spot, with more than 300 tastefully furnished studios, charming mountain villas, luxurious condominiums, skiing, snowboarding snow tubing, an award-winning tennis program, a full-service, mountaintop spa and a variety of dining options. The resort is surrounded by some of the best of Virginia’s more than [130 wineries](#).

**Romantic Spa Getaway**

Win a three-day, two-night stay for two at [The Homestead Resort](#). For generations, couples have come to The Homestead for special occasions - a wedding, an anniversary, Valentine's Day. But for true romantics, a few days at The Homestead IS the occasion. The prize package includes two nights lodging in superior room accommodations, breakfast and dinner daily, champagne, flowers, chocolates and other amenities.

The Homestead is surrounded by the splendor of Virginia's Allegheny Mountains and has a rich history dating back to 1766. The year-round resort features great winter sports activities such as skiing, ice skating, tubing, snowmobile tours and snow boarding. The resort offers a European-style spa, shooting club, horseback and carriage rides, miles of hiking trails, a bowling alley, natural spring-fed indoor pool, specialty boutiques and superb dining.

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### **Family Fun Package**

Win a three-day, two-night getaway for four to beautiful [Massanutten Resort](#), located in the midst of the Shenandoah Valley. The package includes accommodations in a condo for four, four ski passes and four passes to the indoor water park. Winter fun is offered on two terrain parks, 14 trails and winter tubing. The indoor/outdoor WaterPark is open year around with 84 degree temperatures and features eight water slides, a lazy river, hot tubs, a kiddie area, and the FlowRider, the perfect indoor surfing experience.

### **Sounds of Winter Whale Watching Getaway**

Win a three-day, two-night whale watching getaway for four in [Virginia Beach](#). The prize package includes two nights lodging for four at SpringHill Suites Virginia Beach Oceanfront, breakfast at the hotel both mornings, admission passes and IMAX tickets for the [Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Museum](#). Also included are passes for a whale-watching boat trip, during which visitors can listen for the songs of humpback whales and watch for fin whales to spray water from their blow holes; a \$50 Green Gift Card from Croc's 19<sup>th</sup> Street Bistro, an Eco-Bistro Experience; and a \$100 restaurant gift certificate to be used at local restaurants.

Virginia Beach, the world's largest pleasure beach, offers numerous recreational, historical and cultural opportunities and is site of Historic Cape Henry, where America's first English settlers came ashore in 1607.

Additional rules apply. Visit [www.Virginia.org/winter](http://www.Virginia.org/winter) for a complete set of rules, to enter for a chance to win and to start planning the ultimate winter getaway in Virginia.

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Note to media: Click here for more information about winter getaways in Virginia.  
<http://www.vatc.org/pr/prnews/2007releases/WinterNR07.asp>

[www.Virginia.org/winter](http://www.Virginia.org/winter) is the official winter travel web site for the Commonwealth of Virginia.