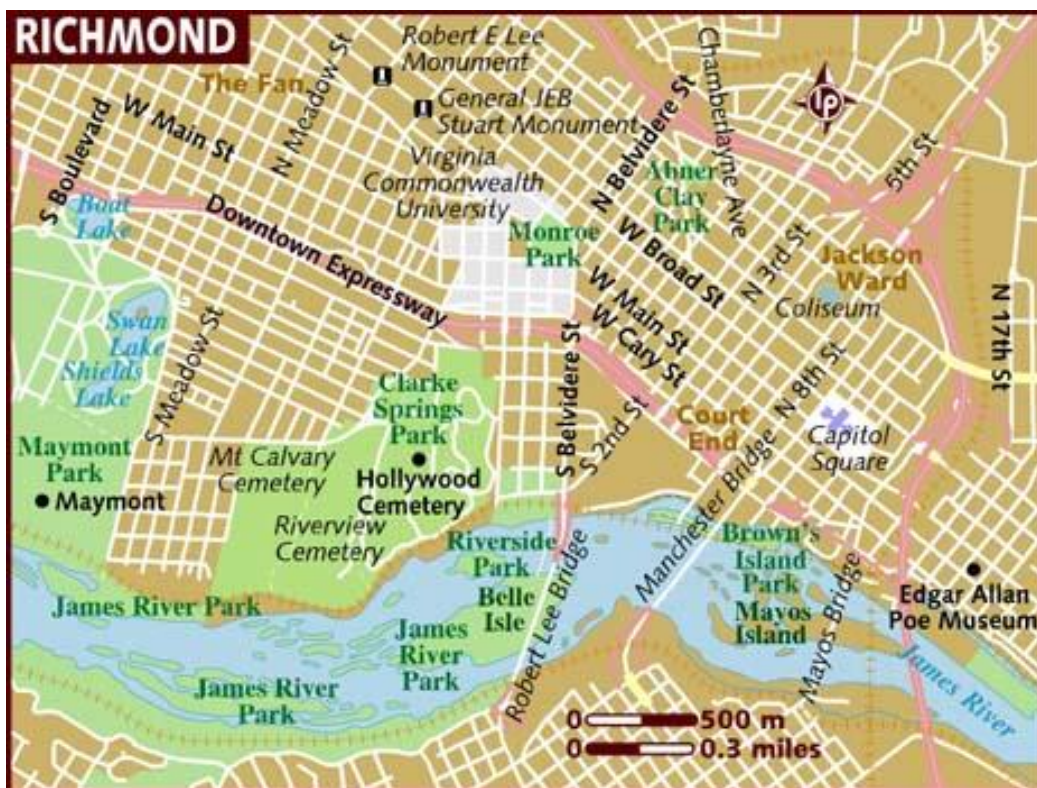# IOR global services
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## RICHMOND, VA AREA INFORMATION

Richmond is the capital city of the state of Virginia. This economically progressive city is known for its beautiful neighborhoods and architecture, vast cultural and educational heritage, and its historic prestige that dates back to the early English settlers. The Richmond area offers easy access to many mountains, the Atlantic Ocean, and Washington D.C. Five million visitors flock to Richmond to experience the cultural community enhanced by several first-class museums and prominent universities, its own symphony, professional ballet and opera, and numerous theater companies and art galleries.

## Transportation

**By Car**

It is easy to drive and park around Richmond. Whether you drive yourself or let someone else take the wheel via Uber or Bioride, all of Richmond's attractions are accessible by car.
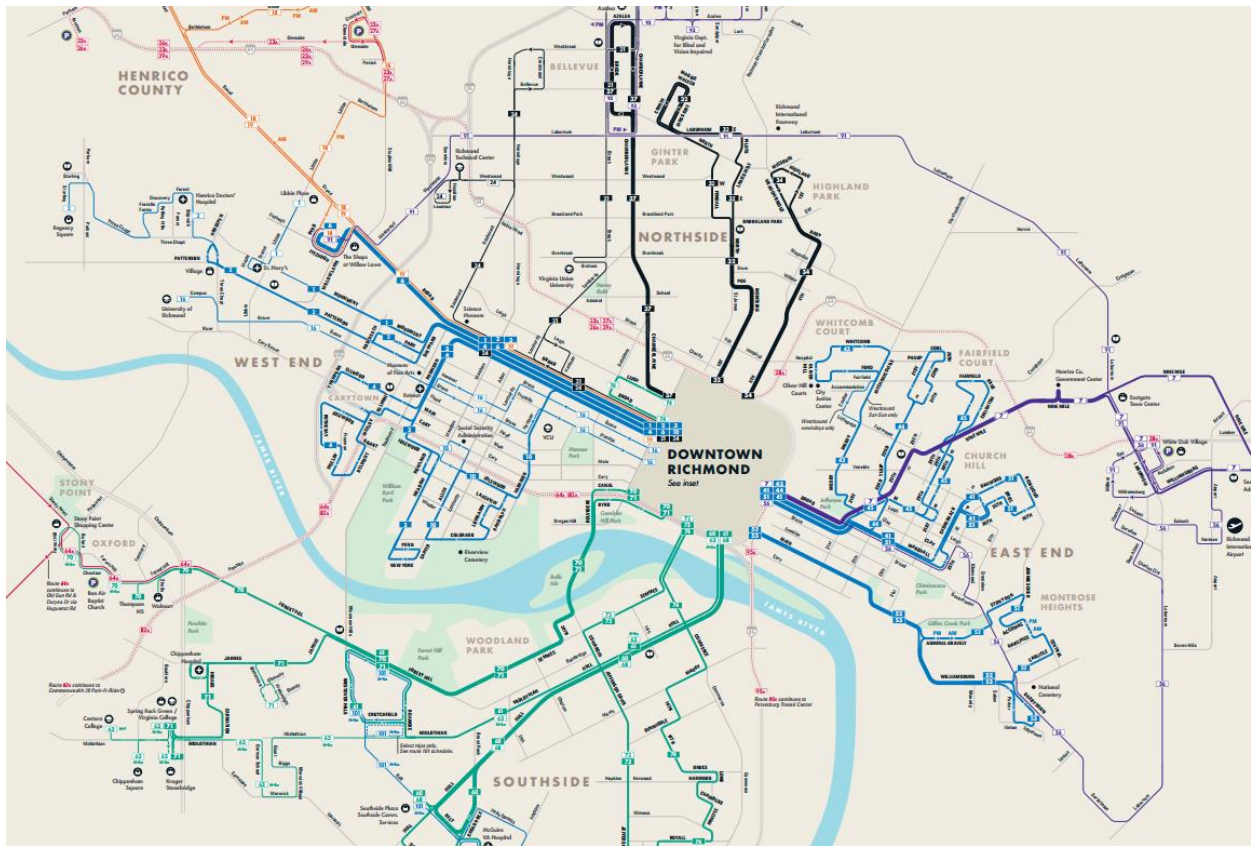
**By Bike**

By road, trail, or path, on two wheels is one of the best ways to see the Richmond region. Bike the Virginia Capital Trail or ride from Shockoe Bottom to Carytown. You can also take a bike tour through Richmond's history or food scene with Richmond Rides.

**By Bus**

The GTRC Transit System has operated continuously since 1860, with one temporary suspension of service during the Civil War. It provides public transportation in the Greater Richmond Area.

Generally, to register your child for school you will need to have a passport and/or birth certificate, proof of immunizations, any applicable past school records and proof of residency. Most public schools have boundary areas, and you must show proof (i.e. copy of lease or home purchase agreement) to be allowed to register in that particular school. Please always confirm requirements with the school you are interested in before assuming that your child will be able to attend that school.

Grade level in the public school system is determined by the age of the child. Typically, the child must be 5 years old by September 1st to enter kindergarten. School districts may be very strict about the age requirement, but inquire with the school district you are interested in to determine if there are any exemptions for foreign students who are ahead in grade level. You may also want to ask about any gifted or advanced programs as well as their English as a Second Language (ESL) Programs. Some elementary schools also offer a pre-Kindergarten program for children who miss the September 1st requirement. You may inquire at the school districts for availability.

Contact your IOR Destination Services Consultant for more assistance with schooling questions.

**Public, Private, and Preschools**

A complete listing of public schools in Richmond can be viewed here.

A complete listing of private schools in the Richmond area can be viewed here.

A directory of preschools in the Richmond area can be viewed here.

**Additional Resources**

- www.greatschools.org
- www.eschoolprofile.com
- www.schooltree.org


**Colleges/Universities**

- Colleges and universities near Richmond



*Courtesy of Thames*

## Recreation

Listed below are a few of the attractions offered in Richmond. A more complete listing of attractions in Richmond can be found here .



- Museums in Richmond
- Family Attractions in Richmond
- Outdoor Attractions in Richmond
- Nightlife in Richmond
- Sports in Richmond
- Arts & Culture in Richmond
- Dining in Richmond

*Courtesy of Dominion Riverrock*

## Registration

**Obtaining a Driver's License**

In the US, a driver's license or ID card is issued by each individual state and not by the federal government. Since there is no national identity card in the USA, and many Americans don't have a passport or carry around a birth certificate, a driver's license issued by your state is often the only official piece of identification for many citizens. Since 9/11, you will need to show a valid driver's license or State ID card to enter many big office buildings.

If you have an out-of-state or out-of-country license, you may use it for as long as you maintain your residency in the state where it was issued. International licenses are not recognized in Virginia. If you are moving permanently to Virginia, you may use your out-of-state license for only your first two months here. To change to a Virginia license, bring your Social Security card, another form of ID, and two utility or phone bills verifying that you are a Virginia resident to a motor vehicle facility. You'll have to pass written and eye exams, and usually a road test.

For general information and instructions on how to obtain an official state ID card or driver's license, visit the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles.

Your Destination Services Consultant will also assist you with the proper procedure.