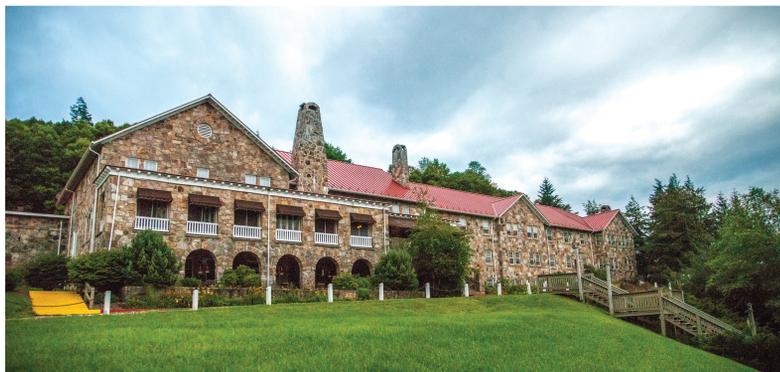
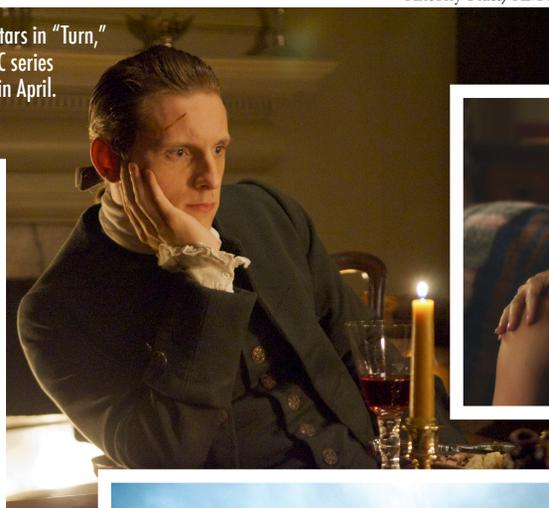


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Jamie Bell stars in “Turn,” the new AMC series premiering in April.

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# The Getaway: National

## VIRGINIA FOR FILM BUFFS: A D.I.Y. MOVIE TRAIL

EXPLORE historic Virginia’s film locations from Spielberg’s blockbuster “Lincoln” to the new AMC miniseries “Turn.” In this state filled with historical attractions and tourist trails for aficionados of everything from wine and beer to bluegrass music, movie lovers now have a tour of their own.

Start your tour in Richmond, the former capital of the Confederacy and home to several Civil War sites, including the National Park Service Civil War Visitor Center at Tredegar Iron Works, the White House of the Confederacy, Hollywood Cemetery, and several Civil War museums. Richmond and nearby Petersburg were filming locations for Steven Spielberg’s 2012 drama, “Lincoln,” starring Daniel Day Lewis, Sally Field, James Spader and Tommy Lee Jones.

Use a printable map of the Lincoln Movie Trail to guide you to film locations and selected spots visited by the cast and crew while staying in the city. Book a room at the Jefferson Hotel, where many of the cast, including Sally Field, stayed. Dine in style at the hotel’s Lemaire Restaurant or head to Church Hill Historic District for brunch at Millie’s Diner (a cast and crew favorite) or a meal at Arcadia, where Daniel Day Lewis was spotted in full Abraham Lincoln makeup.

Film locations include the Capitol and the historic Maymont Mansion, Gardens and Park. If you don’t feel like walking around town, book a Lincoln Segway tour with River City Segs. For a vintage “Lincolnesque” look, shop

at Bygones, a local boutique in Carytown visited by several of the cast members, including Daniel Day Lewis and his family.

Petersburg, where many scenes were filmed, is just 24 miles south of Richmond and offers a Walk in Lincoln’s Final Footsteps Tour. It’s also the location of Pamplin Historical Park, containing the pivotal battlefield and the National Museum of the Civil War.

THE MOVIE THAT FIRST PUT THE OLD DOMINION ON HOLLYWOOD’S RADAR WAS THE 1987 HIT, “DIRTY DANCING,” STARRING PATRICK SWAYZE AND JENNIFER GREY.

The AMC Network, which has metamorphosed from vintage movie channel to the creator of original hit television series like “Mad Men” and “Breaking Bad,” is currently filming a new series in the Richmond suburb of Powhatan. Starring Jamie Bell, “Turn” is based on a book by Alexander Rose, “Washington’s Spies.” Set in 1778, the story details the exploits of farmer Abe Woodhull, who forms a spy network called “The Culper Ring” to help George Washington defeat the British, all while

living behind enemy lines in Long Island.

To explore more of Virginia, head west to Pembroke and the stone lodge at Mountain Lake. The movie that first put the Old Dominion on Hollywood’s radar was the 1987 hit, “Dirty Dancing,” starring Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey. Filmed at the Mountain Lake Lodge, this chick flick inspired a generation of late bloomers and reinvigorated the iconic resort represented as Kellerman’s in the movie. Just a three and a half hour drive from Richmond, this resort has been a popular retreat for more than a century.

Do a little dirty dancing of your own on special weekends with the 2014 Dirty Dancing Package. It includes two nights lodging and breakfast, private dance lessons, a movie tour, movie trivia game, two dinners, and a special dance in the barn with the Sapphire Dancers.

Not far from Pembroke, in the heart of Virginia’s Blue Ridge mountains, Smith Mountain Lake was both the inspiration and the setting for the 2012 Hallmark Channel movie (Life Out Loud Films), “Lake Effects.” Jane Seymour and Scottie Thompson played the leading roles, but in fact, the lake and its residents were the big stars. Kick back in a cabin at the state park or an upscale condo on the shoreline, hike the park trails, fish, or just enjoy the views along the 500 miles of shoreline at Virginia’s largest lake.

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