

## Arrival & Trip Planner

What should you take into consideration when planning your arrival?

### Airport options

- ▶ We recommend that you fly in to [Dulles International Airport](#). It is located approximately 2 hours (driving distance) from JMU.
- ▶ Instead of flying into IAD, you could choose to fly into [Shenandoah Regional Airport](#) [SHD]. It is the closest airport from JMU/Harrisonburg, located only 25 minutes away (driving distance) from JMU/Harrisonburg. To get to JMU/Harrisonburg, you can arrange (online) for an [airport shuttle](#) to transport you to Harrisonburg/JMU. The cost is approximately \$40.

### Getting from IAD to JMU/IAD.

- ▶ August 16 at 11am The ISSS office will provide a shuttle to pick-up you up from the IAD airport's Baggage Claim 11 (right next to the international arrivals area)
- [Make sure to complete the Transitions registration form](#)
- ▶ [Virginia Breeze/the Mega Bus](#) provides a daily round-trip to JMU/Harrisonburg and the Dulles international Airport. The cost is approximately \$40 for a one-way ride to JMU/Harrisonburg. The bus stop is located right on campus near the bookstore.
- ▶ Contact JMU individuals to see if you can be picked up.
- ▶ Getting an [Uber](#) or a taxi will most likely cost \$200+

### Overnight stay near the IAD airport

- ▶ Based on when you land and how long it takes to go through customs, etc... you may not make it in time to catch a ride, as such you need or want to stay overnight at these airport hotels with which our office has connections with. In addition, these hotels offer a free shuttle to and from the airport:
  - ▶ [Comfort Inn & Suites Airport Dulles](#) (45515 Dulles Plaza,

Sterling, VA) and take advantage of the special LSTUDY rate of \$119 + tax per night.

- ▶ ➞ [HYATT house Sterling/Dulles Airport](#) (45520 Dulles Plaza, Sterling, VA). To make a reservation call +1 (703) 435-9002.

## Overnight Stay in Harrisonburg

- ▶ Before heading to your apartment, make sure to find out the answers to these questions beforehand:
  - ▶ When can I check-in and pick-up my key? It will take you approximately 2 hours for you to get from the airport to Harrisonburg
  - ▶ What phone number can I reach you that day and time?
  - ▶ Exactly how much will I need to pay you? In addition to the deposit and the agreed upon rent, there may be some additional fees (like an internet activation fee...) that you may have to pay.
  - ▶ What is the method of payment? If you are not using a credit card, you will most likely be asked to pay with a certified check (which you can obtain at Food Lion grocery stores to request a money transfer from Western Union).
- ▶ Stay at a local Hotel:
  - ▶ ➞ [Hotel Madison](#) is conveniently located right on campus and downtown but is not necessarily the cheapest hotel.
  - ▶ You may want to consider ➞ [other hotels](#) located in Harrisonburg.