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# Kalahari Resorts & Conventions - Spotsylvania and the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority Announce Partnership as Kalahari Comes to Virginia

## New partnership offers Amtrak guests discounted train fares and free shuttle service to Kalahari's new Virginia resort

RICHMOND – The Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) and Kalahari Resorts & Conventions - Spotsylvania are pleased to celebrate the upcoming opening of Kalahari's resort in Spotsylvania with a new partnership. By joining forces, Kalahari and VPRA are offering travelers a more convenient and relaxing way to reach Kalahari's newest resort.

Through this partnership, guests traveling to the Kalahari in Spotsylvania can take *Amtrak Virginia* to either Fredericksburg or Ashland, where Kalahari will provide complimentary shuttle service from the train station to the resort. Advanced reservations are required. Kalahari guests will also receive a 10% discount on *Amtrak Virginia* fares, making it easier and more affordable to leave the car at home.

"Virginia's passenger rail network connects people to destinations and experiences across the Commonwealth, and through this partnership, *Amtrak Virginia* now has a direct connection to the state's newest attraction," said **DJ Stadtler, Executive Director of VPRA**. "By offering discounted *Amtrak Virginia* fares and a convenient connection to Kalahari, we're giving travelers another reason to choose the train and make the journey part of the vacation."

"Vacations should begin the moment you leave home, not when you finally escape traffic," said **Brian Shanle, General Manager, Kalahari Resorts & Conventions - Spotsylvania.** "Our partnership with *Amtrak Virginia* gives our guests another convenient way to experience everything Kalahari has to offer. By pairing the comfort of train travel with a complimentary shuttle connection, we're helping families spend less time worrying about the drive and more time looking forward to their getaway."

With VPRA's state-supported *Amtrak Virginia* service, Kalahari guests can skip the traffic and enjoy traveling by train. *Amtrak Virginia* serves 17 stations in the Commonwealth as well as Washington, DC with six daily roundtrips along four corridors. Service travels through the Commonwealth from Roanoke, Norfolk, Newport News, and Richmond to Washington, DC and points north, including Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York City.

The travel experience is designed to keep planning simple. Guests can book their *Amtrak Virginia* travel to the Fredericksburg or Ashland train stations and take advantage of the 10% discount on their fares at **www.amtrak.com/Kalahari10**. For more information and to advance book Kalahari's complimentary shuttle service, visit **Kalahari Transportation Services.**

## About Virginia Passenger Rail Authority

The Virginia Passenger Rail Authority was established in 2020 to promote, sustain, and expand the availability of passenger and commuter rail service in the Commonwealth. VPRA is committed to delivering and expanding its state-supported Amtrak Virginia passenger rail service. The Commonwealth of Virginia first launched state-supported service in 2009 with one roundtrip between Washington, DC and Lynchburg, VA. Since that time, the Commonwealth's service has grown to include six roundtrips daily with stops at 17 Virginia stations along four corridors plus Washington, DC. For more information, please visit vapassengerrailauthority.org.

## About Kalahari Resorts & Conventions - Spotsylvania

Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, founded by Todd and Shari Nelson, is home to America's Largest Indoor Waterparks, and offers an unmatched mix of all-under-one-roof experiences for families, vacationers and meeting attendees. With locations in Wisconsin Dells, WI; Sandusky, OH; Pocono Mountains, PA, Round Rock, TX; and a new resort opening in November 2026 in Spotsylvania, VA, each property draws inspiration from the rich culture and vibrant landscapes of Africa. Recognized by USA TODAY's 10BEST for Best Indoor Water Park and Best VR Water Slide, Kalahari continues to set a standard for family entertainment and hospitality. Across its growing collection of resorts, guests can expect well-appointed accommodations, signature dining, unique retail, expansive indoor and outdoor waterparks, immersive adventure parks, and state-of-the-art convention centers. In 2026, Kalahari introduced its Treehouse Adventures, luxury treehouses located on the shores of Lake Delton in Wisconsin Dells. Select locations also feature full-service spas and wellness destinations, creating the ultimate all-in-one getaway. For the latest news and media resources, visit kalaharimedia.com.

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