

Cultural Corridor

Day 1

A.M. - As you are already at the Newport News Visitor Center, drive through the Newport News Park and be wowed at the beauty of the scenery around you. Take a break from driving, get out and stretch your legs, while letting the peace and tranquility of your surroundings relax and refresh you before traveling to your first destination, Virginia's Animal Attraction: the Virginia Living Museum.

Here you can explore Virginia's heritage from the mountains to the sea with live exhibits that actually look back at you! Experience a steamy Cypress swamp, a cool mountain cave, native plant gardens, wild animals, including wolves, deer, otters and lots more.

Take a lunchtime break at one of the many dining options located nearby.

P.M. - Refueled after a tasty lunch, travel the short distance to The Mariners' Museum, America's National Maritime Museum and home of the USS *Monitor* Center.

Here you can view prized artifacts that celebrate the spirit of seafaring adventure, including authentic pieces recovered from the iconic Civil War ironclad, the USS Monitor.

The Museum also houses changing and permanent exhibits, including the International Small Craft Center and what may be considered the rare jewel of the Museum, The Miniature Ships of August F. Crabtree.

For the shoppers in your party, the Museum has a nautically-themed gift shop, brimming with merchandise ranging from books to t-shirts and jewelry to toys.

Upon leaving the Museum, you will notice the Peninsula Fine Arts Center next door, and it is here that your day will begin tomorrow.

The ocean is the theme for dinner, as no visit to Newport News would be complete without sampling our seafood (see listings in our Restaurant Guide). After dinner spend the remainder of the evening enjoying a world-class performance at the American Theater, located in the neighboring city of Hampton. Return to your Newport News Hotel for the night.

Day 2

A.M. - Travel to the Peninsula Fine Arts Center (Pfac), for a morning of art appreciation and exploration. With its dynamic exhibitions, which change throughout the year, the Center is a treat for your visual senses and will likely stimulate your creative genes.

An onsite gift shop is the perfect place to pick up unique gift for friends and family, as well as something for yourself to remind you of your visit here.

The Pfac is located on the grounds of the spectacular Mariners' Museum Park, which is where you'll spend the remainder of your morning. Stroll leisurely through the park and marvel at art of a different genre: Mother Nature's art, everywhere you turn.

After your walk, pick up lunch to go from the Compass Café located inside The Mariners' Museum.

P.M. - Your cultural excursion will pick up again in the evening with a visit to the city's extraordinary Ferguson Center for the Arts. Featuring performances from world-class artists from ballet to comedy, country music to orchestral, the Ferguson Center is Virginia's new home for the finest artists in the world.

Prior to your evening of arts and entertainment, spend the afternoon exploring one of the city's most cultural shopping areas: Port Warwick.

Five monumental works of public art can be found here, gracing the urban landscape.

Along with outdoor art, Port Warwick houses an assortment of specialty stores and restaurants, which makes it the perfect spot for a light evening meal before heading to the Ferguson Center for the Arts for an evening performance.

Retire to your Newport News Hotel for the night.

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Day 3

A.M./P.M.

Choose from the following options, depending upon your departure schedule, in our neighboring city of Norfolk:

1. Chrysler Museum of Art: here you will discover over 30,000 pieces of art spanning 5000 years.
2. Harrison Opera House: home to the Virginia Opera, this lavishly renovated historic venue houses an intimate 1,632 seat theater.
3. Virginia Stage Company: A National Historic landmark, the Virginia Stage Company offers classic dramas, comedies and Broadway shows.
4. NorVA: Originally a 1920 movie palace, the NorVA hosts a diverse array of entertainers and performers, which have included, Ringo Starr, Matchbox 20 and Stone Temple Pilots.

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