

Girls Just Want to Have Fun...and Shop, Explore and Relax

Day 1

A.M. - From the Newport News Visitor Center, travel east on Jefferson Avenue towards City Center and within minutes you will be flanked by retail outlets, specialty stores, restaurants and more. Stop at Jefferson Commons, where you can enjoy gourmet coffee and a snack before exploring the variety of stores located here. Load up your car and head down the street to Patrick Henry Mall for some more retail therapy. Take a lunchtime shopping break and refer to your Restaurant Guide to discover the multitude of dining options located along Jefferson Avenue.

P.M. - Refueled after a tasty lunch, continue heading east on Jefferson Avenue to Port Warwick and the London-inspired Styron Square. Here you will be greeted with a collection of specialty stores, boutiques and exclusive eateries (should you need an afternoon snack or refreshing drink) that will appeal to shoppers of all ages.

Complete the afternoon with a five-minute drive to neighboring City Center at Oyster Point, where you will enjoy a unique open-air shopping district which also boasts a breathtaking five acre fountain.

After a full day of shopping, check into your Newport News hotel where you can unpack, unload your purchases and freshen up ready for a "Girls Night Out" back in City Center. Choose from the exciting and diverse assortment of restaurants and cafes in City Center, many with outdoor seating options, and enjoy an evening of good food and company.

Day 2

A.M. - Grab your city map and prepare for a whirlwind tour of Newport News' museum shops to pick up some truly unique souvenirs and gifts.

Start at the Virginia Living Museum, whose gift shop is brimming with nature themed merchandise ranging from stuffed animals to extraordinary artwork.

Make your next stop The Mariners' Museum, for everything nautical (but nice), then the neighboring Peninsula Fine Arts Center, where unique gifts, including small works of art, are plentiful.

Next, explore the retail shops located in two of Newport News' historic homes, Endview Plantation and Lee Hall Mansion, where history influences the items available for purchase.

Got a military buff on your shopping list? Newport News has the perfect museum spots to shop for them too: the U.S. Army Transportation Museum and the Virginia War Museum.

After your mammoth museum shopping spree, relax and enjoy an international-flavored lunch at one of the city's many ethnic restaurants.

P.M. - Treat your shopping feet (and the rest of your body, mind and soul) to a well-deserved break by visiting one of Newport News' exquisite spas. Allow yourself to be pampered from head to toe with treatments ranging from hot stone therapy to reflexology. Let your mind drift away amidst the scents of essential oils while your body relaxes beneath healing hands. Awaken to feel refreshed and rejuvenated ready for a relaxing evening with your friends.

End the day with a light meal followed by a movie or a performance at one of Newport News' unique and varied theaters before returning to your Newport News hotel for the night.

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Day 3

A.M./P.M. - Make the most of today by choosing from the following options, depending upon your departure schedule:

1. Stay in the Newport News area and drive to Historic Hilton Village, where you can casually stroll the quaint streets and explore a variety of specialty retailers, including antique stores, boutiques and restaurants.
2. Head west to Williamsburg, where you can split your day between two major shopping areas: Prime Outlets, featuring many top brand retailers, and the Williamsburg Pottery Factory, where each year millions of bargain hunters from around the world visit for a truly unique shopping experience.
3. Head east to Norfolk and shop under one roof at the MacArthur Shopping Center, then visit Granby Street where you will find a wide selection of restaurants, pubs and entertainment.

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