

# A “Taste” of Newport News



We celebrate fine wine, spirits, and great food... and always in great company! As you'll see from this tour, we will give you a taste of our spirits and food, our history, and our homes.

## DAY 1

We begin our day in Yorktown. Explore the battlefield where allied American and French forces won the decisive battle of the American Revolution in 1781. **The American Revolution Museum** chronicles the entire Revolutionary period, from colonial unrest to the formation of the new nation.

You can explore a re-created Continental Army encampment where historical interpreters describe and depict the daily life of American soldiers at the end of the war. Also, a 1780s farm – complete with a house, kitchen, tobacco farm, crop fields, and herb and vegetable garden – shows how many Americans lived during the Revolutionary era.

As we head south, we'll give you a bit of the history of Newport News on a short driving tour. We'll have lunch in **Hilton Village**, a planned English village-style neighborhood listed on the National Register of Historic Places, which recently celebrated its centennial. The neighborhood was built between 1918 and 1921 as housing for the influx of workers moving to Newport News to take jobs in the shipyard during WWI.

A photo stop will be made at “The Dorothy,” the very first boat built at the shipyard. She is a 90-foot tugboat built by Newport News Shipbuilding in

1891 and looks great for her age!

The military is very important to Newport News so next we'll visit Victory Arch. A century ago, Newport News was designated as a Port of Embarkation during WWI for not only the soldiers who served, but also the livestock. Peninsula residents chose to celebrate those who would return and commemorate those who would not.

Before returning to the hotel to freshen up for dinner, we'll stop at **Ironclad Distillery** to visit their tasting room and talk with the owners.

At dinner, we'll enjoy a catered meal with some adult beverages at **Tradition Brewing Company**.

## DAY 2

After breakfast in our hotel, we'll load the coach and get on the road.

Just up the road is **Lee Hall Mansion**. Here we'll explore one of the last remaining antebellum homes on the Virginia Peninsula. During the 1862 Peninsula Campaign, the home was used by Confederate Maj. Gen. John B. Magruder and Gen. Joseph E. Johnston. We will start our progressive lunch with appetizers at Lee Hall Mansion.

Afterward, we'll make a quick stop at the nearby Newport News Visitor Center before having lunch at **Fairways BBQ and Grill** at Deer Run Golf Course.



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Around the bend from Lee Hall Mansion is **Endview Plantation**. All three wars fought on American soil have left traces at Endview. The Revolutionary War brought 3,000 militia to its fresh-water spring en route to Yorktown in October of 1781. The War of 1812 saw its use as a training ground, while the Civil War found Endview serving as a Confederate Captain’s home and a hospital for both sides. Here we’ll enjoy our third course: Dessert!

**Colonial Williamsburg** is next on our list. Feel free to wander the streets and shops of a time gone by. Meet the tradespeople, shopkeepers, political figures, and women that call Williamsburg home. As you explore the challenges of daily life set against the backdrop of revolution, you can’t help but get caught up in the historic moments taking place around you.

I’m sure everyone will be glad to go to the hotel and relax a bit before dinner. Tonight let’s enjoy the evening at **Schlesinger’s Chop House** in the Port Warwick neighborhood of Newport News. Schlesinger’s offers an elegant and comfortable ambience, with a contemporary flair.

Sweet dreams from Day 2 await you at your hotel.

## DAY 3

Good Morning!

The third leg of our “triangle” takes us to **Jamestown Settlement**. Journey to 17th century Virginia and the home of America’s first permanent English colony, founded in 1607. Expansive gallery exhibits describe the cultures of the Powhatan Indians, Europeans, and Africans who converged in 1600s Virginia. Trace Jamestown’s beginnings in England and the first century of the Virginia colony.

Dine at the **Jamestown Settlement Café** and explore life-size re-creations of the colonists’ fort and a Powhatan village. Board the replicas of the three ships that sailed from England in 1607. Legend has it that Christopher Newport, captain of the fleet, is the namesake of Newport News.

This afternoon we take in **Historic Jamestowne**, the original site of the Jamestown colony. With the help of a guide, we will learn how John Smith and others established a foothold in unfamiliar surroundings. We will also enjoy a snack along the banks of the James River at the **Dale House Café**.

After a brief rest at our hotel, our final Taste of Newport News will be at **NEST Kitchen & Taphouse**.

After a restful night we bid you good-bye and hope you have enjoyed our Taste of Newport News and the Historical Triangle. As you can see we are an area filled with history, great food and great people.



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