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Ships, History AND THE Great Outdoors

SAMPLE ITINERARIES

Tour Like a Local

DAY 1

- Begin the day at Jamestown Settlement, the home of America's first permanent English colony, founded in 1607
- Have lunch at the Jamestown Settlement Café
- Enjoy the American Revolution Museum in Yorktown
- Experience the daily life of a soldier at the Continental Army Encampment
- Dinner

DAY 2

- Visit the Virginia Living Museum, experiencing native animal exhibits depicting Virginia's natural heritage from the mountains to the sea
- Lunch at the Wild Side Café
- Explore The Mariners' Museum and Park, one of the largest maritime museums in the country
- Dinner at one of the restaurants in City Center

DAY 3

- Explore Fort Monroe and the Casemate Museum, the largest stone fort in the United States, designed to protect Hampton Roads (our rivers) from enemy attack
- Enjoy lunch at The Grey Goose in Hampton
- Discover the Hampton History Museum. From the first landing at Point Comfort to the ladies of Hidden Figures and NASA, there's decades of information here
- Take a spin on the Hampton Carousel, first installed in 1920
- Dinner in Newport News

A "Taste" of Newport News and the Historical Triangle

DAY 1

- Begin at the American Revolution Museum in Yorktown that chronicles the entire Revolutionary period
- Have lunch in Hilton Village, a planned English village-style neighborhood built between 1918 and 1921
- Photo stop at The *Dorothy*, the very first tugboat built by Newport News Shipbuilding in 1891.
- Visit the Victory Arch followed by a visit to the tasting room at Ironclad Distillery
- Enjoy a catered dinner at Tradition Brewing Company

DAY 2

- Explore Lee Hall Mansion, one of the last remaining antebellum homes on the Virginia Peninsula
- Lunch at Fairways BBQ and Grill at Deer Run Golf Course
- Visit Endview Plantation, where all three wars fought on American soil have left traces, and enjoy dessert
- Wander the streets of Colonial Williamsburg and shops of a time gone by
- Dinner at Schlesinger's Chop House in the Port Warwick neighborhood of Newport News

DAY 3

- Explore the Jamestown Settlement, the home of America's first permanent English colony, founded in 1607
- Enjoy lunch at the Jamestown Settlement Café
- Discover Historic Jamestown, and enjoy a snack at the Dale House Café
- Dinner at NEST Kitchen & Taphouse

WHERE WE ARE

Newport News is located in southeastern Virginia, along I-64 between Williamsburg and Virginia Beach, and is part of the Coastal Virginia region. The city sits along the scenic Hampton Roads Harbor, one of the world's largest natural harbors. Its waterside location ties into its economy, as it is home to Newport News Shipbuilding—the largest industrial employer in the state of Virginia.

Newport News has more than 30 parks and historic sites. Our world-renowned museums celebrate nature, the sea, and our nation's military heritage. We're about an hour from Richmond and Virginia Beach and approximately 20 minutes from Williamsburg, Busch Gardens, and Norfolk. With 4,000 hotel rooms, we can easily accommodate any size group.



EVENTS

March – Battle of Hampton Roads at The Mariners' Museum and Park in Newport News;
Newport News One City Marathon

April – Virginia International Tattoo at Scope Arena in Norfolk

June – Summer Celebration Wine Festival at Lee Hall Mansion in Newport News

August – World Arts Celebration at City Center in Newport News



October – Fall Festival of Folklife at Newport News Park;
Oyster Roast at City Center in Newport News

November – Oyster Roast at the Virginia Living Museum in Newport News

December – Celebration in Lights at Newport News Park (Thanksgiving Day to New Year's Day)



Sail, Swim and Soar

at the Virginia Living Museum and The Mariners' Museum and Park • **New options** – For all

MORNING

Tour the Wild Begin your day at the Virginia Living Museum experiencing native animal exhibits depicting Virginia's natural heritage from the mountains to the sea. Virginia's living resources encourage understanding of our natural world. Meet finned, furry, and feathered friends in indoor and outdoor exhibits. Hands-on exhibit, a touch tank with horseshoe crabs and sea stars await you! Red wolf, eagle, moray eel, and bobcat are only a few of the native animals you will experience. Relive the age of the Dinosaur in the outdoor Dinosaur Discovery Trail with 16 life-like dinosaurs and more!



Lunch at Wildside Cafe Enjoy one of our many tasty lunch options from the grill including burgers, grilled chicken, and a variety of items from our made-to-order menu, including vegetarian and gluten-free options.

Just a short drive down J Clyde Morris Blvd.

AFTERNOON

White Sails Over Blue Water Begin your afternoon at The Mariners' Museum and Park with a tour guide who will share nautical tales and interpret artifacts that celebrate the spirit of the ocean. Learn how explorers discovered the world through navigation and cartography, trace the development of steam-powered ships, and get an insight into the history of sailing in our International Small Craft Center.



Lecture: Speed and Innovation Enjoy a lecture from our Collection staff on how the Oracle Team USA stunned the sailing world in the 2013 America's Cup by engineering one of the greatest victories in sporting history.

Themed Dinner End your visit with one of our themed meal options.

For more combination itineraries and information or to book, contact:

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THINGS TO SEE AND DO



Newport News Park

– For students, adults, and seniors

One of the largest municipal parks east of the Mississippi River, at 7,711 acres. It is part of Virginia's Birding and Wildlife Trail and offers hiking, biking, mountain biking, picnicking, paddle boating, canoeing, archery, and freshwater fishing. The park's Discovery Center has hands-on activities, historical artifacts, and nature displays.

www.nnparks.com



Virginia War Museum

– For students, adults, and seniors

Where American military history unfolds! Established in 1923, the museum displays personal artifacts, weapons, vehicles, uniforms, and posters that trace the development of the U.S. military from 1775 through the present.

www.warmuseum.org



US Army Transportation Museum

– For students, adults, and seniors

This collection ranges from planes, trains, and helicopters to tugboats, jeeps, and landing craft. The museum also houses a unique collection of experimental aircraft and the first helicopter to fly at the South Pole.

www.transportation.army.mil/museum/

PERFORMING ARTS



Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center

– For students, adults, and seniors

This former school was restored in 2008 and is now the home of the Ella Fitzgerald Theater (ask me about Ella) and the Anderson Johnson Gallery.

www.downinggross.org



Ferguson Center for the Arts

– For students, adults, and seniors

For more than a decade, Christopher Newport University's Ferguson Center for the Arts has presented the finest artists in the world. A perfect venue for student groups wishing to perform.

www.fergusoncenter.org



Peninsula Community Theatre

– For students, adults, and seniors

Located in Historic Hilton Village, the Peninsula Community Theatre offers musicals, comedies, and dramas with the very best local talent.

www.pctlive.org

Strictly for Adults

Whatever your preference is for sipping—wine, beer, or bourbon—a number of adult beverage establishments have recently opened in the region...and more seem to be popping up faster than you can say "Cheers!"



Ironclad Distillery

www.ironcladdistillery.com

Newport News' first and only operating whiskey distillery. Its mighty name comes from the epic Battle of the Ironclads, fought between the USS *Monitor* and the CSS *Virginia*, (also known as the *Merrimac*). Founded in 2015, Ironclad distills, ages and bottles its small-batch bourbon out of a century-old dry goods warehouse along the James River waterfront.

Tradition Brewing Company

www.traditionbrewing.com

Located in City Center at Oyster Point, their 20-barrel Deutsche Beverage Technology brewing system can be seen in action while seated in the tasting room or 2nd floor mezzanine. All of the ingredients are specially selected and carefully inspected to maximize flavor and quality with every sip. Free tours are offered at designated times.

Twisted Knot Brewing Co.

www.twistedknotbrewing.com

Nanobrewery in the Oyster Point area of Newport News that brews on a 1-barrel (31 gallon) system and has 10 fermenters.



Group-Friendly Dining

Burger Theory – 757-240-4371

Charlotte's Café – 757-599-9400

Cove Tavern at City Center – 757-596-1830

Crab Shack on the James – 757-245-2722

Harpoon Larry's Oyster Bar – 757-827-0600

Kitchen 740 – 757-873-9299

Marketplace at Tech Center – Call Cheryl Morales at 757-926-1428 for listings

Salsa's Mexican Grill – 757-596-6080

Smoke BBQ Restaurant – 757-595-4320

For additional choices, visit www.newport-news.org/visitors/where-to-dine