CATCH A "LIBERTY" WAVE

Day One - Arrive at the Virginia Air & Space Center in Hampton, Virginia, the official visitor center for the NASA Langley Research Center and Langley Air Force Base. Experience dozens of hands-on air and space exhibits, a premiere interactive aviation gallery that spans 100 years of flight, more than 30 historic aircraft, unique space flight artifacts and more! The Adventures in Flight gallery highlights regional accomplishments in commercial, civil and military aviation, while exploring the origins of flight. View a 3-D Film at the Riverside IMAX Theater; this technologically advanced theater projects images of awesome power onto a five-story screen that’s enhanced by 16,000 watts of digital sound.

Then, head over to tour historic Fort Monroe and the Casemate Museum housed in the walls of the largest stone fortress in the United States that is still in active use. During the Civil War, Fort Monroe was a Union-held bastion in a Confederate state. Learn how “Freedom’s Fortress” helped shelter thousands of slave refugees and see the cell where Confederate President Jefferson Davis was imprisoned following the end of the Civil War.

Depart for your hotel, check-in and prepare for the evening. Arrive for “dinnertainment” at the Boxwood Inn in Newport News. Tonight you'll pay tribute to the dramatic years of the 1940s, and the women and men who won the war. With the men in uniform and the women in period dress, the Doorway Singers will perform songs such as Rum and Coca Cola, Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree, The White Cliffs of Dover, and Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy. Menu includes Victory Garden Salad & Soup, Boogie Woogie Beef with C-ration Crab, Greta Garbo Green Beans, Black-Out Chocolate Cake and more.

Day Two - Wake up and enjoy breakfast at your hotel before enjoying a beautiful scenic ride to Virginia Beach and enjoy some free time on the Boardwalk for fun and shopping. Then, tour one of the military's most sophisticated jet bases, Naval Air Station Oceana, home to more than 300 jets, including F/A-18 Hornets and the T-14 Tomcat fighter planes.
The base covers 6,000 acres and four parallel runways. The tour of the base, provided by a retired military pilot, includes a trip down the flight line and a stop at the Aviation Historical Park. Enjoy lunch at the Officers’ Club before departing for Norfolk.

Arrive at the Naval Station Norfolk. Homeport to the Navy’s 100-ship Atlantic Fleet, Naval Station Norfolk is the world’s largest naval installation. Enjoy a Navy personnel-guided bus tour of the base where you will see giant aircraft carriers, destroyers, submarines and a collection of period homes.
Then, it’s off to downtown Norfolk to check out the **USS Wisconsin** berthed at Nauticus, The National Maritime Center. The **USS Wisconsin** is the largest and last battleship ever built by the U.S. Navy. Explore its deck through a self-guided or audio tour that will take visitors back in time to experience the majestic ship that earned five battle stars during World War II.

Next, explore **The MacArthur Memorial**. World War I, World War II and Korean War artifacts, archives and the controversial war hero’s trademark cap, sunglasses and corn cob pipe fill this downtown museum dedicated to the life and career of General Douglas MacArthur. Dinner this evening is aboard the **Spirit of Norfolk** or **Virginia Jewel**.

**Day Three -** Enjoy another breakfast at your hotel. Depart for **The Mariners’ Museum** in Newport News, home to the premier Civil War attraction in the country --- the **USS Monitor Center**. Recovered artifacts, original documents, paintings, personal accounts and interactive experiences will paint an exciting portrait of the USS Monitor and the CSS Virginia, Civil War icons whose historic clash changed the way ships were built. Visitors will be able to walk on the deck of a full-scale replica of the USS Monitor, try their hand at maneuvering a sailing frigate in battle, walk down a mock pier between a wooden frigate and the ironclad CSS Virginia, and much more. Next, take time for lunch and a little “retail therapy” at the many shops to be discovered at City Center at Oyster Point, Patrick Henry Mall, Port Warwick or Jefferson Commons. These Newport News shopping meccas provide a variety of shopping and dining opportunities, sure to please any palette.

Arrive at the **Virginia War Museum** and explore American military history from 1775 to the present day through more than 60,000 artifacts. Participate in one of several customized programs, including *A Soldier’s Heritage (1775-1975)*. This program offers explanations on how the evolution of warfare led to changes in uniforms, weapons and battlefield tactics throughout American military history.

Then, depart for Portsmouth and arrive at the **Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum**. This museum pays tribute to the **Norfolk Naval Shipyard**, a government-owned shipyard in Portsmouth and the oldest shipyard in the country. Next, enjoy some free time and experience Portsmouth’s quaint antique and specialty shops, or take in the **Museum of Military History** and view this privately owned collection of uniforms, weapons and memorabilia that spans every war in the nation’s history. After dinner in one of the many group-friendly restaurants in Portsmouth, soak up the charm of this 300 year old port city with a tour of Olde Towne, which will take you past one of the largest collections of antique homes south of Alexandria, including the house used by Benedict Arnold as his headquarters during the occupation of Portsmouth.

**Day 4 – AM**

Enjoy breakfast while your luggage is picked up for you. Today, explore the world of Army Transpotation from steam locomotives of days past to the experimental rocket belt at the **U.S. Army Trans9portation Museum** at Ft. Eustis in Newport News. Experience the history of wagons, trucks, airplanes, helicopters, locomotives, tugboats and experimental craft such as the “flying jeep.” Examine 200 years of Army transportation through models, dioramas and full-size vehicles and equipment. Authentic World War II footage and a replica of a Persian Gulf War base camp are also exhibited at this Museum. Now you can depart for home with great memories and an appreciation of our nation’s military heritage in Virginia.

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