

History/Military

Day 1

A.M. - Take a picturesque drive to the Monitor Merrimack Overlook and take a moment to enjoy this spectacular view of the Hampton Roads Harbor while you relive the Battle of the Ironclads. Then head over to the Victory Arch which pays tribute to the heroism of the Peninsula's men and women in the military.

A.M. - From there head over to The Mariners' Museum and glimpse into maritime history. Also, be sure to visit The Monitor Center. Experience what the historic Battle of the Ironclads was really like in a 360 degree multimedia presentation, view top of the line conservation labs, see the famous turret from the USS Monitor and stand on the deck of a full scale replica of the ironclad.

Noon - Dine at the Compass Café located in The Mariners' Museum and check out the gift shop for historic souvenirs.

P.M. - Visit Lee Hall Mansion and Endview Plantation to discover more mid-19th century history. Endview Plantation served as a hospital during the siege of 1862 and Lee Hall Mansion was used as Confederate Major General Magruder's headquarters during part of the Peninsula Campaign.

P.M. - Enjoy a hearty dinner of southern cooking at one of the many eateries nearby.

P.M. - Call ahead of time and reserve your seats to experience a performance at historic Yoder Barn Theatre. The theatre, which was nominated for best small performance venue in Hampton Roads by Port Folio Weekly Magazine, is a 60+ year-old historic dairy barn that has been preserved as a theatre.

P.M. - Rest in your Newport News hotel, so you are ready for more adventures tomorrow.

Day 2

A.M./P.M. - Explore the beginnings of America. Travel to Jamestown and Yorktown and experience the beginning and ending of the colonization of America. Start in Yorktown with a tour of the Yorktown Battlefield and a visit to the Victory Monument and then travel back in time to Jamestown via the Colonial Parkway. Enjoy a bite to eat in a restaurant with spectacular views of the York River. While in Jamestown be sure to experience the living history and interactive exhibits. On display are replicas of James Fort, a Powhatan Indian Village and the three ships that brought the first permanent English colonists to America in 1607.

P.M. - Experience the beautiful scenery of the Colonial Parkway as you travel to Williamsburg. Enjoy a stroll around town and dinner at one of the city's historic Taverns.

P.M. - Head back to Newport News for rest and relaxation in your hotel.

Day 3

Choose from the following options, depending upon your departure schedule:

1. Visit the Virginia War Museum and view outstanding collections of personal artifacts, a portion of the outer wall from Dachau Concentration Camp, a section of the Berlin Wall and an extensive propaganda poster collection.
2. Visit Newport News Park where the Battle of Dam No. 1 occurred and echoes of gunfire were heard.
3. Visit the U.S. Army Transportation Museum at Fort Eustis, where you will discover, amongst other unusual exhibits, a truck that walks and a ship that flies.

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