



Including the Virginia International Tattoo

# Springtime in Coastal Virginia & North Carolina's Outer Banks



April 26 - May 2, 2018 (7 days)

## HIGHLIGHTS



**Virginia International Tattoo (a ceremonial performance of military music by massed bands)**

**Cape Henry Lighthouse**

**Military Aviation Museum**

**Naval Station Norfolk**

**Chrysler Museum**

**MacArthur Memorial**

**Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel**

**Cherrystone Aqua Farms**

**Norfolk Botanical Gardens**

**Spirit of Norfolk Brunch Cruise**

**Cape Hatteras National Seashore**

**Wright Brothers National Memorial**

**Wild Horses Viewing Adventure**

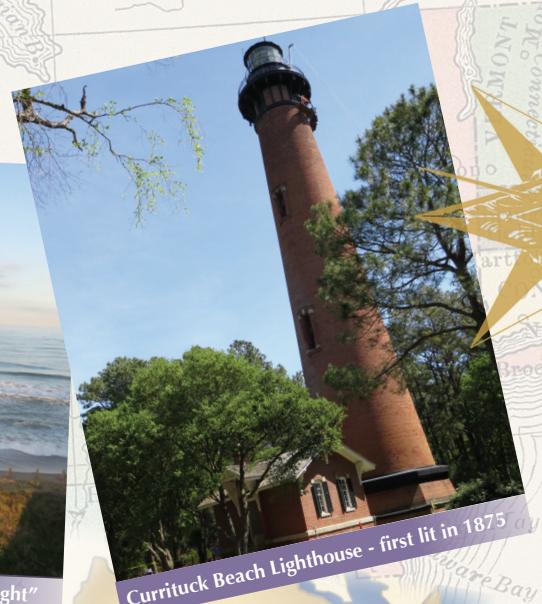
**Cape Hatteras and other Lighthouses**

**Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station Tour**

**All Accommodations are on the Beach!**



Kitty Hawk Pier - catching the sunset's "sweet light"



Currituck Beach Lighthouse - first lit in 1875

*"This was a wonderful tour. We saw so many interesting places and had wonderful rooms by the ocean. The beach, sand dunes, and wild horses adventure was amazing!"*  
Jo, St. Joseph

## MAP AT A GLANCE

VIRGINIA



Virginia Beach

NORTH CAROLINA



Kitty Hawk

Cape Hatteras

## Day 1 - Home to Virginia Beach, VA

Upon arrival at Norfolk International Airport, a motor coach and local tour guide will greet our group and take us on a "Welcome to Virginia Beach" driving tour, getting us acquainted with this coastal resort town. We will visit the old Cape Henry Lighthouse, a symbol of Virginia Beach that stands near the spot where in 1607 Captain Newport raised a cross to offer thanks for the safe crossing of the Atlantic by the first settlers. Next we visit the Virginia Beach Surf & Rescue Museum, a former life-saving station from 1903, featuring exhibits dedicated to preserving our maritime heritage. View displays about life-saving service, ship wrecks, and Coast Guard rescue work through World War II at the oceanfront. Following check-in at our oceanfront hotel, dinner tonight will be at Rockafeller's – a local favorite, featuring fresh seafood and views of the deep water fishing fleet at Rudee Inlet.

**Included Meals: Dinner**

**Hotel: Holiday Inn and Suites North Beach (3 Nights)**

## Day 2 - Virginia Beach

Following breakfast at the hotel, we depart for the Military Aviation Museum, home to one of the largest private collections of World War II and Korean War era fighters, bombers, trainers and seaplanes in the world. Many aircraft have been fully restored to their World War II condition and are used for flight demonstration, movie production and commercials. Next, we're off to Naval Station Norfolk, the largest naval installation in the world. On our riding tour, we'll pass the historic homes built for the 1907 Jamestown Exposition on "Admiral's Row" and drive by the military vessels, including the magnificent battleships. An active-duty military personnel will board the motorcoach and narrate throughout the base. Lunch will take place at one of the officer's clubs on base. Our next stop is the Chrysler Museum, recognized as one of the top art museum collections in the country by The Wall Street Journal. There is also a beautiful outdoor sculpture gallery and a state-of-the-art glass studio that can be explored on the museum grounds. Then we visit the MacArthur Memorial for a glimpse into our nation's

history, seeing where the five-star General Douglas MacArthur and his wife are entombed. We'll also have the chance to view the 11 galleries of exhibits and can watch a short introductory film. Then, depart for a fun-filled night at The Virginia International Tattoo. The experience will begin with Taste of Tattoo: A Pre-Performance Dinner Experience, featuring lively entertainment acts performed on a stage while guests enjoy a delicious, plentiful Southern buffet dinner. Then it's on to the main event—the Tattoo, the largest in the United States. With our premium seating, we'll see pageantry and patriotism, spirit and spectacle, talent, teamwork, and precision personified.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

## Day 3 - Virginia Beach

Following breakfast, depart for a day of exploring Virginia's picturesque Eastern Shore. Begin with a drive over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, one of the seven engineering wonders of the modern world. Our local guide will provide interesting, historical commentary along the 23 mile masterpiece of bridges and tunnels that link Virginia Beach to the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Then we arrive at Cherrystone Aqua Farms to explore a piece of Chesapeake Bay heritage and take a hands-on tour. We'll view oysters and clams in their natural water habitat as we learn how they are cultivated and harvested, as well as the steps local farmers are taking to protect Virginia's shellfish population. Afterwards, we visit the charming town of Cape Charles and stroll historic Mason Avenue and its specialty markets and shops. Next, you'll relax over a delicious lunch at the waterfront Island House restaurant and enjoy beautiful views of the marsh and barrier islands. After lunch visit the Chesapeake Bay Blue Crab Co. for 'Made in Virginia' items and specialty gifts. Next, we'll discover the Barrier Islands Center Museum, housed in a 19th century schoolhouse that chronicles life on the Shore. This will be followed by a wine tasting experience at Chatham Vineyards, a family-owned and operated winery. Upon returning to the hotel, dinner tonight will be on your own at your choice of many restaurants within walking distance of the hotel.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch**

Virginia Beach - stunning coastline near the Cape Henry Lighthouses. The old lighthouse was built in 1792 & stands 90 feet tall and the new lighthouse was built in 1881 & is 157 feet!



General Douglas MacArthur



Wright Brothers Nat'l Mem. - 1st successful, powered flight in a heavier-than-air machine



## Day 4 - Virginia Beach to The Outer Banks, NC

After breakfast and check-out, spend the morning at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens in full bloom. Take a trackless tram to explore 155 acres of rare flowers, mature forests, and one of the largest collections of azaleas, camellias, and roses on the East Coast. There will also be a special exhibit at the Gardens during our visit: Lantern Asia, which will feature colossal works of art originating from the Asian tradition over 2,000 years ago. Then we'll enjoy a champagne brunch with a live jazz quartet aboard the Spirit of Norfolk. We'll feast on a sumptuous buffet and take in the many fascinating sights as we cruise through the Hampton Roads Harbor. Following our brunch cruise, we board our motorcoach for the journey to the Outer Banks of North Carolina! We'll arrive at our beachfront accommodations for a 3 night stay, and then after a walk on the beach, enjoy dinner together!

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

**Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn**

## Day 5 - Cape Hatteras Island

As the sun rises over the coast this morning, perhaps a stroll along the beach would be the perfect way to start the day! Today we'll be joined by a step-on guide who will share with us the history and sights along Cape Hatteras. The long stretches of beach, sand dunes, marshes and woodlands are set aside as Cape Hatteras National Seashore. We'll stop at Bodie Island and Cape Hatteras Lighthouses for some great pictures and maybe, if you're looking for a bit of exercise, a hike to the top! As we travel through Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge keep your eyes open for the many types of birds along the way! We'll enjoy a stop at the historic Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station and learn of the importance of this station and those of its kind in days gone by. The Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum is a great stop to learn about the many shipwrecks along this coast and see many nautical artifacts. Dinner tonight is at a fabulous spot right on the waterfront, providing splendid views while we dine!

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

## Day 6 - Kitty Hawk

Today we experience "First Flight," the Wright Brothers National Memorial. Here we'll learn about the brothers, their dream of human flight and their trials and success of a first flight! Maybe take a walk the length of that first flight...it's pretty amazing! Later today we enjoy a picture stop in Corolla, with views of the Currituck Lighthouse and "Whalehead." Whalehead is a beautiful 1920s Art Nouveau style residence on the National Historic Register. This 21,000 square foot mansion by the sea was built by Edward Knight Jr for his wife! Our day will be highlighted by a jeep ride on the beaches of Corolla to see the wild horses, which may be seen walking the beaches or playing in the surf! We'll enjoy the sounds of the sea and learn about the early maritime forests that once were here. After a great day we'll return to the hotel for leisure time to enjoy the pool, beach or some local shops, and dinner on our own.

**Included Meals: Breakfast**

## Day 7 - Kitty Hawk to Home

Our final morning on the beach dawns and you can enjoy an early morning walk on the beach or just sit on your balcony and enjoy the sound of the crash of the waves on the beach and the call of the gulls! Breakfast this morning is included before we pack up the motorcoach and drive to the airport for our flight home. As we leave the Outer Banks we'll take with us many great memories of a wonderful trip to the Virginia and North Carolina shores!

**Included Meals: Breakfast**

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Virginia International Tattoo - a patriotic experience you will long remember!



Whalehead Club - this beautiful structure features 3 blocks capped with dormers



R&J Travelers in the top of Cape Henry Lighthouse - built in 1792!

## 2018 DATES & PRICES



<b>DATES:</b>	<b>April 26 - May 2, 2018 (7 Days)</b>	
<b>PRICE PER PERSON:</b>	<b>\$3,199 Double</b>	<b>\$3,749 Single</b>
	<b>\$2,999 Triple</b>	<b>\$2,939 Quad</b>
<b>PRICE INCLUDES:</b>	<b>RT Airfare including taxes, fuel surcharges &amp; baggage fees! 13 Meals, Hotels &amp; Activities as stated, Luxury Motorcoach</b>	
<b>DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:</b>	<b>\$200 per person deposit at time of reservation. Full payment due 45 days prior to departure.</b>	
<b>OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION P/P:</b>	<b>\$235 Double (per person) / \$270 Single</b>	
<b>TOUR PACE:</b>	<b>Light to Moderate Walking</b>	
<b>R&amp;J TRAVEL BUCKS</b>	<b>\$45 Travel Bucks Earned With This Tour</b>	

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