



NATO FEST & VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO

Day 1 • Thursday, April 27, 2017

Arrive at your hotel and meet your guide for a **Welcome to Virginia Beach Riding Tour** to enjoy beautiful views of the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay. Visit the historic **Cape Henry Lighthouse** and the spot where the English colonists first landed in 1607. Learn why the early colonists named the land Cape Henry and erected the **First Landing Cross** upon their arrival. Hear stories about fascinating shipwrecks and legends off the shores of Virginia Beach at the **Old Coast Guard Station**. Enjoy a free evening to walk the **Boardwalk** before dinner at a local seafood restaurant with beautiful waterfront views.

Day 2 • Friday, April 28, 2017

After breakfast at the hotel, depart with your guide for a private tour of **Naval Station Norfolk**, the largest naval installation in the world. See the mighty ships and aircraft before a unique opportunity to dine on the base for lunch. Then, visit **Norfolk Botanical Gardens** for a relaxing tram ride through 155-acres of rare flowers and fauna. Travel to **MacArthur Memorial** to experience a treasure trove of military history and memorabilia honoring the five star General. Next, enjoy a traditional Southern buffet dinner featuring lively entertainment from the Tattoo before the actual **Virginia International Tattoo** performance. Originally evolved from a 17th Century European tradition, the Tattoo is a ceremonial presentation of military music by massed bands and is the largest show of its kind in the United States. The Tattoo was named the *Top U.S. Event* in North America for 2016 by the American Bus Association (ABA).

Day 3 • Saturday, April 29, 2017

Following breakfast at the hotel, start your day at the **Parade of Nations** featuring marching bands, Virginia International Tattoo performers and floats that represent all NATO countries. At **NATOFest** explore 28 countries in a day—without a passport! Sample international cuisine, take in performances and sights at the beautiful **Town Point Park**. Next, take a quick walk to nearby **Nauticus**, a maritime campus, and tour the **Battleship Wisconsin**, the largest battleship ever built that served in WWII, the Korean War and the Persian Gulf War. Spend the afternoon on a self-guided tour of the **Chrysler Museum**, named one of the top 20 art museums in the country by *The Wall Street Journal*. End the evening with dinner at historic **Freemason Abbey**, originally built in 1873 as a stone church and offers delicious regional cuisine.

Day 4 • Sunday, April 30, 2017

Following breakfast and check out, conclude your adventure with a **Dolphin Watching Boat Tour**. Keep a look out for bottlenose dolphins and playful sea mammals before departing for home with fond memories of your visit.

Have more time? Extend your trip with a tour of the Outer Banks of NC, Washington DC or Virginia's Historical Triangle—Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown.



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