

# Creative Tours by Pat



## Virginia International Tattoo

featuring a Coastal Food Tour, Military Aviation and Virginia Beach

Departure Date: April 15, 2024



**DAY 1 Arrive in Virginia:** Arrive in Norfolk today and transfer to your hotel. Tonight, meet your tour manager at 6:00 p.m. for a welcome dinner. **Meal: D**

**DAY 2 Virginia's Tasty Eastern Shore:** Depart Norfolk this morning and take the memorable drive across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge for a food tour of Virginia's Eastern Shore. Begin with a visit to an aqua farm to see how Virginia clams are grown and harvested while on a VIP 'behind the scenes' tour. In the historic village of Cape Charles, enjoy a relaxing lunch of locally farmed seafood and homemade desserts while overlooking the bay. A stop at a

local winery offers a tour and tasting highlighted by a variety of local cheese, charcuterie, seafood, and of course more wine while relaxing in beautiful vineyards. Arrive in Virginia Beach, the state's largest city which boasts the world's longest boardwalk flanking miles of pristine, sandy beaches. **Meals: B, L**

**DAY 3 Military Aviation Museum, Taste of the Market and Surf and Rescue Museum:** The day starts at the Military Aviation Museum, home to one of the world's largest private collection of vintage WWI and WWII military aircraft. Each have been beautifully restored to their original condition and many are still flown during flight demonstrations. Then, stop at the Virginia Beach Farmers Market for a "Taste of the Market" tour. Learn the story of agriculture in Virginia Beach while visiting and sampling delights with the local merchants. In the afternoon, stop at the Virginia Beach Surf and Rescue Museum and learn about the area's maritime history, superstorms, shipwrecks and much more. Be sure to explore the Virginia Beach Boardwalk and say hello to the King Neptune statue watching over the sea. **Meals: B, L**

**DAY 4 Virginia Aquarium and Dolphin Watching Cruise:** After breakfast spend the morning with the creatures at the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Center, along with the over 350 hands-on exhibits. Afterward, enjoy and Dolphin Watching cruise to see the largest population of bottlenose dolphins on the East Coast. In the afternoon visit the Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum, located in the historic 1895 DeWitt Cottage. Watch the volunteer carver create waterfowl artwork right before your eyes. The day comes

to an end with a Virginia style barbeque dinner served at Beach Bully's BBQ, a family-run restaurant since 1986. Enjoy slow roasted beef and pork, hush puppies, local vegetables, mac & cheese and plenty of local beers. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 5 Norfolk Botanical Garden and the Virginia International Tattoo:** We begin the day at the Norfolk Botanical Garden and climb aboard the tram for a narrated tour of Coastal Virginia's premier horticultural attraction. After an included lunch, the General Douglas MacArthur Memorial tells the story of the man and also pays tribute to the many men and women who served with him. Attend the "Hullabaloo," a pre-Tattoo event with tasty foods, craft beers, music, dance and drill performances, photo-ops and an audience-judged piping competition. Tonight, we have reserved seats to the Virginia International Tattoo. This awe-inspiring musical spectacle is part parade, part theatre and sometimes, part circus. It is highly regarded as one of the world's great tattoos. **Meals: B, L**

**DAY 6 Nauticus National Maritime Center, NATO Parade of Nations and Norfolk Naval Base:** Begin the day at Nauticus National Maritime Center, a premier maritime science museum to learn about undersea life and ocean exploration. You can also take a self-guided tour of the battleship *Wisconsin*, the largest and last battleship built by the U.S. Navy. Walk the huge, expansive main deck and explore the second deck to see the berthing units, post office and dental office. Just steps away from Nauticus are our reserved seats for the Norfolk NATO Parade of Nations. This annual event features high school bands, U.S. and international military bands and colorful floats which represent each of the 28 NATO Member nations. This afternoon, we board the *Victory Rover* for a Norfolk Harbor cruise which is your front row seat to the naval fleet! See destroyers, submarines, and other vessels while taking in the sights of the harbor. Tonight, gather for a farewell dinner with your traveling companions at Captain George's, home of the legendary seafood buffet. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 7 Travel Home:** After breakfast a group transfer takes you to the Norfolk International Airport for flights out after 12:00 p.m. **Meal: B**

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

**Day 1** – Sheraton Norfolk Waterside, Norfolk, Virginia  
**Days 2 through 6** – Country Inn & Suites, Virginia Beach, Virginia

Rooms for the night before the tour are available.  
 Cost for a room in Norfolk is \$259, tax and breakfast included.



FOR RESERVATIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**Tour Highlights**

- 12 Meals: 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Round trip airport transfers
- Spend five nights on the Atlantic in Virginia Beach
- Enjoy a tasty food tour of Virginia's Eastern Shore including fresh clams, local wines and homemade desserts
- Tour the Military Aviation Museum, the world's largest collection of vintage WWI and WWII aircraft
- Take the "Taste of the Market" tour at the Virginia Beach Farmers Market
- Learn about the area's maritime history at the Virginia Beach Surf and Rescue Museum
- Visit the Virginia Aquarium and Maritime Center followed by a narrated Dolphin Watching cruise
- Tour the Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum
- Enjoy a Virginia style barbeque dinner served at Beach Bully's BBQ
- Enjoy a narrated cruise of the Norfolk Naval Station
- Visit Nauticus National Maritime Center and see the General Douglas MacArthur Memorial
- Attend the "Hullabaloo," a pre-Tattoo event followed by reserved seats to the Virginia International Tattoo
- Witness the Norfolk NATO Parade of Nations and take the tram tour of the Norfolk Botanical Gardens

Departure Date	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
April 15, 2024	\$3,399	\$1,229

**Prices include Land and Round Trip air from Pensacola.**  
**All other cities please call for rates.**

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**Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – \$250 per person**

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

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- 61 days or more: Deposit Amount
- 60 to 31 days prior: 20% of tour cost
- 30 to 15 days prior: 30% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 day prior: 40% of tour cost
- Day of departure or early departure from tour: 100% of tour cost
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**



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