

Historic Garden Week

Held throughout Virginia every April

- Events and Attractions**
- NEON DISTRICT
 - HERMITAGE MUSEUM
 - NORFOLK HOME AND GARDEN TOUR
 - NORFOLK BOTANTICAL GARDEN

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DAY 1

Discover over 20 local artists and their studios with a guided tour of **d'ART Center** in Norfolk's **NEON** arts district. The d'ART Center is an environment where working artists are a part of an interactive arts community that engages the public through the experience of art and the creative process

Then, take a stroll across the Hague footbridge to the **Chrysler Museum of Art**. This museum is home to Walter Chrysler Jr.'s world-class collection of more than 30,000 pieces of art. The museum features a world-renowned Tiffany-glass collection, Art Nouveau furniture, and works of art from African, Egyptian, Pre-Columbian, Islamic, and Asian cultures. The Chrysler Museum also offers an extensive European and American collection of paintings, sculptures, and decorative arts.

Enjoy dinner at the **Freemason Abbey Restaurant and Tavern**, a restaurant located in an over 142 year-old church in the Freemason District. The menu offers a wide variety of foods featuring roast prime rib au jus, pesto crab and shrimp pasta, vegetable penne, and smoked gouda tenderloin penne. End the evening with a famous waffle cone from **Doumar's Restaurant** where in 1904, Abe Doumar brought back his invention of the four-iron waffle machine, that we still use today, from the world's fair in St. Louis. Delight in freshly made cones from the original waffle cone machine.

DAY 2

Relax along a tree-lined riverbank at the **Hermitage Museum and Gardens**. This early 20th century historic home appears frozen in time, offering visitors an extraordinary trip through antiquity. The museum and gardens consist of a worldwide art collection and contemporary exhibition galleries, all surrounded by twelve acres of formal gardens and natural woodlands. Combo tours are available to experience both the home and 12 acre gardens.

Spend the afternoon at the **Norfolk Home & Garden Tour**. Visit up to six beautiful private mansions and gardens in Norfolk's well-established neighborhood's.

Located in the Freemason District, **Omar's Carriage House** is sure to please for dinner! This historic site in Norfolk was built in the early 1840s, when the patrons then were horses. Savor the fresh jumbo lump crab cakes and succulent potato crisp flounder at Omar's contemporary bistro.



DAY 3

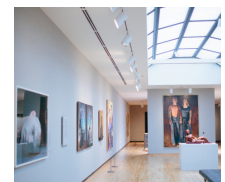
Take a fun-filled boat ride at **Norfolk Botanical Garden** and explore the waterways or stroll the gardens and discover a variety of plants from the cultivated to the wild.

While you are visiting, be sure to take part in one of the Garden's popular programs such as Active Gardeners, Creative Gardeners or Garden Design. (Please check on the Garden's online calendar for a complete list of classes).

Shop till you drop at **MacArthur Center** with more than 70 retailers anchored by Dillard's. A local scavenger hunt, hashtags included, selfie walls have popped up around the mall for your selfie needs. For the kids and husband tired of walking around, MacArthur has opened a Live360 game room and a Live360 sports lounge to occupy everyone's needs.

Experience the elegance and romance of the Victorian Era inside the **Hunter House Victorian Museum**. Rich in architectural detail, the Hunter family collection of Victorian furnishings and decorative pieces are displayed throughout the house. End your afternoon with a visit to the **Moses Myers House** and the **Norfolk History Museum**. Both of these homes are only two blocks apart, a very short walking distance. The Moses Myers House is the oldest Jewish home in America. Constructed between 1795-1797 the home offers an exceptionally accurate portrayal of life in the 18th Century. The Norfolk History Museum at the Willoughby-Baylor House were built in 1794 it currently features permanent and changing exhibit galleries that highlight images of the city, showcasing Norfolk's evolving history not only as an international port and maritime center, but also as a focal point of commercial growth with impressive naval and military roots.

End the trip journeying through Norfolk by experiencing a **Granby Street Food Tour** Visit up to five restaurants and sample house specialties while listening to the staff discuss the culinary creations and history of their restaurants and dishes. In between locations, gather an insight into the history of Norfolk by visiting landmarks.



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