

Norfolk Harborfest®

EVENTS & ATTRACTIONS

NAUTICUS

SPIRIT OF NORFOLK

NAVAL STATION
NORFOLK

NORFOLK BOTANICAL
GARDEN

HERMITAGE MUSEUM &
GARDENS

CHRYSLER MUSEUM OF
ART

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Norfolk, Virginia plays host to an annual festival favorite, Norfolk's Harborfest®! Every June, the city celebrates nautical history by displaying tall ships, along with celebrations of seafaring history and culture, delicious food, local, regional and national entertainment and a spectacular fireworks display all along the downtown waterfront.

**DAY
1**

Explore Norfolk's science center, **Nauticus**, with interactive maritime history and science exhibits. You'll find the **Hampton Roads Naval Museum** in Nauticus which introduces over 200 years of naval history in Coastal Virginia. Located next to Nauticus is the **Battleship Wisconsin**, the largest and last battleship ever built by the U.S. Navy. Walk her teak decks, explore interior rooms and discover the vast history of this great ship.

Come aboard the **Spirit of Norfolk** or the **Victory Rover Naval Base Cruise** for the spectacular Parade of Sail event. Watch tall ships sail down the Elizabeth River in a spectacular two-hour parade. You'll have the best view of the harbor, with tall ships and over 200 boats and vessels to see.

After the Parade of Sail, come and explore a popular outdoor festival on the waterfront, **Norfolk's Harborfest®** at Town Point Park. Enjoy live music and great food accompanied by art and educational programs. Tall ships will be open for tours for visitors to explore the decks and talk to sailors.

Next to Town Point Park is Norfolk's newest entertainment venue, the **Waterside District**. Waterside District features the best of national, local and regional restaurants and offers live music, festivals, and more.

**DAY
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Take a 45-minute bus tour of the world's largest naval installation, **Naval Station Norfolk**. A knowledgeable, active duty Navy guide will narrate an engaging tour of the base highlighting the U.S. Naval Fleet, Admirals Row, and the base as a working city.

Stroll over to **Granby Street**, just one block walking distance from Norfolk's Harborfest®. Experience over 30 locally owned and operated restaurants from American Bistro, to Tapas or Mexican. Whatever you crave, Granby Street is sure to satisfy! Along the way, step in one of the many downtown retailers on Granby Street to take home the perfect souvenir.

Discover the compelling story of General Douglas MacArthur, a five star General of the Army and the millions of Americans who served our nation through five wars at **The MacArthur Memorial**. Located in downtown Norfolk's restored 1850s City Hall, the complex contains a museum, theater and special exhibit galleries

Head back over to Town Point Park for Norfolk's Harborfest® and enjoy over 50 food vendors, live concerts on three stages and fireworks along the downtown

waterfront. Do not forget you can also jump aboard the Victory Rover Naval Base Cruise or Spirit of Norfolk for the best seats in the house for the fireworks!

**DAY
3**

Take a fun-filled boat ride at the **Norfolk Botanical Garden** and explore its peaceful waterways or meander through its many beautiful gardens and discover a variety of plants from the cultivated to the wild.

Enjoy lunch and shopping at **Norfolk Premium Outlets**. The newest shopping destination in Norfolk with stores including brands like Michael Kors, Under Armour, AX Armani Exchange, offering savings of 25 to 65 percent every day.

Next, head to **Hermitage Museum and Gardens**, formerly home to the Sloane family. The Hermitage is "home to the arts" with a nationally recognized art collection spanning 5,000 years. Its artwork includes contemporary exhibition galleries, working artist studios and 12 acres of gardens and grounds.

Enjoy dinner at the **Freemason Abbey Restaurant**, located in an over 135 year-old renovated church in the Freemason Harbour area of Norfolk. The menu offers a wide variety of foods featuring fresh lobster, pasta, seafood, and choice prime rib. End the evening with a famous waffle cone from **Doumar's**. Abe Doumar invented the waffle cone by taking a waffle and rolling it into a cone, to which he added ice cream. Doumar's continues to bake cones on the original cone machines.

**DAY
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Before you depart for home, head over to the **Chrysler Museum of Art**, which was recently expanded and renovated with new galleries and engaging programs to bring the collection to life. Enjoy 5,000 years of art in one of the country's most impressive museums, featuring a newly updated restaurant, library, gift shop and theater.

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The heart of the Virginia Waterfront.™

