

Ports & Excursions



Norfolk, Virginia

Norfolk was chartered in 1682 when 10,000 pounds of tobacco was paid to Nicholas Wise for 50 acres of land to lay out the town. In 1736, it became a borough and is the region's oldest city. Originally established as a port city for the purpose of exporting tobacco and importing goods for the colonists, Norfolk has seen extraordinary events during her 320 years of existence. The city was burned by British soldiers during 1776, occupied by Northern troops during the War Between the States, and home to thousands of transient military personnel during World War II. Norfolk experienced a severe overcrowding problem during the postwar years, resulting in one of the first urban renewal programs in the country. During the past two decades, Norfolk has seen the waterfront warehouses replaced by the Waterside Festival Marketplace, elegant condominiums, as well as hotels, parks, additional attractions and new office buildings. Harbor Park baseball stadium and Nauticus, The National Maritime Center now anchor either end of the rejuvenated waterfront. The battleship USS Wisconsin is permanently berthed at Nauticus with the top deck open for touring. The brand new MacArthur Center has brought world-class shopping to downtown Norfolk. With a population of approximately 235,000, Norfolk is Virginia's second-largest city.

Points of Interest

1 Colonial Williamsburg

Take a walking tour of historic Colonial Williamsburg with its meticulously restored buildings, cobblestone streets and costumed characters. This settlement was the capital of Virginia from 1699 until 1780.

2 Jamestown Settlement

Jamestown was England's first permanent colony in the New World. This city serves as an enduring legacy of American language, culture and government. Enjoy costumed characters and learn about historic trivia during your tour.

3 Yorktown

Yorktown is the site where Lord Cornwallis surrendered to General George Washington, bringing an end to the last major battle of the American Revolutionary War.

4 Norfolk Naval Station

The largest naval installation in the world, the Norfolk Naval Base is homeport to over 100 ships and 26 aircraft squadrons and is the headquarters of the Atlantic Fleet.

5 Nauticus

Nauticus is a contemporary museum that uses the natural setting of Norfolk's harbor to showcase global maritime commerce and the world's largest Navy.

6 USS Wisconsin

The Battleship "Wisconsin" is one of the largest and last battleships ever built by the U.S. Navy. Explore its decks through a self-guided or audio tour that will take you back in time to experience this majestic ship.

7 Governor's Palace & Capitol Building

This historic residence was home to seven royal governors, Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson. A reconstructed version of the Capitol Building is the focal point and centerpiece of Colonial Williamsburg.

8 MacArthur Memorial

Located in Norfolk's restored 1850 city hall, the MacArthur Memorial is a museum, archives, research and education center, and theater dedicated to the story and life of renowned U.S. Army General Douglas MacArthur. It also pays homage to the thousands of those who served with him during both World Wars and the Korean War.

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