



HISTORY LOVERS

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Step back in time and immerse yourself in Newport News, Virginia's rich tapestry of American history. From the first footsteps of Virginia's indigenous peoples to the founding of Jamestown and the pivotal role in the Revolutionary War, Newport News has witnessed centuries of significant events that shaped our nation.

Explore our city's historic landmarks, learn about our crucial role in American history, and experience the scenic beauty of our waterfront. We've curated a three-day itinerary highlighting the best **Newport News museums and historical sites**, along with must-try restaurants and lodging options. Get ready to discover our city's rich history and culture!

3-Day Getaway for History Buffs in Newport News, VA

DAY 1

Start Your Day With Brunch at Saté

Looking for a delicious and trendy brunch spot in Newport News? Check out **Saté: A New American Experience** offering a fresh take on classic dishes. From its signature shrimp and grits and unique elote deviled eggs to creative brunch cocktails (like sorbet mimosas), Saté has something to satisfy every foodie.

Snap a Selfie at Newport News Victory Arch

Capture a memorable moment at the Newport News **Victory Arch**, located at 25th Street and West Avenue. The Victory Arch commemorates the city's role as part of Embarkation during World War I, honoring those who served in the U.S. military. Originally erected in 1919 as a temporary structure, it was permanently fixed in 1969 and now serves as a tribute to all who have served in America's wars.

Visit the "Unfinished March" Sculpture

After exploring the **Victory Arch**, make your way to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza (Jefferson Avenue and 25th Street) to get up close to the powerful "**Unfinished March**" sculpture by Ed Hamilton. This iconic artwork depicts Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., leading a civil rights march towards equality.

Tour The Newsome House

Explore the **Newsome House Museum & Cultural Center**, where you can learn about the legacy of J. Thomas Newsome, a prominent African American attorney and civil rights leader. Tour the restored Victorian home and peruse exhibits on African American history.

Visit The James A. Fields House

While in Newport News, don't miss the opportunity to visit the **James A. Fields House**, once home to a prominent African American teacher, lawyer, and Virginia House of Delegates member. The house later served as the city's first African American hospital (**By appointment only**).



Have Pre-Dinner Drinks at Ironclad Distillery

Before dinner, head to **Ironclad Distillery** for a pre-dinner cocktail. This local distillery offers a variety of handcrafted bourbon whiskey made in-house. Enjoy a tasting flight, sip on a signature cocktail in its stylish tasting room, or take a guided tour to learn more about the distilling process.

End Your Day at Harpoon Larry's Oyster Bar

End your first day with a refreshing beverage and delectable oysters at **Harpoon Larry's**, serving up fresh, local seafood in a classic oyster bar setting. Indulge in Virginia's coastal cuisine, featuring scratch-made dishes sourced directly from the Chesapeake Bay.

DAY 2

Breakfast at Indulge Bakery and Bistro

Start your day with a delicious breakfast at **Indulge Bakery and Bistro**. This charming European-style bakery offers a variety of fresh pastries, coffee drinks, and tea. Enjoy homemade breakfast options, and don't forget to grab a sweet treat for the road.

Visit the Virginia War Museum

Learn about American military history at the **Virginia War Museum**, which features three galleries: Women at War, March Toward Freedom, and Visions of War. Discover the critical aspects of the development of the American Armed Forces from 1775 to the present day.



Explore Nature at the Virginia Living Museum

Connect with nature at the **Virginia Living Museum**. Explore exhibits showcasing native wildlife, plants, and geological history. Visit the planetarium and enjoy outdoor nature trails. Virginia Living Museum tickets can be purchased in advance online.

Grab a Bite at Smoke BBQ Restaurant & Bar

Before your next stop, head down the road to sink your teeth into juicy and succulent Virginia barbeque at **Smoke BBQ Restaurant & Bar**, known for its mouth-watering brisket and ribs.

Immerse Yourself in Nautical Exhibits Mariners' Museum & Park

Discover the history of maritime exploration at **The Mariners' Museum and Park**. Explore the USS *Monitor* Center, which houses artifacts from the famous Battle of Hampton Roads.



Toast to a Great Day at Tradition Brewing Co.

Tradition Brewing Co. is a must-visit destination for craft beer enthusiasts. This local brewery is renowned for its commitment to quality, community, and innovation. With a total of 22 taps on two levels, two patios, and an upstairs bar, Tradition Brewing Co. offers a truly memorable experience.

Dine on the James River at Crab Shack

Enjoy a waterfront dining experience at **Crab Shack on the James**. This Newport News institution offers fresh seafood, including steamed blue crabs, a raw bar, and locally inspired coastal entrees. Watch the sunset as you savor your meal.



DAY 3

Brunch it Up at Sage Kitchen

Start your day with a delicious brunch at **Sage Kitchen at Anderson's**. Enjoy fresh, local ingredients in dishes like the Baja Chicken Bowl or Smoked Reuben.

Explore Lee Hall Mansion & Depot

You'll want to check out **Lee Hall Mansion**, a historic antebellum home, and Lee Hall Depot, a restored 19th-century railroad station. Learn about the area's history, including the Civil War and transportation, through guided tours of both sites.



Fuel Up at Farmer's Table of Newport News

Don't miss the opportunity to try **Farmer's Table of Newport News** before your trip ends. Delight in the mouthwatering burgers featuring Virginia raised beef.

Other Nearby Attractions

If you have time to venture beyond Newport News, consider exploring some of the region's historic sites.

Just a short drive away, you'll find **Jamestown Settlement**, the site of the first permanent English colony in North America. Step back in time and experience life as an early settler through interactive exhibits and living history demonstrations.

For a deeper dive into colonial America, visit **Colonial Williamsburg**, a living history museum that recreates life in the 18th century. Wander through the cobblestone streets, visit historic homes, and witness artisans demonstrating traditional skills.

Fort Monroe, a historic military base in Hampton with a fascinating history dating back to 1607, is also worth exploring. The fort's fortifications and museums are worth exploring, and you can learn about its role in American history. And you won't want to miss the **American Revolution Museum at Yorktown**, where you can learn about the decisive battle that led to American independence.



End Your Visit With Dinner at Circa 1918 Kitchen + Bar

Conclude your trip with a delicious meal at **Circa 1918 Kitchen + Bar**. This local favorite offers a friendly atmosphere and a mouthwatering New American menu featuring fresh, locally sourced ingredients. Indulge in dishes like Greek-inspired charred octopus or Korean-influenced Ahi tuna, and pair your meal with an expertly curated selection of craft beers, specialty cocktails, or wines.

