



INTERNATIONAL TATTOO

ITINERARY

Get ready for an unforgettable journey through history, culture, and world-class performances! Whether you choose to explore Newport News and Norfolk or spend a full day immersing yourself in Newport News' rich military and maritime heritage, this itinerary offers a perfect blend of exploration, reflection, and entertainment. From historic landmarks and museums to delicious dining options and the awe-inspiring Virginia International Tattoo, your day will be filled with memorable moments.

Pick the option that best suits your interests and prepare for a day of discovery and excitement!

Option 1: Newport News + Virginia International Tattoo in Norfolk

MORNING

Breakfast at Indulge Bakery & Bistro

Start your day at this cozy café, known for its fresh pastries, delicious coffee, and warm atmosphere. Enjoy a hearty breakfast before diving into the day's historical adventures.

Virginia War Museum

Immerse yourself in American military history through powerful exhibits, including artifacts from the Revolutionary War to modern conflicts. Don't miss the section of the Berlin Wall and the haunting piece of the Dachau concentration camp.

Victory Arch & Victory Landing Park

After the museum, take a peaceful stroll near Victory Arch, built in 1919 to honor those who served in the U.S. military. The waterfront setting provides a reflective and scenic atmosphere, perfect for appreciating Newport News' role in military history.

LUNCH

Patrick Henry Mall Food Court

Grab a quick but satisfying lunch from a variety of restaurants, including Red Robin, The Twisted Crab, Chipotle, and Chick-fil-A. This spot is ideal for a fast and diverse meal before heading to Norfolk.

AFTERNOON

Depart for Norfolk

Head towards Scope Arena for the Virginia International Tattoo, a world-renowned military music spectacle featuring marching bands, precision drills, and cultural performances.

EVENING

Attend the Virginia International Tattoo

Enjoy the dynamic displays of military bands, cultural performers, and precision drills.

Late Night Treat at City Center Ice Cream

Head back to City Center Ice Cream, where you can indulge in a sweet dessert while strolling around the illuminated fountain area.



Option 2: A Full Day in Newport News with Military & Cultural Theme

MORNING

Breakfast at Sage Kitchen

Enjoy a relaxing start to your day with fresh pastries, farm-to-table breakfast options, and locally roasted coffee at this charming café.

Virginia War Museum

Kick off the day with an in-depth look at American military history, featuring artifacts from the Civil War, World War II, and modern conflicts. The museum's extensive collection, including historic uniforms, weapons, and vehicles, offers a fascinating insight into the past.

Victory Landing Park @ Victory Arch

Take a short drive to Victory Landing Park, a peaceful waterfront area perfect for reflection. Walk under the Victory Arch, a tribute to the brave soldiers who departed from Newport News to serve in global conflicts.

LUNCH

Smoke BBQ Restaurant & Bar

Refuel with a delicious meal at Smoke BBQ, known for its tender brisket, pulled pork, and classic Southern sides like mac and cheese and collard greens.

AFTERNOON

The Mariners' Museum and Park

Step into the world of naval history at one of the largest maritime museums in the U.S. Explore the legendary USS Monitor Center, where over 200 tons of artifacts from the Civil War ironclad are preserved, including its revolutionary rotating gun turret. Interactive exhibits and ship models make this a must-visit for history enthusiasts.

Noland Trail Walk

After your museum visit, take a scenic walk along the Noland Trail, a five-mile loop that winds through Mariners' Park. Featuring 14 picturesque wooden bridges and breathtaking views of Mariners' Lake, this trail offers a relaxing way to enjoy Newport News' natural beauty.

EVENING

Dinner at Harpoon Larry's Fish House & Oyster Bar

End the day with a seafood feast at this casual yet lively restaurant. Enjoy fresh oysters, crab cakes, shrimp platters, and signature seafood boils.

Dessert & Fountain Stroll at City Center

Wrap up your night with a leisurely walk around City Center at Oyster Point. Stop by for ice cream or dessert while enjoying the peaceful ambiance of the fountain and lit-up streets.

