

OUT ON THE COAST

EVENTS & ATTRACTIONS

HAMPTON ROADS
PRIDEFEST
ANNUAL EVERY JUNE AT
TOWN POINT PARK

ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY
FRIDAY BEFORE PRIDEFEST
AT
NORFOLK SCOPE ARENA

VIRGINIA ARTS FESTIVAL
MID-APRIL THROUGH EARLY
JUNE

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PrideFest is the largest annual LGBT festival in Virginia.

PrideFest combines entertainment, vendors, and fun activities for all ages. PrideFest attracts thousands of visitors and brings together local residents, families, community leaders, civic organizations, and businesses to unite the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) and allied communities in support of inclusion, dignity and equality of all people.

**DAY
1**

Once you are checked into your Norfolk hotel, head over to the **Chrysler Perry Glass Studio** to create your very own glass souvenir. Watch glass blowing artists from around the world

and learn how to craft your own piece from their expert techniques and demonstrations. Directly across the street from the glass studio is the **Chrysler Museum of Art**, (Voted Best Museum Outlife757). The museum recently underwent a renovation and new galleries and engaging programs have been added to bring the collection to life. Enjoy 5,000 years of art in one of the country's most impressive museums, featuring a new restaurant and renovated library, gift shop and theater.



Grab a cup of coffee and late afternoon snack at **Zeke's Beans & Bowls** in Norfolk's **NEON** (an acronym for New Energy of Norfolk) District. Stop by the **Glass Wheel Studio**, **Push Comedy Theatre**, **D'Art Center** or grab lunch at **Commune**, a delicious farm-to-table eatery located in the heart of the district. Also be on the lookout for colorful murals, sculptures, mixed-media installations, projections and much more.

For an evening outing, jump in a cab and take a short ride to the Ocean View neighborhood of Norfolk. Enjoy drinks and appetizers on the top deck of the **Ocean View Fish Pier** (Voted Best



Outdoor Drinking Outlife757) while watching the stunning sunset. Be sure to check out their events calendar online for great live bands. Looking for more

adventure? During the summer season, the Ocean View Waterslide is open, so grab your suit and have some fun!

**DAY
2**

Start your day with a visit to the **Norfolk Botanical Garden** and hike the beautiful nature trails (Voted Best Hiking Trail Outlife757). Here you will discover one of the largest collections of azaleas, camellias, roses and rhododen-

drons on the East Coast. You can experience 155 glorious acres of gardens with guided tours on foot, tram or by boat.

Take an afternoon cruise aboard the grand tall ship, **American Rover Sailing Cruise** (Voted Best Boat Cruise Outlife757) for a narrated sail along the Elizabeth River. Guests can lend a hand with the sails, take a turn at the helm or just sit back, relax and enjoy the experience.

For after dinner drinks, music and fun swing into **MJ's Tavern** (Voted Best Gay Bar, Neighborhood Bar and Happy Hour Outlife757) for amazing happy hour specials and entertainment including Karaoke, pool tournaments, Trivia LIVE and Texas Hold em poker. The kitchen is open till 2 A.M. for those late night cravings. If you are still in the partying mode and want to take it up a notch hit **The Wave** on North Colley Avenue!

**DAY
3**

Explore **Nauticus**, the **Hampton Roads Naval Museum** and the **Battleship Wisconsin**. Nauticus is a fun and exciting interactive science and technology center that houses more than 150 exhibits, films and exotic aquatic life. The Hampton Roads Naval Museum, located inside of Nauticus, offers a 200-year overview of naval history in the region. Located next to Nauticus is the historic Battleship Wisconsin which is the largest and last battleship ever built by the US Navy.

For lunch, dine at **Todd Jurich's Bistro** (Voted Best Restaurant for a Splurge and Best Overall Restaurant Outlife757) where you'll find a seasonal menu with the very best of the Chesapeake Bay region including heirloom vegetables, fresh seafood and meat from local farmers. After lunch, head over to Norfolk's newest shopping hot spot, **Norfolk Premium Outlets**. Some favorite stores include Aeropostale, Armani Exchange, Gap Outlet, Michael Kors and Le Crueset, to name a few.



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Best of GAYHRVA Businesses per readers of Outlife757

Cogan's Pizza
Jessy's Taqueria
Chow's
Streets
456 Fish
LeGrande Kitchen
Doumar's Drive In
Crackers
Press 626 Café & Wine Bar
Café Stella
O'Connor Brewing Company
The Quality Shops of Ghent
The New Leaf Ghent
Decorum Furniture
The Glass Wheel Shop
Prince Books
Changes City Spa
The Village Mermaid

Norfolk LGBT night Clubs
Granby Social Club
The Wave
Hershey Bar
Mj's Tavern
Squire's Club
The Edge

Cool experiences
Taste Virginia Tours
Culinary Institute of Virginia cooking class



During your shopping excursion you might just find a special outfit for the **Spirit of Norfolk**, "Drag the Night Away Cruise." This fun, high energy 90-minute show features professional female impersonators, lip-syncing, and an edgy emcee playing top 40 hits between performances. Be prepared for some over-the-top glitz and bawdy entertainment in this risqué, adults-only, nightlife experience on the water. Or if it is the 4th or 5th Friday of the month you can catch a showing of the Rocky Horror Picture show at the **NARO Cinema** (Voted Best Cinema Outlife757). All shows feature live cast performances by Norfolk's own **Fishnet Inc.**

**DAY
4**

Before you head home, explore the amazing coffee house scene in downtown Norfolk. **Cure Coffeehouse & Brasserie, Borjo, Café Crema, Café Stella, Elliott's Fair Grounds Coffee House, Chocollage**, and **aLatté Café** line the downtown

district & Historic Ghent. Many Norfolk coffeehouses feature regular musical performances and serve as a meeting point for local artists. Or grab brunch at **Chow, 456 Fish, Press 626 Café** and more! After noshing, spend the rest of the afternoon antiquing in the historic Ghent area. Some of the most popular hot spots are La Marche, Morgan House Antiques Gallery and Three Swallows Imports.



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