COASTAL VIRGINIA

The COASTAL VIRGINIA region begins just east of Richmond, meanders along Chesapeake Bay tributaries and ends along the beautiful coast of the Atlantic Ocean. Featuring historic icons, classic theme parks and beautiful shorelines, it’s the ideal destination for a classic family getaway, satisfying history buffs, thrill seekers and beach loungers alike!

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However, there’s more to Hampton than meets the eye. Discover Hampton’s best-kept secrets, as chosen by the experts — Hampton’s locals!

VISIT MORE AT FORT MONROE

Fort Monroe offers 400 years of history in one breathtaking and thought-provoking location. Be sure you also check out the exhibits and galleries at our new Visitor & Education Center, which tells the profound story of “Freedom’s Fortress” from 1619 to today.

HAMPTON’S HIDDEN BEACH

Buckroe Beach is a big hit, but for the great views of Chesapeake Bay, locals also love Fort Monroe’s public beach, Outlook Beach. This hidden beach is worth a visit, surrounded by water on all sides, and features Old Point Comfort Lighthouse, dating back to 1803.

HISTORIC PHOEBUS

Phoebus is one of our most charming communities and is like a mini-vacation of its own. Feast on fresh seafood at Fuller’s Raw Bar. Listen to smooth jazz at The Baker’s Wife Bistro & Bar. Stroll downtown and explore the charming shops and cafes. Whatever you do, don’t miss Phoebus.

EMANCIPATION OAK

Tucked away on Hampton’s University’s campus, you might not know that there is a living symbol of freedom — The Emancipation Oak. The first Southern reading of the Emancipation Proclamation occurred under its branches in 1863.

BLUEBIRD GAP FARM

Do your kiddos have a bunch of energy? Take the family to Bluebird Gap Farm and let them run around the 60-acres of adventure. Besides the playground and pavilion, there are 150 domestic and wild animals and a nature trail.

Check out these unexpected destinations (and many more) that our locals love — and you will too! Plan your trip at VisitHampton.com.
CHARLES CITY COUNTY

THINGS TO DO

Kittimey Plantation 12324 Weare Rd, Charles City, 804-598-2727; charlescity.org. Home of the 18th-century plantation and home of the Archaeological Society of Virginia.

North Bend Plantation 12202 Weare Rd, Charles City, 804-829-1574; northbendplantation.com. Offers access for people who are blind or have low vision, features pet-friendly accommodations, and is ADA compliant.

Redwood Fields 1076 Sandy Point Rd, Charles City, 804-629-5399; newtonsonwilliams.org. Amazing maze, petting zoo, antique farm museum and tractor tour.

Shenandoah Forest 4200 John Tyler Memorial Hwy, Charles City, 804-829-1377; shenandoahforest.com. Home of 100 of President John Tyler from 1840-1862.

Charlottesville

Construction of the first electric trolley line in the United States began in 1887, connecting the city of Charlottesville to the trolley shop and grounds.

The University of Virginia

Barnesville

Barnesville is a historic home located on the James River in Albemarle County, Virginia.

The Valley Forge Military Academy and Foundation

This military academy is located on a 350-acre site in Spring House, Pennsylvania.

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

This museum is located in Richmond, Virginia, and is dedicated to the collection and display of art from all cultures.

The Virginia Holocaust Museum

This museum is dedicated to preserving the history and memory of the Holocaust.

The Virginia Living Museum

This museum is located in Williamsburg, Virginia, and focuses on the natural history of the region.

The Virginia Zoological Park

This zoo is located in Norfolk, Virginia, and is home to a variety of animals, including primates, reptiles, and marine life.

The Virginia State Board of Education

This board is responsible for overseeing the public education system in Virginia.

The Virginia State Police

This state agency is responsible for enforcing state laws and protecting the citizens of Virginia.

The Virginia State Auditor

This office is responsible for auditing the financial records of state agencies and ensuring their compliance with state laws.

The Virginia State Bar

This organization is responsible for regulating the practice of law in the state of Virginia.

The Virginia State Board of Accountancy

This board is responsible for regulating the practice of accounting in the state of Virginia.

The Virginia State Board of Education for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

This board is responsible for ensuring that children with hearing impairments have access to quality education.

The Virginia State Board of Education for the Blind and Visually Impaired

This board is responsible for ensuring that children with visual impairments have access to quality education.

The Virginia State Board of Elections

This board is responsible for administering the state’s elections.

The Virginia State Board of Examiners for Nursing Practice

This board is responsible for regulating the practice of nursing in the state of Virginia.

The Virginia State Board of Real Estate Examiners

This board is responsible for regulating the practice of real estate in the state of Virginia.

The Virginia State Board of Vocational Education

This board is responsible for regulating the practice of vocational education in the state of Virginia.

The Virginia State Board of Wetlands Management

This board is responsible for protecting the state’s wetlands.

The Virginia State Board of Yacht Clubs

This board is responsible for regulating the practice of yacht clubs in the state of Virginia.

The Virginia State Library

This library is dedicated to preserving the state’s history and promoting the reading and research of state history.

The Virginia State Museum of History and Natural Science

This museum is dedicated to preserving the state’s history and promoting the study of natural science.

The Virginia State Museum of Art

This museum is dedicated to promoting the study of art and promoting the development of artists in the state of Virginia.

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The Virginia State Museum of Technology

This museum is dedicated to promoting the study of technology and promoting the development of technologists in the state of Virginia.

The Virginia State Museum of Transportation

This museum is dedicated to promoting the study of transportation and promoting the development of transportation professionals in the state of Virginia.

The Virginia State Museum of Wildlife and Nature

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The Virginia State Museum of Zoology

This museum is dedicated to promoting the study of zoology and promoting the development of zoologists in the state of Virginia.

The Virginia State Park System

This system is dedicated to preserving the state’s natural resources and promoting the use of these resources for recreation.

The Virginia State Port Authority

This authority is responsible for the operation of the state’s ports.

The Virginia State Teacher Education and Certification Commission

This commission is responsible for regulating the education and certification of teachers in the state of Virginia.

The Virginia State Traffic Safety Division

This division is responsible for enforcing traffic laws and promoting traffic safety.

The Virginia State Water Resources Board

This board is responsible for the management of the state’s water resources.

The Virginia State Wildlife Resources Commission

This commission is responsible for regulating the use of wildlife resources in the state of Virginia.

The Virginia State Woods and Waters Committee

This committee is responsible for promoting the conservation of the state’s forests and waters.

The Virginia State Woodland Heritage Program

This program is dedicated to promoting the conservation of the state’s forests and waters.

The Virginia State Wildlife Management Association

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Suffolk Visitor Center
534 North Main St., Suffolk; 757-514-4130; visitSuffolkva.com. Inside the historic Nansemond County Courthouse (1817); open daily.  

THINGS TO DO

Cedar Hill Cemetery
103 Mahan St., Suffolk; 757-514-4130; visitSuffolkva.com. Unique 32-acre cemetery is a Virginia Civil War Trail site. Free.

Decent People Taproom
5140 River City Dr #120, Suffolk; 757-377-1211; deceptaperoastroom.com. 44 Self-Serve Taps of craft beer, cider and wine. $5.

Great Oak Lane
2573 Bridge Rd. #21, Suffolk; 757-665-2222; greatoaklane.com. Wines, craft beers, tastings and wine classes.  

Great Oyster Bay Rum Distillery

Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

Haven & Hill Beer & Wine Sanctuary

Legend of Matoaka: A Suffolk Ghost Walk
534 North Main St., Suffolk; 757-514-4130; visitSuffolkva.com. Stroll historic downtown by lantern light with a costumed guide.

Nansemond Brewing Station
221 E. Washington St., Suffolk; 757-647-5156; nansemondbrewing.com. 3,000-square-foot tasting room, 10-barrel brew house. Live music and events.  

Phillips-Dawson House c.1883
514 South Main St., Suffolk; 757-526-2781; suffolkhistory.org. Beautiful historic home. Changing exhibit gallery, archival materials and objects.

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Isle of Wight Courthouse
103 Main St., Smithfield; 757-356-9939; suffolkva.com. One of four arcaded historic courthouses with semi-circular apse. Free.

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2120 Parks Ave, Virginia Beach, 757-385-7877
www.vbchamberva.com. Visitor information available daily 9am-5pm, during the summer until 6pm.

Virginia Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau
201 S. 38th St, Virginia Beach, 757-385-4770; visitvirginiabeach.com. Vacation in Virginia Beach and learn how to “Live the Life.”

Surry County, Virginia

Ridick’s Folly House Museum
101 Top Pot Dr., Surry; 757-357-5976; ridickfolly.org. Tour a Greek Revival mansion (1845). Virginia Civil War Trail site. $4

Skyline Suffolk
1200 Game Millton St. Suffolk; 757-534-3131;
usabookstore.com. Former railway station offering braille and accelerated reading. $2

Suffolk Art Gallery
118 Bosley Ave. Suffolk; 757-514-7284; suffolkartgallery.com. Contemporary art gallery and museum unites whimsy and creativity though ever-changing exhibits and programs. $5

Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts
210 W. Foreman Rd. Suffolk; 757-515-4000; suffolkartscenter.org. Encourages appreciation, brings together and celebrates the arts in the region. $5

Suffolk Seaside Coastal Trail
King’s Hwy (Drivin Village), Suffolk; 757-514-7250; suffolkvirginia.gov/parks. Former railroad right-of-way now 10-foot-wide pedestrian and bicycle trail. $2

Suffolk Station Railroad Museum
126 N. Main St., Suffolk; 757-534-4103; suffolkstationmuseum.org. Restored 1885 station, Ho-scale model, memorabilia, caboose and gift shop. $5

Suffolk Seaboard Station Railroad Museum
326 N. Main St., Suffolk; 757-514-4135; suffolktrainstation.com. Restored 1885 station, Ho-scale model, memorabilia, caboose and gift shop. $5

Surry County Visitors Center
267 Church St., Surry; 757-758-0146; surrycountyva.com. Just a short, free ferry ride from Williamsburg; come, visit and savor the secrets of Surry! $5

THINGS TO DO

Bacon’s Castle
467 Bacon’s Castle Trail, Surry; 757-357-5976; baconscastle.org. The nation’s oldest brick home, circa 1665. $5

Chippokes Plantation State Park
965 Chippokes Park Rd., Surry; 757-294-3728; virginialandscapes.org/chippokesplantation. $5

Gray’s Creek Marina
612 Main St., Surry; 757-758-3700; surrycountytourism.com/grey-creek-hm. Free boat, kayak and canoe launch, fishing pier, bathhouse, marina. $5

Jamestown-Scotland Ferry
Rt. 31, Surry; 800-823-3779; virginiadot.org/cometravel/ferry-jamestown. Operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year between Surry and Jamestown.

Smith’s Fort
217 Smith Fort Ln., Surry; 757-294-3872; preservationvirginia.org. 1609 site of Captain John Smith’s “New Fort.”

Surry County Historic Courthouse Complex
28 Colonial Trail East, Surry; 757-269-3161; surrycountyva.gov/departments/clerk-of-circuit-court. Original county records dating to incorporation in 1652, National Historic Register. $5

Surry County Historical Society & Museum
281 Bank St., Surry; 757-294-0404; surrycountyvahistory.org. Information available on history, churches, cemeteries, genealogy research. $5

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THINGS TO DO

The Adventure Park at Virginia Aquarium
801 General Booth Blvd., Virginia Beach; 757-422-6419; vbmotorworld.com. Race cars for all ages, kiddie rides, thrill rides, paintball, arcade. $10

Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum—Sewell Cottage
1132 Atlantic Ave., Virginia Beach; 757-423-4326; fws.gov/4005-sandpiper-road-virginia-beach. $5

Beach CNC
4005 Sandpiper Rd., Virginia Beach; 757-385-4947; oceanaquarium.com. Head for the treetops on oceanfront. Home to 13 different rope courses. $25

Cape Henry Lighthouse Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story
Enter through Gate 8 at 89th St. and Atlantic Ave. The oldest government-built lighthouse, circa 277.$

Cape Henry Memorial Cross
Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, Virginia Beach; 757-423-4326; false-cape.$

Colonial Williamsburg
220 Visitor Center Dr., Williamsburg; 757-220-7645; colonialwilliamsburg.com. Tour the site of 18th-century Williamsburg. $21 per day

Contemporary Art
2200 Parks Ave., Virginia Beach; 757-425-0000; virginiamoca.org. Contemporary art exhibitions, events, classes and activities for all ages. $5

Crossroads of America Museum/Dewitt Cottage
1113 Atlantic Ave., Virginia Beach; 757-385-5100; museumsvb.org. 18th-century home built for Adam Thoroughgood’s era in period dress. $5

False Cape State Park
4001 Sandpiper Rd., Virginia Beach; 757-422-1587; vbsurfrescuemuseum.org. Virginia Beach Surf & Rescue Museum. The first high school built for African Americans in Princess Anne County.
includes Charles City, Jamestown, Yorktown. $5

Ferry Plantation House
3131 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach; 757-385-5100; museumsvb.org. The first high school built for African Americans in Princess Anne County. $5

Francis Land House
3223 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach; 757-385-5100; museumsvb.org. Francis Land House was the home to one of Jamestown’s original settlers, Thomas Gates. $5

Jason ALexander’s Museum
3223 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach; 757-385-5100; museumsvb.org. The first high school built for African Americans in Princess Anne County. $5

Jenny Lind House Museum
4001 Sandpiper Rd., Virginia Beach; 757-422-1587; vbsurfrescuemuseum.org. Virginia Beach Surf & Rescue Museum. The first high school built for African Americans in Princess Anne County. $5

KidStuff
3223 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach; 757-385-5100; museumsvb.org. The first high school built for African Americans in Princess Anne County. $5

Lynnhaven House
4600 Widbey Rd., Virginia Beach; 757-385-5100; museumsvb.org. Lynnhaven House, built in 1685, is the oldest surviving brick house in Virginia. $5

Military Aviation Museum
1245 Princess Anne Rd., Virginia Beach; 757-722-7717; militaryaviationmuseum.org. 1910-1960s era military aircraft. $5

Motor World Family Thrill Park
500 South Broad Ave., Virginia Beach; 757-422-4444; oceanbreezewaterpark.com. Ride cars for all ages, table rides, thrill rides, paintball, arcade. $5

Ocean Breeze Waterpark
847 General Booth Blvd., Virginia Beach; 757-422-4444; oceanbreezewaterpark.com. 40-foot pipeline slide, 14,000-square-foot wave pool, 440-foot mini water coaster, 185-foot Family Thrill Park. $5

Patriot Pointe
700 South Birdneck Rd., Virginia Beach; 757-422-4444; oceanbreezewaterpark.com. 40-foot pipeline slide, 14,000-square-foot wave pool, 440-foot mini water coaster, 185-foot Family Thrill Park. $5

Princess Anne County Training School/Union Kempsville High School Museum
5001 Cleveland St., Virginia Beach; 757-648-6006; museumsvb.org. Built in 1938 by Adam Thoroughgood’s company that provides artistic experiences. $5

Sandler Center for the Performing Arts
4509 Commerce St., Virginia Beach; 757-425-0000; sandlercenter.com. Contemporary art exhibitions, events, classes and activities for all ages. $5

Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center
772 General Booth Blvd., Virginia Beach; 757-385-3476; virginiaaquarium.com. Explore exhibits, see marine animals and take a boat trip. $5

Virginia Beach Soil & Rescue Museum
2401 Atlantic Ave., Virginia Beach; 757-422-1587; vbsurfrescuemuseum.org. Explore fire history exhibits and a great boodle thrower silver shovel! $5

Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art
2200 Parks Ave., Virginia Beach; 757-425-1000; virginiamoca.org. Contemporary art exhibitions, events, classes and activities for all ages. $5

Enlist at your pace.
THINGS TO DO

Colonial Williamsburg: Virginia’s Most Historic Plantation

Busch Gardens Williamsburg: 1 Busch Gardens Blvd, Williamsburg, 757-229-4186; buschgardens.com/VA. Busch Gardens Williamsburg has fun for the whole family. The 300-acre park has thrilling attractions! Named the World’s Most Beautiful Theme Park. $70.

Church on the Main 4670 S Gilbert St, Williamsburg: churchonthe main.org. Historical site of a brick church built in the 1750s.


