CHESAPEAKE BAY

The Chesapeake Bay region is undoubtedly a water lover’s oasis. Not surprising, as it’s home to the largest estuary in North America. It has an ideal balance of land and sea, with opportunities for long leisurely walks with the most picturesque water views. A convenient drive down from D.C., the region holds everything you need for a quick yet fulfilling trip: fascinating history; fresh, local seafood; and endless water adventures.

Looking for never-ending water vistas? This region is your answer. Enjoy them from all angles, from a boat, jet ski or a cozy seafood spot on the waterfront, observing one of our country’s most biodiverse marine habitats.

The Chesapeake is lined with little towns with tons of history and the cutest BnBs. It’s a no-brainer weekend trip, with so much charm on each town’s street.

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Chesapeake Bay region is home to award-winning wineries like Ingleside and also some of the East Coast’s best oysters.

Visit the State Parks
Savor the Chesapeake’s beautiful balance of land and sea through its gorgeous state parks. Stunning old-growth forests and mesmerizing shoreline sunsets await.

Have an Oyster Experience
With the Rappahannock River at your fingertips, you can get really hands-on in your oyster experience. Harvest wild oysters yourself with a Virginia Oyster Academy boat tour or skip straight to slurping at Merroir, a one-of-a-kind oyster tasting room.

Spend the day at Colonial Beach
You’ve got to have at least one perfect beach or river day in the Chesapeake Bay. Colonial Beach has room for everyone, as the second longest public beach in Virginia. With a boardwalk, shops and delicious restaurants, you’ll have plenty to accompany a day in the sun.

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MONTROSS BREWERY & BEER GARDEN

Locals venture here for delicious brews, live music and year-round fun. It’s the first brewery in Virginia’s Northern Neck, with some of the best brews, bites and vibes in the region.

SCOOT’S BBQ

While the coast is known for seafood, inland actually boasts excellent Barbecue. Scoot’s BBQ in Gloucester took the top spot in Virginia Living’s 2019 BBQ Bracket Battle, and you’ll understand why when you order their BBQ combo with pulled pork.
Experience the road less traveled.

Make your escape to the Northern Neck, where you’ll find hidden culinary gems, waterfront heritage sites, charterboat fishing, wineries, artisan shops and markets covering a variety of interests. Come by boat, or by car. Stay for a day, a weekend, or longer. Your getaway is safe with us.

Start exploring at www.northernneck.org.