

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.



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WHAT WE RECOMMEND FOR FIRST-TIMERS

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.



EXPERIENCES THAT DEFINE THE REGION

The Shorelines

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.

Small Quaint Towns

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.

Wine & Oysters

It's a win-win when you have both amazing wine and oysters all within arm's reach. The Chesapeake Bay region is home to award-winning wineries like Ingleside and also some of the East Coast's best oysters.

LOCAL FAVORITES

Tides Inn

A wine and oyster-filled weekend are best accompanied by a stay at the Tides Inn, a historic hotel on a private peninsula. Whether a romantic or family getaway, this inn in Irvington will add a special touch to your trip.

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.

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