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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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 Ouaint 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.

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.

LOCAL FAVORITES

Tides In

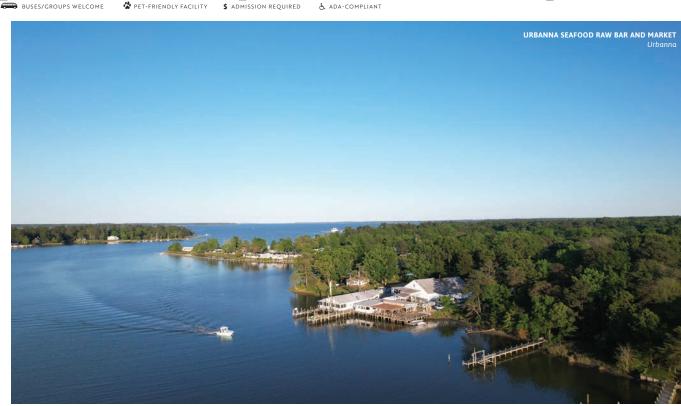
A wine and oyster-filled weekend are best accompanied by a stay at the Tides Inn, a historic hotel on a private peninsula. Whether a romantic or family getaway, this inn in Irvington will add a special touch to your trip.

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.



Northern Neck Tourism Commission

457 Main St., Warsaw: 804-333-1919; northernneck org. Historic sites, waterfront recreation, oysters, craft beverages and relaxation

THINGS TO DO

Northern Neck Watertrails

457 Main St., Warsaw: 804-333-1919; northernneck org. Water trails along the creeks and tributaries of the Rappahannock and Potomac Rivers and Chesapeake Bay.

DAHLGREN

THINGS TO DO

Dahlgren Heritage Museum & Tourism Information Center 3540 James Madison Pkwy., Dahlgren; 540-663-3680; dahlgrenmuseum.org. Interpreting stories that make Dahlgren a jewel of national defense.📽

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

VIRGINIA MAIN STREET COMMUNITY Includes Haves, White Marsh

Gloucester Visitor Center

6504 Main St., Gloucester: 804 693-3215; visitgloucesterva. org. Visit the clerk's office, now the visitor center for maps, area brochures and information. Revolutionary War and Native American exhibits.

Whitley's Peanut Factory vo

1977 George Washington Hwy., Hayes; 804-642-1975; whitleyspeanut.com/locations Certified visitor's center and retail store selling peanut products and souvenirs. &

THINGS TO DO

Abingdon Episcopal Church 4645 George Washington Hwy., White Marsh: 804-693-3035: abingdonchurch.org. Virginia's largest Colonial church built mid-18th century; historic

Gloucester Blueways Watertrails

6504 Main St., Gloucester; 804-693-3215; visitgloucesterva. info. Self-guided maps, water trails suited for kayaks in

Gloucester Museum of History 6539 Main St. Gloucester: 804-

693-1234; gloucesterva info. Static and changing exhibits of early Gloucester and its people.

Gloucester Nature and Birding

6504 Main St. Gloucester: 804 693-3215; visitgloucesterva. info/pr. Self-guided maps. eight sites, part of Virginia birding trails system. 🖚 📽

Gloucester Point Beach Park 1255 Greate Rd., Gloucester

Point; 804-693-2355; visitgloucesterva.info/pr. Sandy beach, picnic tables, grills, fishing pier, snack bar,

Historic Courthouse Circle 6504 Main St. Gloucester: 804-

693-3215: visitgloucesterva. org. Virginia's oldest courthouse circle, 1832 debtor's prison, 1870 jail, 1896 clerk's office and more

Machicomoco State Park

3601 Timberneck Farm Rd Haves: 804-642-2419: virginiastateparks.gov/ machicomoco.

The Point Walk 1255 Greate Rd. Gloucester Point; 804-693-2355; visitgloucesterva.info/pr Interpreted walk along York River explains area's history ecology, significance.

Rosewell Ruins

5113 Old Rosewell Ln. Gloucester: 804-693-2585 rosewell.org. Preserved ruins of one of Colonial America's grandest mansions.\$

Tyndall's Point

1376 Vernon St., Gloucester; 804-693-2355; gloucesterva. info/facilities/facility/details/ Tyndalls-Point-Park-10 Historic site open daily

Walter Reed's Birthplace Corner of Rts. 616 & 614.

Gloucester; 804-693-3992; preservationvirginia.org. Circa 1850 building, birthplace of Dr Walter Reed, medical hero of the Spanish-American War

Ware Episcopal Church

7825 John Clayton Memorial Hwy Gloucester 804-693-3821: warechurch.org, Historic early 18th-century church and

Woodville Park

3904 Woodville Park Rd., Hayes; 804-693-2355; visitgloucesterva.info/pr Nature park with wetlands. woodlands, trails, picnic tables. memorial gardens. 🖚 📽

HEATHSVILLE

THINGS TO DO

Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern 73 Monument P Heathsville; 804-580-3377; rhhtfoundationinc.org. 18th-century tavern, heritage arts center & guilds. Farmers market A

INDIAN NECK

THINGS TO DO

Rappahannock Tribe Cultural 5036 Indian Neck Rd

Indian Neck: 804-769-0260: rappahannocktribe.org. Come experience Native American historical exhibits of culture and tradition.

IRVINGTON

THINGS TO DO

Steamboat Era Museum 156 King Carter Dr., Irvington; 804-438-6888; steamboateramuseum.org. Original "Potomac" pilothouse installation, dioramas, artifacts, models, paintings and photos.

KILMARNOCK

THINGS TO DO

Kilmarnock Museum 76 N. Main St., Kilmarnock 804-436-9100; northernneck. org. Recalls early days of the bustling town first known as Steptoe's Ordinary, settled in

KING GEORGE COUNTY

King George County Citizens Center

8076 Kings Hwy., King George; 540-775-4386; kinggeorgecountyva.gov Gateway to the historic Northern Neck of Virginia.

THINGS TO DO

Caledon State Park

11617 Caledon Rd., King George; 540-663-3861; virginiastateparks.gov/caledon. ړ پې د د پې

King George Museum

Located at the Old Jail at the King George county courthouse, King George; 540-775-9477; kghistory.org Open Thursday and Saturday 10am-2pm or by appointment.

KING WILLIAM

Includes West Point

West Point Chamber of Commerce

706 Main St., West Point: 804-843-4620: westpointvachamber.com. A waterfront town with historic homes and charming Main Street.

THINGS TO DO

King William Historical Museum

227 Courthouse Ln., King William: 804-769-9619: kingwilliamcountyus History of King William. appointment.

Pamunkey Indian Reservation and Museum

St. John's Church

Includes Morattico, Weems

THINGS TO DO

1632 Belle Isle Rd.

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Preserve

\$ 45

Belle Isle State Park

Lancaster; 804-462-5030;

virginiastateparks.gov/

Hickory Hollow Nature

VA 604, Lancaster; 804-

175 Lav Landing Rd., King William; 804-843-4792; pamunkey.net. Open daily except Mondays. Confirm by on the Chesapeake Bay calling.

103 St. John's Church Ln. King William: 804-769-4560: 1039 Williams Wharf Rd stjohnswp.org/oldstjohns. Mathews: 804-725-9685: Guided tours available by mathewslandconservancy appointment, Call for tours Musical programs. 🖚 📽 LANCASTER COUNTY

239 Main St Mathews: locations, part of Virginia Birding Trails system. 🖚 📽

of water trails in and around 225-2303; dcr.virginia.gov/ Mathews. natural-heritage/natural-area preserves/hickory. 254 acres of mixed nine-hardwood forest Museum

ravines and Cabin Swamp Historic Christ Church &

Museum 420 Christ Church Rd., Weems: 804-438-6855 christchurch1735.org. National Historic Landmark and one of America's finest Colonial churches.\$ 🖚 🛎 🛦

Lancaster VA Historical Society - Mary Ball Washington Museum & Library

8346 Mary Ball Rd Lancaster; 804-462-7280; lancastervahistory.org. Lancaster County exhibits historic district buildings and genealogy research center.

Morattico Waterfront Museum 6584 Morattico Rd., Morattico; 804-462-7690; morattico.org. Cultural history of a working watermen's village in the 1901

Morattico general store.

MATHEWS COUNTY

239 Main St., Mathews; 804-

725-4229: visitmathews.com

Outdoor adventure guides.

maps, brochures, aquarium

artisan gallery & displays.

Mathews County Visitor &

Information Center

THINGS TO DO

Preserve

804-758-2613: urbannava.gov Historic 18th-century building map. 📽 🕹

THINGS TO DO

Saluda: 804-758-3663: middlesexmuseum.com Beautifully landscaped

Bethel Beach Natural Area Chesty Puller, Picnic area. Bethel Beach Rd., Mathews: 804-725-4229; visitmathews. **Deltaville Maritime Museum** com. Sandy beach, low

dunes and salt marshes on Chesapeake Bay. === 287 Jackson Creek Rd

Gwynn's Island Museum Old Ferry Rd., Gwynn's Island, Mathews: 804-725-2656: gwynnsislandmuseum nier kayak launch pavilion/ org. Historic building. banquet room rentals. Colonial artifacts, antiques memorabilia, displays and exhibits.

Haven Beach Nature Preserve

Haven Beach Rd., Mathews: 804-725-4229: visitmathews com. Nature preserve, kayak launch, sandy beach, wildlife

Historic Williams Wharf and

org. Historic steamboat whar Steamboat museum, fishing, kayak landing, pavilion, docks.

Mathews Birding and Nature

804-725-4229; visitmathews. com. Self-guided maps, nine

Mathews Blueways Watertrails 239 Main St., Mathews; 804-725-4229: visitmathews.com. Self-guided maps, nine miles

Mathews Maritime Foundation

482 Main St., Mathews; 805-725-4444; mathewsmaritime. com. Artifacts and boats celebrating the waterman's history.

New Point Comfort Lighthouse New Point, Mathews: 804-725-4229: visitmathews com. The third oldest lighthouse (1805) on the Chesapeake Bay.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Includes Deltaville, Hartfield, Saluda, Urbanna

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Development & Tourism 877 General Puller Hwy. Saluda; 804-654-1363; virginiasriverrealm.com. Your coastal river getaway featuring friendly small towns boating, fishing, local seafood camping, history and yearround events.

Urbanna Museum & Visitors

140 Virginia St., Urbanna: Houses original John Mitchell

Chesty Puller Park

777 General Puller Hwy., memorial for Lt. General

and Holly Point Nature Park Deltaville; 804-776-7200; deltavillemuseum.com. Museum, 34-acre park, picnic areas, trails, waterfront

Groovin' in the Park concert series, farmer's market and other events. Open daily. \$ == * & k

Historic Clerk's Office

877 General Puller Hwy., Saluda: 804-758-3663: middlesexmuseum.com thefarmmuseum.org. Tells Insightful hands-on exhibit the story of Northern Neck exploring 300+ years of agriculture. Events, exhibits, official county records. Local equipment, \$ brochures & maps. == 4 &

Lower United Methodist Church

120 Lower Church Rd Hartfield; 804-776-6250; lowerumc.com. Circa 1717 Colonial Hipped brick church. Sunday services. Tours June-Sentember

Middlesex County Museum & Historical Society, Inc

777 General Puller Hwv. Saluda; 804-758-3663; middlesexmuseum.com. In the heart of Saluda's Historic District you will find prehistoric Native American military, Civil War and 400+ years of local history Featuring Lt. General Chesty Puller and Irene Morgan. Maps and Genealogy. 🖚 🏖 🕹

Virginia Motor Speedway 4426 Tidewater Trl

Middlesex: 804-758-1867: vamotorspeedway.com. 1/2-mile semi-banked dirt oval raceway and pit mud bog. # 5 F

MONTROSS

THINGS TO DO

Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society Research

15825 Kings Hwy., Montross; 804-493-1862; nnvhs. org. Covering genealogy of Westmoreland, Northumberland Richmond Lancaster. King George and Stafford counties.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

Includes Heathsville, Kilmarnock, Wicomico Church

THINGS TO DO **Bush Mill Stream Natural Area**

Preserve VA 642 until you see the sign for Bush Mill Stream Heathsville; 804-225-2303; dcr.virginia.gov. Freshwater meets saltwater of the Great Wicomico River, blue herons.

Dameron Marsh Natural Area Preserve

Ball's Neck Rd. to Cloverdale Rd. to Guarding Point Ln., Kilmarnock; 804-225-2303; dcr virginia.gov. Trail, boardwalk, wildlife viewing platform, parking, kayak/canoe launch

Hughlett Point Natural Area Preserve From VA 200 hetween

Wicomico Church and Kilmarnock, take a right onto VA 606, right onto VA 605., Wicomico Church: 804-225 2303: dcr virginia gov. Parking trails, a woodland boardwalk. wildlife viewing platforms interpretive signs

Northern Neck Farm Museum 12705 Northumberland Hwy., Heathsville: 804-761-5952:

Northumberland County

Memorial Museum & Library

northumberlandvahistorv.org.

Extensive genealogical library

and programs in Heathsville's

Reedville Fishermen's Museum

Historical Society Ball

86 Back St., Heathsville

Historic District

REEDVILLE

THINGS TO DO

504 Main St., Reedville

model trains. \$

Includes Warsaw

Menokin

THINGS TO DO

Wildlife Refuge

804-453-6529: rfmuseum.

org Fishing industry exhibits

heritage vessels, 1875 house.

RICHMOND COUNTY

4037 Menokin Rd., Warsaw;

org. Waterfront property of

Declaration of Independence

signer Francis Lightfoot Lee.

Rappahannock River National

804-333-1470; fws.gov/refuge/

rappahannock_river_valley.

Richmond County Museum

5874 Richmond Rd., Warsaw;

804-333-3607: co richmond

valus/visitors/richmond-

TAPPAHANNOCK

Essex County Museum and

ecmhs.org. Rappahannock

Indians, Colonial and Civil

War eras, African American

TOWN OF COLONIAL

Beach Terrace, Colonial Beach;

804-224-7181: visitcbva.com.

CBVA's sandy beach, located

on the shores of the Potomac

River, is the second largest in

Museum at Colonial Beach

128 Hawthorne St., Colonial Beach: 804-224-3379:

com. History of 19th-century

bathing and fishing resort on

museumatcolonialbeach.

Potomac River.

VisitCBVA Colonial Beach

Tappahannock historic district

Tappahannock; 804-443-4690;

Tribe, gifts.

THINGS TO DO

Historical Society

218 Water Ln., In

experience -

BEACH

Virginia.

Tourist Center

THINGS TO DO

county-museum, 1872 jail

gallery, Colonial courthouse

country store, Rappahannock

804-333-1776; menokin.

336 Wilna Rd., Warsaw:

804-580-8581:

Includes Colonial Beach, Kinsale Montross, Oak Grove, Stratford

COUNTY

WESTMORELAND

Westmoreland County Museum and Visitor Ćente

43 Court Sq. Montross: 804-493-8440; visitwestmorelandva. com. View the Charles Willson Peale 1768 portrait of Sir William Pitt, artifacts, displays and programs related to county history and a research library. 🖚 🕸

THINGS TO DO

memorabilia

A. T. Johnson Museum African American Education & Culture 18849 King's Hwy., Montross; 804-493-7070; northernneck. org. One of the first African American high schools in

George Washington Birthplace National Monument

area. Historical artifacts and

1732 Pones Creek Rd Oak Grove: 804-224-1732: nps.gov/ gewa. Birth site. Memoria House, Colonial kitchen, hiking and farm.

James Monroe Birthplace and Park

4460 James Monroe Hwy Colonial Beach: 804-214-9145: monroefoundation.org. Birthplace of the fifth U.S. president. Open weekends Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Kinsale Foundation and

449 Kinsale Rd Kinsale: 804 472-3001; kinsalefoundation. org. Oldest customs port. Steamboat-era museum.

Northern Neck Heritage Trail Bicycling Route

457 Main St., Warsaw 804-333-1919; nps.gov/pohe/ planyourvisit/maps.htm. Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail's Northern Neck segment. Maps available.

Stratford Hall

483 Great House Rd., Stratford; 804-493-8038: stratfordhall. org. Docent-led and audio tours, nature trails, fossil hunting, kayaking, lodging. \$

Westmoreland State Park vo 145 Cliff Rd., Montross; 804-493-8821; virginiastateparks. gov/westmoreland. 3.W.E.

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