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CHESAPEAKE BAY

Welcome to the enchanting Chesapeake Bay region, where the allure of its delectable seafood, particularly the renowned oysters, beckons food enthusiasts from far and wide. Boasting dozens of picturesque small waterfront communities, this captivating destination embraces a rich maritime heritage, with watermen playing a pivotal role in shaping its fascinating culture and traditions.

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NEW & NOTEWORTHY

1. Camp Irvington - Irvington

For those seeking an immersive outdoor adventure, Camp Irvington offers the perfect escape. Nestled amidst nature's beauty, this campsite provides a range of activities, including hiking trails, bonfires, and stargazing. Whether you're a seasoned camper or new to the camping scene, Camp Irvington is sure to create lasting memories.

UNEXPECTED EXPERIENCES

2. Giant Waterman's Boots

As you explore the region, keep an eye out for the fascinating Giant Waterman's Boots. Scattered in various locations, these enormous sculptures pay tribute to the area's maritime heritage. It's a unique and Instagram-worthy experience for anyone looking to add some quirky fun to their journey.



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3. Westmoreland State Park - Montross

Embark on an exciting treasure hunt for ancient shark teeth and fossils at Westmoreland State Park. Situated in Montross, this hidden gem offers a thrilling hands-on experience, providing a glimpse into the prehistoric past and the chance to find some remarkable souvenirs.

FOR FIRST-TIME TRAVELERS

4. Urbanna Oyster Festival - Urbanna

If you happen to visit during November, don't miss the famed Urbanna Oyster Festival. Celebrating Virginia's oyster culture, this lively event features delicious seafood, live music, and a unique small-town charm that will leave a lasting impression on any traveler.

UNDERRATED EXPERIENCES

5. Colonial Beach

Escape the tourist crowds and discover the charm of Colonial Beach, a hidden gem known for its sandy shores and laid-back atmosphere. Stroll along the Potomac River, indulge in local eateries, and relish the tranquility that makes this town a well-kept secret among locals.

LOCAL FAVORITES

6. Merroir - Topping


A beloved local favorite, Merroir is a culinary paradise for seafood enthusiasts. Set on the waterfront, this cozy restaurant serves freshly caught oysters and other seafood delicacies, offering a true taste of the Chesapeake Bay's bounty.



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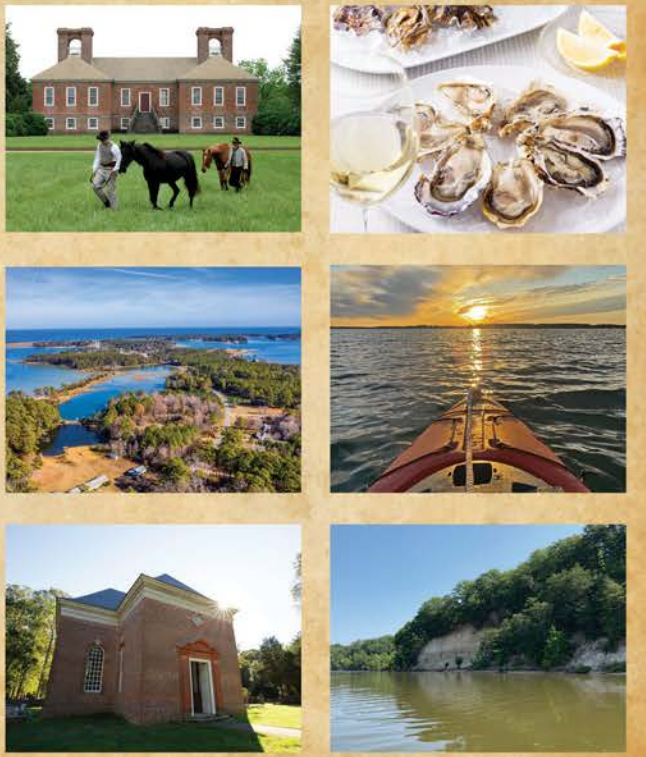
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Walk in the Footsteps of Presidents

Visit the Northern Neck National Heritage Area to see the birthplaces of **George Washington, James Madison and James Monroe**, along with the historic sites of Stratford Hall, Historic Christ Church, and Menokin. Between the Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers, the Northern Neck hosts state parks, natural areas, and the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge for hiking, paddling, or photography. Make it a weekend, or longer, at a bed & breakfast or country inn nestled in Kilmarnock, Irvington or Colonial Beach.

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