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## ***Your Beach & Brews Getaway in Virginia***

### **Day 1 – Virginia Beach**

Your Virginia getaway begins in **Virginia Beach**. Whether you like tranquil and serene beaches, or a more cosmopolitan vibe, the Virginia Beach area will have a beach that is perfect for you. Not only are the beaches along the Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay pristine, with beautiful blue waters, Virginia Beach offers a variety of truly unique and unforgettable experiences.

Try your hand at **horseback riding on the beach**, or for those who want to get more up close and personal with the water and the wildlife, **kayaking with dolphins** is sure to leave a lasting impression. Ride the gentle waves in sit-on-top ocean kayaks, while you take a guided tour and discover the fascinating and fun world of the bottlenose dolphins that call these waters home. After connecting with nature, cool off at the popular local hangout, **Commonwealth Brewing Company**, for an exceptional Virginia craft beer experience.

### **Day 2 – Virginia Beach**

Explore the **ViBe Creative District**, located conveniently within the oceanfront area of Virginia Beach. This cultural arts enclave is a local hotspot where creative businesses have come together to share their passion and love of the arts with visitors and locals alike. While in the area, stop by **Back Bay Brewing Company** for top-notch Virginia Craft beer just blocks from the Atlantic Ocean.

After getting in touch with your creativity and artsy vibes, visit the **Military Aviation Museum**, home to one of the largest private collections of World War I and World War II era military aircraft in the world. Enjoy the heritage and machinery of these inspiring aircraft, many of which are airworthy and flown at the museum during flight demonstrations and at air shows throughout the year – they even offer rides to the public!

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## *Day 3 – Virginia Beach*

On your third day in Virginia, enjoy a relaxing day in the sand in Virginia Beach, the world's longest pleasure beach! Be sure to take a stroll or a bike ride along Virginia Beach's famous five-kilometer boardwalk. After your day on the beach, venture to New Realm Brewing Company and enjoy a beer in the brewery's expansive beer garden.

Next, get ready to dazzle your taste buds with some of the region's impressive culinary offerings. Fine dining options abound in this city by the sea and seafood lovers are in for a treat, as the fresh catch found in Virginia Beach offers up an unparalleled epicurean experience. Dubbed the oyster capital of the East Coast, Virginia has eight distinct oyster regions. Try a few from each area and then pick your favorite. Some are salty, some are sweet, but they are all succulent and delicious – and they pair beautifully with a glass of Virginia wine! Check out Pleasure House Oysters for an unforgettable Virginia oyster experience.

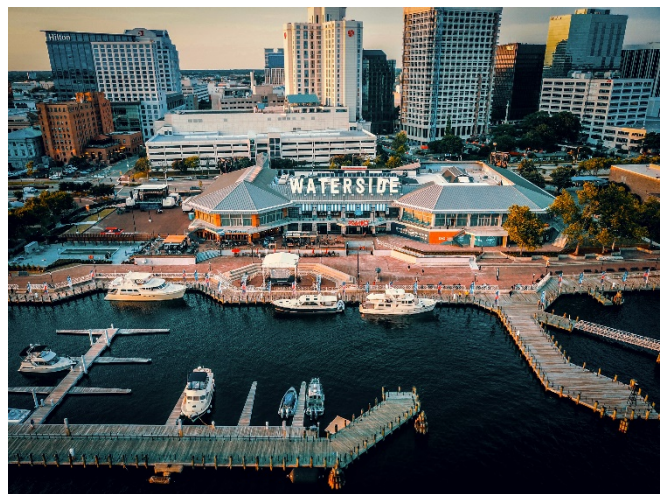


Pleasure House Oysters in Virginia Beach

## *Day 4 – Norfolk*

Continue your coastal Virginia experience by driving to nearby Norfolk and to explore the new and revitalized Waterside District, an area buzzing with trendy restaurants and entertainment. Dining options are plentiful, and you can even indulge your sweet tooth at Carolina Cupcakery, an establishment recently featured on the Food Network's hit television series *Cupcake Wars*. Take a self-guided tour of the Battleship Wisconsin, one of the largest and last battleships ever built by the U.S. Navy, which rests in Norfolk's waters.

Be sure not to miss some of the Norfolk area's top attractions, including the Norfolk Botanical Garden (Virginia's largest botanical garden), the Virginia Zoological Park, or the Chrysler Museum of Art. Space enthusiasts will love a trip to the Virginia Air & Space Center located in nearby Hampton. Serving as the official visitor center of NASA Langley Research Center, the Virginia Air & Space Center features a variety of interactive STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) exhibits, more than 30 historic aircraft, a hands-on space gallery, and unique space flight artifacts.



The Popular Waterside District in Norfolk

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Check out Norfolk's vibrant craft beer scene, and visit local favorites [O'Conner Brewing Company](#) and [The Veil Brewing](#). Finally, get ready for a night of dining and fun in downtown Norfolk at one of the region's popular restaurants, followed by a restful night at one of Norfolk's many inviting hotels.

## **Day 5 – Richmond**

Head west and make a stop in Virginia's vibrant capital city of [Richmond](#) to experience its thriving craft beer scene. Located along the mighty James River, Richmond combines big-city amenities with warm, Southern charm. Bring your appetite, because Richmond is known for its abundant array of delicious restaurants and a booming selection of craft breweries, in addition to its historically significant cultural attractions, a vibrant arts scene, and numerous options for shopping.



Ardent Craft Ales in Richmond

Richmond was recently named a top beer destination in the world, and the [Richmond Beer Trail](#) features more than 30 breweries for you to sample. Be sure to visit [Ardent Craft Ales](#) and [Hardywood Park Craft Brewery](#), both favorites among Richmonders! While in Richmond, don't miss the Thomas Jefferson-designed [Virginia State Capitol building](#), the [American Civil War Museum at Historic Tredegar](#), and the [Virginia Museum of Fine Arts](#).

## **Day 6 – Charlottesville and the Brew Ridge Trail**

Continue west to explore the many breweries around [Charlottesville](#) and along the [Brew Ridge Trail](#). Charlottesville offers many vibrant breweries including [Three Notch'd Brewing Company](#) and [South Street Brewery](#). Venture just outside the city to discover scenic the breweries along the Brew Ridge Trail, offering sweeping views of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Also, don't miss nearby [Pro Re Nata Farm Brewery](#) and [Bold Rock Hard Cider](#) for a quintessential Virginia craft beverage experience.



Bold Rock Hard Cider in Nellysford

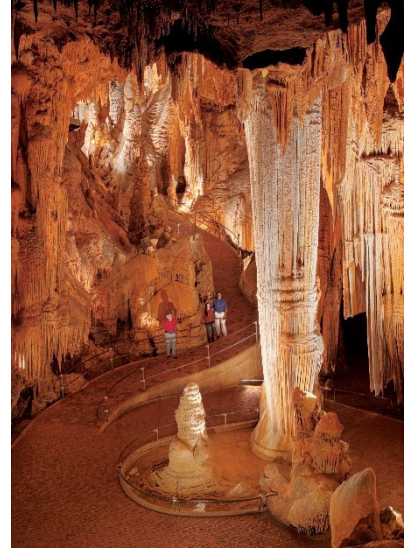
Return to Charlottesville for a night in one of the city's many restful hotels, or spend a night at [Wintergreen Resort](#), nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains just off the Brew Ridge Trail.

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## *Day 7 – The Shenandoah Valley*

Head north on I-81 through the [Shenandoah Valley](#) and stop for lunch in [Harrisonburg](#)...[Jack Brown's Beer and Burger Joint](#) and [Bella Luna Wood-Fired Pizza](#) are local favorites! While there, don't forget to grab a pint a [Palefire Brewing Co.](#) or [Brothers Craft Brewing](#).

Continue north and stop at the iconic [Luray Caverns](#), the largest caverns in the eastern United States.. You will feel like you have descended into another world, with large stalactites and stalagmites protruding from every corner of these mammoth caves. This geological wonder is also home to the Great Stalacpipe Organ, the world's largest musical instrument, which will serenade you with its uniquely unforgettable and haunting tones.



Luray Caverns

Depart Luray Caverns and arrive in [Winchester](#) to experience small town charm in Virginia. Explore [Old Town Winchester](#) and its quaint pedestrian mall and enjoy a relaxing stay in the [George Washington Hotel](#) for a night of rest before your journey home.

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