

## America's 250th Birthday

## Sail 250 and Norfolk Harborfest

June 18-21, 2026

What better place to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday than the birthplace where it all started! From First Landing State Park at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay to Jamestown Settlement on the James River, Coastal Virginia is the heart of American History. Come see a historic parade of sail and make memories that will last a lifetime.

As you arrive to Coastal Virginia you'll be greeted by views of our beautiful waterways where the celebratory parade of sail will take place. Get settled at your hotel in the heart of Norfolk for a once in a lifetime weekend. Start your trip off with a dinner cruise on the Elizabeth River aboard the **Spirit of Norfolk**.

Day 2 On Friday, start your day with breakfast at your hotel to get ready for a full day of excitement. You will head over the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel to Hampton, VA to view the Parade of Sail from



Fort Monroe, a front row seat! The parade of sail will make its way down the Chesapeake Bay right past Fort Monroe before heading into the Elizabeth River to downtown Norfolk. The parade will feature more than 60 ships from 20 countries, including tall ships in full sail, military vessels, and character ships. After the parade of sail, tour **Fort Monroe and the Casemate Museum**, where prisoners such as Chief Black Hawk and Jefferson Davis were held. You'll learn about over 400 years of seacoast fortification history. End the day with a dinner at a locally owned restaurant in the historic Phoebus area.

After the parade of sail all the ships will converge on downtown Norfolk's waterfront, where Harborfest is held at Town Point Park. On Saturday you'll spend most of your day here enjoying the sites of the tall ships, various maritime demonstrations, live music, and dozens of food vendors. Spend some time exploring Nauticus, a marine and maritime museum that is home to Battleship Wisconsin. To wind down after a long day, you'll enjoy an excellent meal at a local winery before heading back to the hotel.



Day 4 Board your bus for home after a breakfast at your hotel. You'll leave with a renewed love of country and a camera roll to impress!

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