A ROAD TRIP THROUGH VIRGINIA

Highlighting Arlington, Newport News, and Norfolk

Day 1: Arlington

Located steps from the nation’s capital and a destination that celebrates our country’s history and honor, Arlington, Virginia offers everything from top hotels, world-class shopping and a global dining scene, to Reagan National Airport, Arlington National Cemetery, the Pentagon and much more. And it’s all available at a great value – Arlington hotels average at least 20% less than the downtown D.C. ones and place visitors closer to the city’s top destinations.

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Start your Arlington adventure with a visit to one of the most revered locations in the nation. The rolling green hills of Arlington National Cemetery honor those who have served our nation and serve as a tribute to the service and sacrifice of every individual laid to rest within these hallowed grounds. See the final resting place of President John F. Kennedy and pay respects at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

Just outside the Cemetery grounds, stop by the famed U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial, also known as Iwo Jima, before visiting the 88-acre woodland oasis that also serves as the Memorial for U.S. President and conservationist Theodore Roosevelt. Here, the miles of serene trails are a wonderful respite from the bustle of Arlington’s urban neighborhoods.

Enjoy a visit to Ballston Quarter, Arlington’s newly reimagined retail and entertainment complex, complete with a recreational cooking school, and indoor/outdoor food hall with a variety of local restaurants, entertainment venues and much more. And don’t forget about the arts scene – Arlington’s Broadway-caliber musicals, dance and physical theatre performances have returned in a big way to Arlington, so make sure to include a theater experience in your itinerary.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

• 9/11 Pentagon Memorial: Honors the victims of the events of September 11, 2001.
• Bowlero offers arcade games and artisan dining to a large area of blacklight bowling.
• Fashion Centre at Pentagon City: A world-class shopping experience with more than 140 stores and restaurants in a spacious environment.
• Black Heritage Museum of of Arlington: Now in a new location, the museum honors African American history in Arlington County.
• Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Museum: The newly renovated museum features hands-on activities, artifacts and diverse, person histories that explore the long, dynamic history of the drug use, misuse and law enforcement unlike any other.

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A VIRGINIA ROAD TRIP: Arlington, Newport News, and Norfolk
Day 2: Newport News

Centrally located within minutes from Williamsburg and a short drive to Norfolk/Virginia Beach, Newport News is the best location for a Coastal Virginia tour. Visit The Mariners’ Museum and Park to see why Congress designated it “America’s National Maritime Museum.” Also see why the Virginia Living Museum is Virginia’s animal attraction and dinosaur destination. Explore Newport News Park - the second largest municipal park in the country - and relive the stories of America’s military history at two impressive military museums.

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Start your day with a visit to The Mariners’ Museum and Park. This National maritime museum is also home to the USS Monitor Center, the Civil War ironclad that changed American warfare forever.

Lunch break at Burger Theory, where skillfully crafted burgers are their theory! Join Chef Plott as he shows your group tips on how to make the best burger in town before trying them out yourself.

Depart for a driving tour of Newport News which includes:

- Newport News Shipbuilding is the largest industrial employer in Virginia, this shipyard is the sole builder of nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and partners with General Dynamics Electric Boat to build nuclear-powered submarines.
- Tugboat Dorothy - The first ship built at Newport News Shipbuilding, this 90-foot tugboat was launched into the James River in 1890. Since 1976, it has been on display outside the shipyard as a tribute to the pride and craftsmanship of the shipbuilders of Newport News.
- Victory Arch - On November 11, 1918, World War I ended and the city’s embarkation camps were converted into receiving facilities. Dedicated in 1919 and reconstructed in 1962, more than 441,000 doughboys found their way back home through this majestic arch in Newport News.
- Take an afternoon break to sip and enjoy a flight of local bourbon or a signature cocktail at Ironclad Distillery. Located along the James River within view of the old “Battle of the Ironclads” site and built inside a 1913 warehouse, this distillery is historic! If beer is your beverage of choice, then walk next door to Coastal Fermentory and enjoy their distinctive flight of beers.

This evening, view a loggerhead sea turtle up close, see fish with no eyes and a frog that changes colors. The Virginia Living Museum introduces visitors to more than 250 living species native to Virginia. Enjoy dinner prepared by the museum’s very own Wild Side Café.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Depart for a tour of the Hampton Roads Harbor on the Miss Hampton II and see Blackbeard’s Point and the ships at Norfolk Naval Base.
- From locally owned specialty stores to the most eclectic collections of antique shops, Newport News offers a refreshing shopping experience.
- Tour Tradition Brewing Co. and sample “We Run This Ship” Pale Ale. Then enjoy a beer pairing with dinner.
- Enjoy a meal at Crab Shack on the James River and watch fishermen, boats and a beautiful skyline from this waterfront dining experience!
- Play hands-on, interactive games during Beer & Board night at Tradition Brewing Co., as you sample a flight of their creations.

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Day 3: Norfolk

Norfolk, Virginia is a historical seaport on the Virginia waterfront, with big city amenities. Offering nightlife, shopping, and museums. Visit Battleship Wisconsin, Chrysler Museum of Art, and Naval Station Norfolk, the World’s Largest Navy Base. Only 20 minutes from Virginia Beach and 45 minutes and 3 hours from Washington, DC.

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A Day to Explore in Norfolk, Virginia

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Explore Nauticus, The Hampton Roads Naval Museum and Battleship Wisconsin. Nauticus is a fun and exciting interactive science and technology center exploring the power of the sea. It features more than 150 exhibits, films and exotic aquatic life. The Hampton Roads Naval Museum, located inside of Nauticus, introduces you to over 200 years of naval history in Coastal Virginia. Located next to Nauticus, discover Battleship Wisconsin, the largest and last battleship ever built by the US Navy.

Enjoy Lunch at Omar’s Carriage House, whose original patrons were horses before it was converted into a locals’ favorite restaurant!

P.M.

Walk through over 5,000 years of art at the Chrysler Museum of Art. And then stop by the Perry Glass Studio for a live glass making demonstration. Take a tour of the world’s largest naval installation, Naval Station Norfolk. aboard the Victory Rover Naval Base Cruises on a two-hour cruise touring the world’s largest naval base by water.

For dinner, enjoy an exciting evening with a blending at the Mermaid Winery! Your team will create their very own blend of wine and compete against others. After you have made the perfect wine, a team of Sommeliers will examine and provide their results. And then be seated for a private customized dinner.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Doumar’s to experience the invention of the waffle ice cream cone.
- Casual Gourmet cooking classes.
- Virginia Zoo is great for student groups.
- Norfolk Botanical Gardens Guided Tram Tour.
- Virginia Arts Festival full calendar of events.

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