

VIRGINIA BEACH EXPANDS MEETINGS CAPACITY WITH NEW ADDITIONS

Virginia Beach, Va. – January 25, 2021 –Virginia Beach offers numerous meeting opportunities important to meeting planners when considering booking a safe and memorable destination, especially post COVID-19. Location matters and this mid-Atlantic city is within strategic driving distance to major metropolitan cities. The city offers a variety of choices including resort, uptown and retreat-type settings, and closely follows safety guidelines for both indoors outdoors experiences.

Take a look at Virginia Beach's new products for meeting attendees this year. These current developments, experiences and offerings surely will enhance a visit in 2021:

Delta Hotels Virginia Beach Bayfront Suites is the newest and only beachfront hotel on the Chesapeake Bay and has a private beach. The all-suite hotel features 295 spacious one- and two-bedroom options. Amenities include an outdoor pool and lounge, kayak and bike rentals, and a 24-hour ultra-modern fitness center. The hotel's signature restaurant, Tin Cup Kitchen + Oyster Bar, offers a robust oyster menu and coastal cuisine, on the expansive outdoor Bayfront patio. The property also has 12,257 feet of flexible indoor and outdoor event space, ideal for social and business occasions of every kind.

Marriott Virginia Beach Oceanfront features 11 event rooms, more than 25,000 square feet of indoor/outdoor meeting space offering dramatic views of the oceanfront. The Seaside Ballroom, largest in the resort area, overlooks the Atlantic Ocean and offers an outdoor terrace. All 305 spacious guest rooms and suites face the ocean. Exceptional amenities include indoor/outdoor swimming pools, a large 24-hour fitness center and landscaped grounds with bocce ball, fire pits and verandahs. The sister Historic Cavalier Hotel and its famed Tarnished Truth Distillery and SeaHill Spa are just across the street for incredible experiences.

Virginia Beach Sports Center This new facility opened in Fall 2020 and is part of the Virginia Beach Convention Center campus. It's the East Coast's largest indoor sports complex and is steps away from local shops, restaurants, and attractions, including the beautiful three-mile boardwalk and oceanfront beaches. The facility's 285,000 square feet of space, including 12 basketball courts, 24 volleyball courts, a 200-meter hydraulically banked track that can also lay flat and seat up to 5,000 spectators, offers exciting new programmable space for sports and meeting planners alike. Its outdoor plaza area also sets the stage for one-of-kind receptions!

The Virginia Beach Bundle – Book a new Convention Center opportunity by the end of 2021 through the CVB and pick the bundle of savings that are best suited for your

group! This new 2021 incentive program is sponsored by VBCVB & Convention Center. For qualifying groups, incentives await the planner's choosing: up to 75% discount on facility rental, free shuttle to F&B or entertainment sponsorships. Call Sally Noona, CMP at 1-800-700-7702 or see details <u>here</u>.

Apex Entertainment at Town Center has 3,000 square feet of flexible private meeting and event space and can accommodate ten to 200 guests. It also has 85,000 square feet of indoor entertainment and offers numerous on-site activities: mini-golf, ax throwing, go-cart racing, a ropes course, sports simulators, laser tag, bumper cars and bowling. Casual dining is available.

For more information on why meeting planners should consider Virginia Beach as meeting destination, please visit the Convention and Visitors Bureau's website:<u>https://www.visitvirginiabeach.com/meetings</u> or contact:

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