# VISIT VIRGINIA BEACH ANNOUNCES FALL / WINTER HAPPENINGS

# Beach Destination Offers Visitors Experiences and Adventures Year Round

**Virginia Beach, Va. - September 12, 2019** - Beach destinations are usually associated with sand, sunscreen and swimsuits, but Virginia Beach offers visitors fun experiences and adventures during the cool weather months, too. With its idyllic coastal location, celebrated culinary scene and important historical landmarks, Virginia Beach is a destination to be enjoyed year round. Here's what to do, see and eat next season:

# Events:

International Sand Sculpting Championship

A huge tent - almost as large as a football field - will house 22 sculptures created by 12 solo and 10 doubles teams! Sculptors from around the world will compete for the largest prize purse awarded in the country.

- <u>Cullipher Farm Corn Maze</u> Navigate your way through massive - 12 acres to be exact - corn, cotton and sunflower mazes which are located just 13 miles from the Virginia Beach oceanfront.
- Naval Air Station Oceana Air Show

This year, for the first time ever, the NAS Oceana Air Show will host the United States Air Force Thunderbirds. There will also be tactical demonstrations by the F/A-18F Super Hornet, the world-famous Air Power Demonstration and the USASOC Black Daggers Jump Team.

• Polar Plunge

Watch brrrr-ave participants – or "plungers" – get wild and jump into the icy Atlantic ocean on February 8, 2020!

### Attractions:

**Beachside Social** 

Check out this ocean liner-inspired indoor game space where you can play shuffleboard, bocce ball and more, all while enjoying cocktails, craft beer, and snacks.

iFly Indoor Skydiving

Attention Adrenaline Junkies! Step into iFly's state-of-the-art and megapowerful vertical wind tunnel. The tunnel produces wind speeds in excess of 180 mph and gives visitors the sensation of a sky dive.

MOCA

Stop by the Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art (MoCA) to see an impressive selection of both local and nationally-acclaimed masterpieces.

• Whale Watching

Hop aboard a whale watching cruise, like the one offered by the Virginia Aquarium, to get a first-hand glimpse of these magnificent creatures. The prime months for sightings are the beginning of the year, but whales have been spotted as early as December.

#### Food:

#### <u>Becca</u>

Earlier this year, Becca became the first Virginia Beach hotel to receive a AAA Diamond rating for hotels. It also houses Tarnished Truth Distilling Company, the first hotel distillery in the nation.

• <u>Waterman's</u>

Located along the Virginia Beach Boardwalk, diners can nosh on a Chesapeake Bay tradition - the Classic Virginia Crab Imperial - while enjoying panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean.

# Calypso Bar & Grill

Warm up with a bowl of She-crab soup, one of the region's most loved seafood delicacies. Last year, Calypso took home a People's Choice Award at the Virginia Beach-based East Coast She-Crab Classic.

<u>Steinhilber's</u>

Cool weather signals oyster season, and trying Lynnhaven River's star shellfish is a must. Steinhilber's restaurant serves a variety of oysters, and is also a participant in the Lynnhaven River oyster recycling program.

#### About Virginia Beach

Virginia Beach, one of Virginia's most populous cities, resides where the Chesapeake Bay meets the Atlantic Ocean. The city is home to 35 miles of sandy beaches, a flourishing culinary and emerging craft beer scene, rich history, a variety of arts and entertainment and family-friendly attractions that keeps its 15 million annual visitors entertained year-round. For all there is to see and do in Virginia Beach, follow Visit Virginia Beach on Facebook and Instagram @VisitVaBeach and on Twitter @VisitVaBch, or go to <u>VisitVirginiaBeach.com</u>.

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