



# April 22-27, 2025 - 6 Days VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO & COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG

Colonial, military, and maritime history abound in coastal Virginia! Explore the fascinating world of military aviation, enjoy stunning views of the Atlantic Ocean, and board a historic battleship. Then, enjoy the sights, sounds, and patriotism at the Virginia International Tattoo. This annual show is the United States' largest spectacle of music and military might!

### DAY 1 TUESDAY, APRIL 22 RICHMOND (Dinner)

Today, we will transfer to the Chicago airport for our flight to **Richmond**, **VA**, a city rich in history and charm. Richmond's captivating blend of historical landmarks, artistic expression, and Southern hospitality will be instantly evident. Upon arrival, we will settle into **SpringHill Suites Richmond Northwest** for a two-night stay before gathering for a delicious welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

#### DAY 2 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23 RICHMOND (Breakfast, Lunch)

After breakfast at the hotel, embark on a guided tour of the **Virginia State Capitol**. From the graceful architecture designed by Thomas Jefferson to the chambers where laws shaping the nation were debated, the Capitol offers a glimpse into Virginia's rich heritage and the evolution of democracy in America. After a group lunch, we will visit **St. John's Church**, a site of significant historical importance, where Patrick Henry delivered his famous "Give Me Liberty Or Give Me Death" speech during the Second Virginia Convention in 1775. After touring the church, Patrick Henry himself will join us to share insights about his life and legacy, followed by a Q&A session. This afternoon, explore the complexities and legacies of the Civil War at the **American Civil War Museum**. Through engaging exhibits and artifacts, the museum provides a nuanced understanding of this pivotal period in American history, highlighting diverse perspectives and the enduring impact of the conflict on the nation. The rest of the evening is free for you to explore and enjoy dinner at your leisure.

## DAY 3 THURSDAY, APRIL 24 VIRGINIA BEACH (Breakfast)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we make our way to **Colonial Williamsburg**. Stroll along cobblestone streets lined with historic homes, engage with costumed interpreters portraying colonial characters, and gain a deeper understanding of daily life during America's formative years. Our day ends in Virginia Beach, where we will check into **Holiday Inn Express & Suites Oceanfront**. The remainder of the day is yours to explore the **Virginia Beach Boardwalk**. This three-mile-long boardwalk offers more than just fantastic views of the Atlantic Ocean, so take some time to snap a photo with King Neptune, grab dinner, and browse the shops.

#### DAY 4 FRIDAY, APRIL 25 VIRGINIA BEACH (Breakfast, Lunch)

Today's touring begins with a visit to **The Chrysler Museum of Art**, a renowned cultural institution celebrated for its diverse and extensive collection. This collection includes impressive European and American paintings, sculptures, decorative arts, and an exceptional glass collection. Before we head to Norfolk, a special surprise adds extra excitement to the day! Afterward, indulge in a delightful **lunch cruise**, savoring delectable cuisine while basking in breathtaking waterfront views and iconic city landmarks. This afternoon, join in the lively atmosphere of the **Tattoo Hullabaloo**, offering music, dancing, drill routines, drumming exhibitions, food trucks, and other vendors as we prepare for the **Virginia International Tattoo**. This astounding display of military music, show-stopping drill teams, bagpipers, and drum corps is the most prominent spectacle of music and might in the United States, featuring over one thousand performers from several countries around the world.

#### DAY 5 SATURDAY, APRIL 26 VIRGINIA BEACH (Breakfast, Dinner)

This morning, we are off to **Nauticus**, a maritime-themed science center featuring interactive exhibits and educational experiences. A highlight of the visit is the **USS Wisconsin**, a majestic battleship that serves as a museum ship, allowing visitors to explore its decks and learn about its storied history and naval significance. Following this, we have some free time to explore and enjoy lunch on our own at the **Virginia Beach Shopping Centre**, an eclectic spot offering upscale dining and shopping opportunities. Our journey continues to the **Cape Henry Lighthouse**, a beacon of history that offers sweeping ocean views and a connection to some of the most pivotal moments in American history. Constructed in 1792, this iconic lighthouse is one of the first authorized by the U.S. government to mark the entrance to Chesapeake Bay. It is located near the "First Landing" site, where English settlers first arrived on their journey to Jamestown. For those who wish to take on an adventure, you can climb the 191 steps to the top for stunning panoramic views of the bay and the Atlantic Ocean. As the day ends, we will gather for a delightful farewell dinner to share stories and reminisce about our favorite memories from our adventure.

## DAY 6 SUNDAY, APRIL 27 HOME (Breakfast, Lunch)

Our day begins with a captivating journey through aviation history with a guided tour of the **Military Aviation Museum**. Here, explore an extensive collection of meticulously restored vintage aircraft and learn about the technological advancements, strategic roles, and the courageous pilots who shaped aviation history. After lunch together, we will head to the airport for our flight back home.







# INCLUSIONS

- · ORD round-trip transfers from Libertyville
- · Round-trip air to Richmond & return from Norfolk
- Private motorcoach transportation
- 5 nights' accommodations
- 10 meals (5 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners)
- · Admission to attractions as stated on itinerary
- · Porter service of one bag per person at hotels
- Taxes and gratuities for included services
- · Professional Destinations with Nadine tour manager

## Not included in the price of this tour:

Meals other than those listed on the itinerary • beverages other than tea/coffee/water with included meals • items of a personal nature/souvenirs • travel protection plan • current baggage fees at the airport as assessed by the airline • and any service not listed in the above inclusions

#### Activity Level: Moderate

In order to participate in this tour, you must:

- Be able to walk/stand 3-4 hours at a time at an easy pace in all weather conditions
- Be able to regularly maneuver stairs, inclines, and uneven surfaces without assistance

For further information or questions, please contact:
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Optional Travel Protection available. Ask Nadine for a quote.

# **TOUR PRICING\***

# \$2,955 per person, double \$3,455 per person, single

\*A credit card convenience fee of 3% will be applied to all transactions. This fee is charged to cover the processing costs associated with credit card payments. Please note that this fee is non-refundable if a credit card refund is processed.





A \$100 deposit per person is required with your registration form in order to reserve your spot:

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