



Virginia & the Tattoo

A World-Class, Military Band Extravaganza

APRIL 19-24, 2027

Take in the sights and sounds of coastal Virginia along with the renowned Virginia International Military Tattoo—the third largest Tattoo performance in the world. With a blend of history and entertainment, this event hosts bagpipers, military bands, drum corps, and drill teams to make up over 1,000 performers for a musical extravaganza! This vacation also includes five nights oceanside in beautiful Virginia Beach.

DAY 1: WELCOME TO VIRGINIA!

Arrive in Virginia Beach, our home for the next five nights. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Dinner and get to know your fellow travelers. **D**

DAY 2: MARINER'S MUSEUM, VICTORY ROVER

Connecting people to the world's water is the mission of the Mariner's Museum. Explore this fascinating museum dedicated to people who live, work, and play on these waterways. Newport News Shipbuilding is the largest employer in Virginia and the sole designer, builder, and refueler of United States Navy aircraft carriers. This afternoon, board the Victory Rover for a Norfolk Harbor cruise, your front row seat to the naval fleet! See destroyers, submarines, and other vessels while taking in the sights of the harbor. **B, L**

DAY 3: VIRGINIA BEACH CITY TOUR, EASTERN SHORE EXPLORATION

Prepare for a wonderful day along the waters of the Chesapeake Bay. First, your local guide will showcase the highlights of Virginia Beach such as the Neptune statue and boardwalk, First Landing State Park, naval history, and much more. Then, cross the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, one of the “Seven Engineering Wonders of the Modern World.” Measuring 17.6 miles from shore to shore, the Bridge-Tunnel connects Hampton Roads to the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Enjoy a delicious lunch before crossing back over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and into Virginia Beach this afternoon. **B, L**



DAY 4: NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDENS, MILITARY AVIATION MUSEUM

Begin the day at the Norfolk Botanical Garden for a narrated tram tour. The gardens are coastal Virginia's premier horticultural attraction with over 60 different gardens to explore. Each spring, more than 175 varieties of rhododendrons and azaleas burst into bloom, joined by flowering dogwoods, cheerful daffodils, and other vibrant spring blossoms. Next, pay a visit to the Military Aviation Museum, home to one of the world's largest private collections of vintage WWI and WWII military aircraft. Each have been beautifully restored to their original condition, many of which are still flown during flight demonstrations. Later, enjoy dinner along the marina of Virginia Beach. **B, L, D**

DAY 5: MACARTHUR MEMORIAL, VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO

This morning, stroll the boardwalk, shop for souvenirs, or just relax at your hotel. After lunch, spend the remainder of the day in Norfolk. See General Douglas MacArthur's Memorial which tells his story and pays tribute to the many men and women who served with him. The pre-show excitement for today's Military Tattoo builds at "Hullabaloo," located on the plaza of the Scope Arena. Watch impressive dance and drill performances, take photos with the performers, and enjoy an audience-judged piping competition. Then, experience the highlight of the day, the Virginia International Military Tattoo. Sit back and take in this awe-inspiring musical spectacle, which is part parade, part theatre, and sometimes, part circus. **B, L**



Enjoy exciting Virginia highlights



DAY 6: SMITHFIELD, RETURN HOME

This morning say so long to the ocean and make your way towards Smithfield, VA, the "Ham Capital of the World!" Stop at the Isle of Wight Museum where you will learn how hams are smoked and cured followed by a time to explore the unique shops lining the streets of Smithfield. Enjoy a farewell lunch at the Smithfield Inn before returning home. **B, L** ☀



TOUR DETAILS

Apr 19-24, 2027

6 Days • 12 Meals

Price Per Person:

DB \$2,699 TP/QD \$2,599, SG \$3,299

Depart/Return:



St. Louis
Kansas City
Springfield

HIGHLIGHTS

- Reserved seats to the Virginia International Tattoo
- Visit Virginia's Military Aviation Museum, home to one of the largest private collections of military aircraft
- Narrated cruise of the Norfolk Naval Base and see an array of aircraft carriers, destroyers, and frigates from the water
- Spend five nights in beautiful Virginia Beach with ocean views

ACCOMMODATIONS

Nights 1-5: Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Virginia Beach, VA

Did you know?

The word "tattoo" comes from a 17th-century Dutch phrase meaning "turn off the tap," the signal for soldiers to leave the taverns and return to their barracks. It later evolved into a grand military music and marching tradition.