



# Virginia & the Outerbanks

Featuring Norfolk, Roanoke Island, Hatteras, Ocracoke Island & More!

**May 7-18, 2019**

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Wright Cycle Company Complex
- Huffman Prairie Flying Field & Interpretive Ctr.
- Wright Patterson Air Force Base
- Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine
- Thomas Jefferson's Monticello
- Norfolk Naval Base Tour
- Norfolk Harbor Cruise
- USS Wisconsin Battleship Tour
- Wild Horse Hummer Tour
- Kill Devil Hills, NC
- Roanoke Island
- Wright Brothers National Memorial
- Cape Hatteras National Seashore
- Ocracoke Island & Much More!

### TOUR PACE

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### MEALS INCLUDED

Breakfast (B): 11 Lunch (L): 3 Dinner (D): 3

### PRICE PER PERSON

Reservation Deposit:	\$200
Double (2 people/room):	\$2200
Triple (3 people/room):	\$2180
Quad (4 people/room):	\$2160
Single (1 person/room):	\$3100

### IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

Final Payment Due:	3/23/19
Cancel for a Full Refund:	4/6/19
Passport Required?	No

#### Day 1 Champaign, Illinois

We begin our journey as we board our deluxe motorcoach and travel across Wisconsin and Illinois for our evening stay in Champaign. A stop will be made along the way at Starved Rock Lock and Dam, a lock and dam facility located along the Illinois River. We'll have some time to explore the Visitor Center before continuing to our hotel.

#### Day 2 Middletown, OH

We'll travel through Indiana then into Ohio this morning before arriving in Dayton, where we'll stop for a scrumptious included lunch at local restaurant. Afterwards, we'll head over to the Wright Cycle Company Complex and Interpretive Center. This is home to the Wright brothers' bicycle business from 1895 to 1897. Here the Wright brothers began to manufacture their own brand of bicycles which gave the brothers the mechanical experience and financial resources to begin their experiments into powered human flight. Then we'll head out of town to the Huffman Prairie Flying Field and it's Interpretive Center. We'll learn about the Wright brothers'

development of the world's first practical airplane at Huffman Prairie in 1904 and 1905, their flying school that started in 1910, and the accomplishments of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The flying field is the historic site where the Wright's developed the world's first practical airplane as well as replicas of their 1905 hangar and launching catapult. Its located within the Wright Patterson Air Force Base, with a separate entrance and fencing between it and an adjacent runway and other modern base facilities. We'll continue south to Middletown, OH for our overnight stay. (B, L)

#### Day 3 Waynesboro, VA

This morning we'll head to Charleston, the capitol of West Virginia. Upon arrival, we'll tour the Beckley Coal Mine and head underground with an experienced coal miner in a "man car." Afterwards, we'll continue to Waynesboro, VA, a designated community on the Appalachian Trail. (B)

#### Day 4 Norfolk, VA

This morning our travels will take us south through Virginia. We'll stop in



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Wright Brothers National Memorial

Charlottesville to visit Thomas Jefferson's Monticello. Learn about one of the most studied and documented slave plantations in the world. Included in our tour is the grounds, gardens, recreated and original dwellings and slave quarters. We will also experience the stories of those whose labor created this profound place. Lunch will be included this afternoon at Michie Tavern, a historic landmark where we'll experience the Tavern's past through a historical journey which recreates 18th-century tavern life. The afternoon will be spent traveling to our final destination of the day, Norfolk, a 400-year-old port city and home to the largest naval base in the world. Unpack your bags because we are here for 2 nights! Tonight, enjoy an included dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 5 Norfolk, VA**

This morning we'll begin with a tour of the Norfolk Naval Base, which houses the largest concentration of U.S. Navy forces. Our tour is conducted by naval personnel and we'll see aircraft carriers, destroyers, amphibious assault ships and one of the busiest airfields in the country. The tour also features historic homes from the 1907 Jamestown Exposition. Next on our agenda we'll board the Victory Rover to cruise the smooth waters of the Elizabeth River and Hampton Roads Harbor. We'll cruise past Old Fort Norfolk, Downtown Norfolk and Portsmouth, the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth Marine Terminal, Craney Island Fuel Depot, Norfolk Southern Coal Piers, Norfolk Naval Station and much more! During the cruise we will also see a large amount of harbor traffic including tugboats, barges, yachts and commercial ships. Our cruise includes an included boxed lunch. We'll next tour the USS Wisconsin for a self-guided tour of the battleship, one of the largest and last battleships built by the U.S. Navy. You are free to walk her teak decks, stand beneath her towering 16" guns, and experience what it was like living on board as a sailor. You will also have the chance to go inside Nauticus and explore hands-on exhibits, a new 3D theater, shark tank and touch tanks, aquariums, and more! (B, L)

#### **Day 6 Kill Devil Hills, NC**

We head south into North Carolina to the Outerbanks, barrier islands off the coast of North Carolina, separating the

Atlantic Ocean from the mainland. Our first adventure of the day is a Wild Horse Hummer Tour. Feel the ocean breeze and taste the salty beach air as we cruise the Outer Banks beaches in a open air Hummer with a guide in search of the Colonial Spanish Mustangs. After our tour we'll head to Kill Devil Hills where we'll enjoy an included dinner at a local restaurant before checking into our hotel for the next three nights. Our resort is located right on the ocean, steps away from the beach! (B, D)

#### **Day 7 Kill Devil Hills, NC**

This morning we'll visit Roanoke Island and explore the Elizabeth II sailing ship; relive life of a 16th century settler at the Settlement Site; learn about 400 years of Outer Banks history in the Roanoke Adventure Museum and other fun attractions. We'll let you have free time for lunch on your own and to explore at the Waterfront Marina in Manteo before heading to the Elizabethan Gardens, home to hundreds of species of native plants and wildlife, as well as rare and treasure varieties from all over the world. It's located in Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, which we'll make a stop at the Visitor Center before heading back to our hotel for the night. (B)

#### **Day 8 Kill Devil Hills, NC**

Visit the Wright Brothers National Memorial to stand at the take-off spot of the first successful airplane flight. Then it's time to explore the beach, we'll travel the Outerbanks National Scenic Byway to Hatteras seeing Cape Hatteras National Seashore and the Chicamacomico Lifesaving Station along the way. Upon arrival in Hatteras we'll board a ferry to Ocracoke Island. An enchanted island with pristine beaches, a historic maritime village, a working waterfront, unique shops and more. You have the whole afternoon here to have lunch and explore the island on your own. (B)

#### **Day 9 Bermuda Run, NC**

Skirting across North Carolina today we'll stop in Yadkinville, North Carolina to visit the Shallowford Farms Popcorn Factory. We'll go inside the factory to see production and outside to see the agricultural facilities. Learn about Shallowford's "farm-to-table" experience through observing local agriculture, popping popcorn, and manufacturing.

A complimentary bag of popcorn is provided at end of tour. We'll continue up the road to our overnight destination, Bermuda Run, North Carolina. (B)

#### **Day 10 Nashville, TN**

We continue our trek back towards home. We'll travel as far as Nashville, "Music City USA." We'll do a backstage tour of the Grand Ole Opry and learn about what happens behind the scenes. Then it's dinner time! Dinner is included at the Santa Fe Cattle Co. prior to seeing the performance of the Opry County Classics at the Ryman Auditorium. (B, D)

#### **Day 11 Schaumburg, IL**

Our travels take us into Kentucky and across Indiana and into Illinois to our home for the evening in Schaumburg, a suburb of Chicago. (B)

#### **Day 12 Home**

We'll arrive home today. We'll spend the day remembering all of the fun we had on our tour down to Virginia and North Carolina. (B)



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