

MILITARY & HISTORY TOUR

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

By land, air and sea, here in Virginia Beach you're close enough to feel the excitement of days gone by. As home to thousands of sailors and airmen through the years, our shores have long inspired heroism and these adventures take you up close and personal with their bravery.

Day 1 | Salty Seaside Stories

PM – Experience the **Old Coast Guard Station** through the *Surfman Chronicles* for tales of shipwrecks long ago. Have a special evening of dinner entertainment at **Waterman's Surfside Grille**. Invite the **Doorway Singers** for "Liberty Call," a musical trip back to the 1940's, while enjoying a breathtaking view of the Atlantic Ocean.

Day 2 | Lighthouses and Battleships

AM – After breakfast in your hotel, pick up your step-on guide for a view of area history including **Fort Story** and the **Cape Henry Lighthouses**, the oldest government-built lighthouse in America.

PM – Head to Norfolk to visit the **USS Wisconsin**, the last and largest battleship built by the U.S. Navy. Take a stroll through **Nauticus**, an interactive maritime science center, and visit the **MacArthur Memorial**, the final resting place of Five-Star General Douglas MacArthur. On your way back to the beach, stop for dinner at **Town Center** and enjoy a microbrewery lesson at **Gordon Biersch** or Irish fare at **Keagan's**. Save room for sweets at **The Royal Chocolate**.

Day 3 | Historic Homes and the Sound of Freedom

AM – After breakfast at **Mary's**, a local favorite for over 40 years, tour the **Adam Thoroughgood House**, a National Historic Landmark built in 1719. Pay a visit to the **Francis Land House** or **Lynnhaven House** for a look at plantation life in the early 18th Century. Then it's back to the present for *The Sound of Freedom* at **Naval Air Station Oceana**, home to the Navy's most sophisticated aircraft.

PM – Take an afternoon walk on the **Virginia Beach Boardwalk** and be sure to stop at the **Naval Aviation Monument Park**, honoring our rich naval aviation heritage. To see amazing WWI and WWII aircraft firsthand, head over to the **Military Aviation Museum** for *SwingTime in the Skies*, a tour and dinner with high-flying songs and entertainment.

Day 4 | Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel

AM – After a breakfast of fluffy pancakes at **Pocahontas Pancake House & Waffle Shop**, make your way to the **Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum**. This beach cottage was built in 1895 and is the oldest remaining structure on the oceanfront. On your way back home stop at the **Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel**, one of the seven engineering wonders of the modern world. Enjoy a shopping spree at **Virginia's Originals** and lunch in the middle of the Bay at the **Chesapeake Grill**.