

Virginia Beach Heritage & USO Tour

Sun.-Fri., October 14-19

Tour Includes

5 Nights Hotel Accommodations including 3 nights at beachfront resort in Virginia Beach

Tour of Monticello – Thomas Jefferson’s Home

Visit to Colonial Williamsburg

Ride on Scenic Cass Railroad

Special USO Tours in the Virginia Beach area

Lunch cruise on the Spirit of Norfolk

3 Shows

-Jersey Nights – the story of the Jersey Boys

-The Sinatra Legacy – Tribute to the music of Frank Sinatra

- King Neptune’s USO Show featuring the Glenn Miller AAF Band

Meals: 5-Breakfast, 2 lunches & 3-Dinners

Motorcoach Transportation and Sightseeing per Itinerary



Sunday, October 14

6:30 - 8:00 AM Approximate time to depart depending upon pickup location. Final itinerary with exact pickup times and locations will be sent to you approximately 30 days prior to trip departure.

11:00 AM Arrive at Bob Evans Farm Festival. *Entertainment, one-of-a-kind handmade arts and crafts, farm contests, delicious local food, demonstrations and musical performances!*
Lunch on your own at Festival.

4:30 PM Arrive at Tamarack for dinner on your own. *TAMARACK: The Best of West Virginia is the nation’s first showcase of handcrafts, fine art and regional cuisine. It comprises a warmly decorated retail store, working studios for resident artisans, a fine art gallery, a theater, and A Taste of West Virginia food court, managed by The Greenbrier Resort.*

8:30 pm Check into hotel in Staunton, VA. Rest of evening is free

Monday, October 15

7:00 AM Enjoy a buffet breakfast at our hotel this morning prior to checking out. Baggage handling is included.

8:00 AM Board motorcoach and depart.

9:00 AM Arrive in Charlottesville, VA at Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello. *The house is a remarkable integration of classical architecture and modern innovation designed by Jefferson and built on the mountain top where he had played as a boy. Mr. Jefferson named his home Monticello, meaning Little Mountain and always used the Italian pronunciation of Monticello (mon-ti-chel-oh). We’ll also visit the spectacular Gardens and Mulberry Row, the plantation “street” along which Monticello slaves lived and labored.*

- *Tour the Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center and Smith Education Center. The Visitor Center is built around an open courtyard with fountain that upon opening visitors immediately began tossing Jefferson nickels in to. The green energy saving buildings includes galleries, educational facilities, theatre, gift shop, and a great café with indoor and outdoor seating. Mr. Jefferson would be proud!*
- Enjoy lunch on your own today at the Visitor Center.

4:30 PM Arrive at your oceanfront Virginia Beach hotel (The Cavalier or Ocean Beach Club).

6:00 PM Enjoy a *Virginia is for Lovers* Welcome Dinner at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. Buffet includes a great selection of Farm to Table traditional Virginia foods. After dinner a music tribute — *New Jersey Nights*, the story of The Jersey Boys.

Meals: B,D

Tuesday, October 16

8:15 AM Enjoy breakfast this morning at the hotel.

9:15 AM Depart.

10:00 AM Tour the Norfolk Naval Station. *This is homeport to more than 80 ships of the Atlantic Fleet, and the world’s largest naval installation. Narrated guided bus tours pass by Atlantic Fleet training centers, aircraft carriers, cruisers and destroyers, amphibious assault vessels and sleek submarines. A strip of preserved*

historic homes from the 1907 Jamestown Exposition is included on the 45-minute tour. Tours are year round, and leave from the Naval Station Tour Office and The Waterside. The Naval Stations Security Policy is: Motor coaches carrying/storing luggage on the coach will be denied access to the Naval Station. Do not carry sharp objects onto the Naval Station. All bags, purses, etc. are subject to search.

12:00 PM

Cruise aboard the Spirit of Norfolk and enjoy a buffet lunch. Since 1978, the Spirit of Norfolk has delivered a vibrant and unique combination of dining, dancing, entertainment and breathtaking views of Norfolk harbor and the Navy's Atlantic Fleet.

2:00 PM

Upon disembarking the cruise, tour the Nauticus, *The National Maritime Center*, an exciting science and technology center exploring the power of the sea. This high-tech, virtual reality "museum" allows visitors to explore the rich life of the ocean realm, human uses of the sea through shipping and the role the port of Hampton Roads has played in world maritime affairs. You'll be astounded at the effects of the "Living Sea" film, a movie that takes you into the world of the Oceans! See humpback whales, golden jellyfish, and much more!

- Visit the Battleship USS Wisconsin, one of the largest Battleships ever built. This mighty ship was used during the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, and the Gulf War.



5:00 PM

Arrive back at your hotel to relax.

6:00 PM

Enjoy a candlelight seafood buffet this evening in the Cavalier Hotel's Ocean Front Ballroom where the Big Bands of the 30s, 40s, and 50s played on Saturday nights. As dinner concludes the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra takes the stage and performs a couple of numbers to warm of the audience for our headline event: **The Sinatra Legacy**, a special tribute to the music of Frank Sinatra. *The Cabaret Ballroom dance floor is open. Swing and two-step with your partner to the tunes of Come Fly With Me, The Lady is a Tramp, I've Got You Under My Skin, Mack the Knife, Fly Me to the Moon, My Way, and more. Coincidence makes this evening even more interesting, not only because Frank Sinatra played the Cavalier Ballroom, but because Frank had his own version of our event's theme song, Thanks for the Memories.*

Meals: B, L, D

Wednesday, October 17

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel this morning.

8:30 AM

Depart.

9:00 AM

Visit Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center (formerly the Virginia Marine Science Museum). One of the top marine science museums in the country, Virginia's largest aquarium recently tripled in size. Become immersed in Virginia's marine environment through live animal habitats, interactive exhibits. Exhibits include a 300,000-gallon ocean aquarium housing sharks and other large fish, a 70,000-gallon sea turtle aquarium, outdoor harbor seal and river otter habitats, a salt marsh preserve and trail system, a decoy carver, sting ray touch tank, the Chesapeake Bay touch tank and aquarium, and "Reptiles: *The Beautiful and the Deadly*

11:30 PM

Enjoy free time and lunch on own at the boardwalk in Virginia Beach. *In addition to the many oceanfront hotels and restaurant that line the Boardwalk, there are upscale shops and street-style vendors, amusement areas, historic museums, an array of sculptures and monuments, a traditional fishing pier, live outdoor entertainment stages and much more. Explore some of the fun and interesting things to see and do!!*

3:00 PM

Arrive at the Virginia Beach Military Aviation Museum to visit hangers filled with more than 65 military aircraft from WWI to WWII.

- Next we'll take our bleacher seats by the airfield for *Swing Time in the Skies*. The show begins with an open-top English Double Decker Bus with "Bob Hope, the Andrews Sisters, and the entire Glenn Miller Band" in WWII uniform waving from the top deck. Our celebrities and musicians join the audience for *Swing Time in the Skies Air-Show*, featuring narration on historic planes and music of the era with flyovers of both Tri-planes and Bi-planes.
- After the show enjoy a Southern Style Cookout in the hanger.



6:30 PM

This evening we head to the Sandler Center Performance Hall for King Neptune's USO Show. *The event begins with a welcome and a ceremonial Big Check Presentation by Bob Hope, TAP Partners and The Virginia Beach CVB to the officers of the USO. Continue with the nostalgic comedy of Bob Hope, the harmony of the incomparable Andrew Sisters, and a 14-piece orchestra that is a tribute to the greatest military band of all time: The Glenn Miller AAF Band. Song include: Thanks for the Memories, Boogie*

Woogie Bugle Boy, In the Mood, Moonlight Serenade, the Army Air Corps Song, and many more. This evening is a tribute to the performers who, more than any others entertained America's Troops while overseas.

9:00 PM Return to the hotel for the night.
Meals: B, D

Thursday, October 18

7:00 AM Enjoy breakfast this morning prior to checking out. Baggage handling is included.

8:00 AM Depart.

9:30 AM Meet GUIDES and begin tour of Colonial Williamsburg. *Enjoy a four-hour sampling admission ticket to the exhibition buildings, colonial trade shops, and colonial homes of the Historic Area. Virginia's restored 18th Century Capitol showcases a variety of restored and reconstructed homes and public buildings, museums, craft shops, taverns and special entertainment in its 173-acre historic area.*

Noon Guides drop and enjoy free time.

1:00 PM Enjoy a lunch today in a Colonial Tavern –Fine dining in the heart of historic Colonial Williamsburg. *Shopkeepers of the era stocked the latest British cookbooks for “pleasing the palates of those who have the nicest taste”. These recipes inspire food served in the taverns.*

2:00 PM Board motorcoach and depart.

Enjoy dinner on your own this evening en route.

8:30 PM Arrive in Staunton, VA and check-into hotel
Meals: B, L

Friday, October 19

6:00 AM Enjoy a buffet breakfast at your hotel this morning before check out. Baggage handling is included.

7:00 AM Depart.

8:45 AM Arrive in Green Bank, West Virginia at The National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO). *We'll tour the national facility devoted to radio astronomy, and home to the world's largest fully steerable radio telescope - the Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope. Nestled in the West Virginia mountains, this technological marvel rises from the valley floor to a height of 485 feet, weighs 17 million pounds and sports a reflector 2.3 acres in area. Astronomers from around the world use the Green Bank Telescope to investigate the cosmos.*

10:00 AM Board motorcoach and depart.

10:30 AM All Aboard! Nestled in the mountains of West Virginia, Cass Scenic Railroad State Park offers excursions that transport you back in time to relive an era when steam-driven locomotives were an essential part of everyday life. *Trips to Cass are filled with rich histories of the past, unparalleled views of a vast wilderness area, and close-up encounters with the sights and sounds of original steam-driven locomotives. We will stop at Whittaker Station where you have the opportunity to leave the train and enjoy a breathtaking view of a vast wilderness area. Visitors can rest, eat lunch, and take a tour of the authentic logging camp recreated by the volunteers of the Mountain State Railroad & Logging Historical Association. Volunteers with the Mountain State Railroad & Logging Historical Association are restoring historic logging equipment at Whittaker Station. This is part of the Whittaker Camp One exhibit, a recreated logging camp of the 1940's which shows both the living quarters and the tools of the loggers. The centerpiece of Camp One is a Lidgerwood tower skidder, one of only two examples left in the world. These huge railcar-mounted machines carried logs out of the woods on aerial cables high in the air and for distances up to 3,000 feet.*

Box lunch included on the train

1:00 PM Disembark the train, board motorcoach and depart.

Enjoy dinner on your own en route.

8:30- 9:30 PM Approximate time to return home depending upon pickup location.
Meals: B, L

	Single	Double	Triple	Quad
Cost per person	\$1498	\$1187	\$1123	\$1083
Optional Travel Insurance	\$ 70	\$ 70	\$ 70	\$ 70

REGISTRATION DEADLINE 8/8/12

\$200 per person deposit

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