

VIRGINIA: HEART OF AMERICAN HERITAGE

April 13-19, 2026

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Virginia State Capitol
- Edgar Allan Poe Museum
- Maymont Mansion
- Richmond Ghost Tour
- White House of Confederacy
- American Civil War Museum
- St. John's Church
- Nauticus
- Dolphin-Watching Tour
- Military Aviation Museum
- Chrysler Museum of Art
- Virginia International Tattoo
Hullabaloo
- Parade of Nations
- Cocktail-Making Class



A \$500 deposit per person is required with your registration form in order to reserve your spot.

**FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE:
JANUARY 5, 2026**

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TOUR PRICING*

**\$3,515 per person, double occupancy
with insurance: \$3,821**

**\$4,120 per person, single occupancy
with insurance: \$4,567**

*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.



Maymont Mansion

Courtesy of Richmond Region Tourism



Edgar Allan Poe Museum

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American Civil War Museum

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St. John's Church

VIRGINIA ITINERARY

DAY 1 MONDAY, APRIL 13

RICHMOND

(D)

Today, we transfer to the airport for our flight to Virginia, a state woven into the very fabric of America's founding story. Upon arrival in **Richmond**, our comfortable motorcoach will be waiting to take us to the hotel. After settling in, we'll come together for a delightful welcome dinner.

DAY 2 TUESDAY, APRIL 14

RICHMOND

(B, D)

Following breakfast, our day begins with a **guided tour of the Virginia State Capitol**, a striking landmark designed by Thomas Jefferson and completed in 1788. As one of the oldest functioning legislative buildings in the country, the Capitol offers a rich glimpse into American democracy with its grand rotunda, historic chambers, and beautifully manicured grounds. Our journey through Richmond's history continues with a visit to the **Edgar Allan Poe Museum**, located in the city's oldest standing structure—the Old Stone House. Here, explore a fascinating collection of Poe artifacts, including his childhood bed, engagement ring, and even a piece of his original coffin, while learning about the mastermind and his ties to Richmond. After some free time to enjoy lunch on our own, we'll head to the stately **Maymont Mansion**. Built in 1893 by James and Sallie Dooley, this lavish estate showcases thirty-three exquisitely decorated rooms in Romanesque Revival and Queen Anne styles. Alongside its opulent interiors, the mansion also highlights the lives of the domestic staff during the Jim Crow era, adding a meaningful layer of social history. This evening, gather for a group dinner before embarking on a **thrilling ghost tour of Richmond**. With a spooky step-on guide leading the way, we'll hear chilling tales as we pass through some of the city's most haunted districts, from eerie Court End and Shockoe Bottom to the shadowy corners of Capitol Hill, each with its own tale of restless spirits and lingering legends.

DAY 3 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

VIRGINIA BEACH

(B, L)

Today's adventure takes us to the **White House of the Confederacy**, once home to Confederate President Jefferson Davis and his family during the Civil War. Filled with authentic period furnishings and personal artifacts, the mansion offers a powerful glimpse into life during this defining era. Continue to the neighboring **American Civil War Museum**, located beside the former Tredegar Iron Works, which once produced cannons for the Confederacy. The museum's chronological and immersive exhibits present a nuanced view of the war's many phases, providing a deeper understanding of the conflict from multiple perspectives. After a group lunch, we make our way to the historic **St. John's Church**, the site where Patrick Henry delivered his iconic "Give me liberty, or give me death!" speech. A guided tour sets the stage for a stirring **one-man show**, with a skilled actor bringing Henry's revolutionary passion to life. From there, board the motorcoach and head to **Virginia Beach**. After checking in, enjoy the evening at your leisure with the beach and boardwalk just steps away.

ACCOMMODATIONS

- 2 Nights - Richmond, VA - Fairfield by Marriott-Ashland
- 4 Nights - Virginia Beach, VA - Holiday Inn & Express Suites Virginia Beach

DAY 4 THURSDAY, APRIL 16**VIRGINIA BEACH (B, L)**

After breakfast, we'll travel to Norfolk for a visit to the **Nauticus**, a vibrant waterfront museum located in the heart of downtown. One of the museum's standout attractions is the **Battleship Wisconsin**, one of the largest battleships ever built, which you may have the opportunity to board and explore (*subject to availability*). The morning continues with a visit to the beloved **Doumar's Cones & Barbecue**, where the original waffle cone was born and still crafted on a century-old machine. Savor a nostalgic group lunch here before returning to Virginia Beach for an **exciting dolphin-watching cruise aboard the Atlantic Explorer**. This guided boat tour offers the chance to spot playful bottlenose dolphins, seabirds, and other marine life while learning about the coastal ecosystem from local experts. The evening is yours to relax and enjoy at your leisure.

*Dolphin-Watching Cruise***DAY 5 FRIDAY, APRIL 17****VIRGINIA BEACH (B, L)**

This morning, we'll tour the **Military Aviation Museum**. With over seventy planes from the World War I and II eras, the museum offers a fascinating look at the evolution of military aviation. After exploring this impressive collection, indulge in a boxed lunch provided on-site before traveling to Norfolk. There, discover the **Chrysler Museum of Art**, where more than 30,000 works span over 5,000 years of artistic achievement. Enjoy some free time along Norfolk's waterfront before heading to the Norfolk Scope Arena for the **Virginia International Tattoo Hullabaloo**, a lively pre-show event filled with music, dance, drills, and drumming exhibitions. After delighting in dinner on our own, we'll take our seat for the **Virginia International Tattoo**, a breathtaking spectacle featuring more than 800 performers from seven nations. This unforgettable performance blends stirring music, military precision, and heartfelt tributes to honor those who have served, celebrating the spirit of freedom through generations of sacrifice and service (*subject to availability*).

*Virginia International Tattoo***DAY 6 SATURDAY, APRIL 18****VIRGINIA BEACH (B, D)**

Our day starts with a drive to Norfolk for the lively **Parade of Nations**, a colorful celebration featuring over 100 parade units. After lunch on our own, it's time to shake things up with a **cocktail-making class at Waterman Spirits**. Learn how to craft unique coastal-inspired drinks under the guidance of a pro, then toast to your creation with a well-earned taste. The group will be split into two, so while waiting for your class, take a stroll down the **Virginia Beach Boardwalk**. We'll cap off the day with a memorable farewell dinner.

*Military Aviation Museum***DAY 7 SUNDAY, APRIL 19****HOME (B)**

After breakfast, we'll transfer to the airport for our flight home.

*Virginia Beach Boardwalk*

INCLUSIONS

- Round-Trip Airport Transfers
- Round-Trip Air to Richmond & Return From Norfolk
- Private Motorcoach Transportation While in Virginia
- 6 Nights' Accommodations
- 12 Meals (6 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 3 Dinners)
- Admission to Attractions as Stated on Itinerary
- Porter Service of One Bag Per Person at Hotels When Available
- Taxes & Gratuities for Included Services
- Star Destinations Tour Manager

WHERE TO?



Activity Level: Moderate

Balanced blend of activity and relaxation with walks or stands of 60-90 minutes, occasional stairs, and daily walks of two to three miles.

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