



The Golden Glow of Christmas Past ✧ 41ST ANNUAL CONVENTION



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TOURS WERE SELECTED to give you a flavor of the city of Norfolk and its history and a unique element not available when visiting on your own.

EXCURSION NO. 1

Welcome to Norfolk Guided City Tour

Sunday, July 11 ✧ 9am–12:30pm

Monday, July 12 ✧ 1:30–5pm

A TOUR OF Naval Station Norfolk—the largest naval installation in the world. Homeport to 59 ships, ranging in size from aircraft carriers to submarines, 18 aircraft squadrons and headquarters of the Atlantic Fleet, this naval complex occupies over 8,000 acres of land and is home to more than 70,000 military personnel. A Navy personnel will board the motor coach and take you past 14 piers, through the Naval Air Station, and the historic homes built for the 1907 Jamestown Exposition on “Admiral’s Row” which now house the naval flag officers.

Then, get to know Norfolk and learn about the unique attractions that showcase the area, starting with a riding tour through the lovely historic district and restored areas. Learn about Norfolk’s colorful history of over three centuries as you view the stately homes along the Hague, old St. Paul’s Church, the Moses Myers House, the Chrysler Museum of Art, MacArthur Memorial, the historic Freemason District, Nauticus, a maritime center, the Battleship USS Wisconsin, the restored waterfront area, as well many other points of interest.

A stop at Doumar’s, home of the world’s first ice cream cone machine. Abe Doumar created the first ice cream cone at the World’s Fair of 1904 in St. Louis. It was so successful that he designed a four-iron waffle machine that he launched during the Jamestown Exposition of 1907. Today, the family business still bakes cones using the same original cone machine. While at Doumar’s, guests will be given an introduction and history and everyone will be treated to an ice cream cone.





EXCURSION NO. 2

The Chrysler Museum: Glass Blowing and Exploring

1 Memorial Place • Norfolk, Virginia

Sunday, July 11 ✱ 1:45–5pm

Tuesday, July 13 ✱ 1:45–5pm

EXPLORE THE CHRYSLER MUSEUM OF ART and its adjacent Glass Studio for a unique guest experience. Hailed as one of the top 20 art museums in the country by the *Wall Street Journal*, the Chrysler Museum's encyclopedic collection of over 30,000 objects—paintings, photography, glass, sculpture, and decorative arts—span almost 5,000 years of the history of art. The museum's collections feature works of Picasso, Warhol, Dali, Degas, Matisse, Cezanne, Rodin, and Renoir. Guests will also have the opportunity to create their own Christmas ornament in the Glass Studio and bring it home!

EXCURSION NO. 3

Visit to Colonial Williamsburg

101 Visitor Center Drive • Williamsburg, Virginia

Sunday, July 11 ✱ 8:30am–4:30pm

DEPART VIA MOTOR COACH for the charming town of Colonial Williamsburg. The tour guide will provide interesting and informative narration during the ride about the historic Virginia Peninsula and the Coastal Virginia area. Experience a half-day touring this living museum, with admission ticket providing entry into the many exhibition buildings, including the Capitol and the Governor's Palace. Tour historic homes, public buildings, and 18th century craft shops where costumed hosts recreate the sights and sounds of America 200 years ago.

Guests will also have time to shop and browse in the many unique specialty shops in Merchants Square. High quality apparel, gifts, jewelry, beautiful furniture, and holiday decorations are but a few of the offerings found in this quaint, picturesque shopping area. Guests may enjoy lunch on their own in one of the Colonial Taverns or in Merchants Square. The tour guide will point out all of the dining options as they pass through Williamsburg.

Enroute back to Norfolk, travel via picturesque Colonial Parkway as the colonists did hundreds of years ago. See the quaint town of Yorktown and pass by the historic revolutionary war battlefields.



EXCURSION NO. 4

Norfolk Botanical Gardens

6700 Azalea Garden Road • Norfolk, Virginia

Sunday, July 11 * 1–4pm

BOARD THE MOTOR COACH with your tour guide and visit the Norfolk Botanical Garden in full bloom. This Norfolk gem dates back to 1938 and is considered a premiere example of horticultural excellence. The Garden represents 175-acres of colored landscapes, unusual flowers, mature forests, and seasonal plantings, and features one of the largest collections of azaleas, camellias, roses, and rhododendrons on the East Coast. The Garden is home to 52 distinctive themed gardens, 95 species of birds, and 30 kinds of butterflies.

Enjoy viewing the garden via a relaxing trackless train ride. Guests may also spend time browsing in the Garden Gift Shop which specializes in unique gifts and gardening books.

EXCURSION NO. 5

The Attucks Theater and Local History

1010 Church Street • Norfolk, Virginia

Monday, July 12 * 1:30–4:30pm

Tuesday, July 13 * 1:30–4:30pm

VISIT THE ATTUCKS THEATER, built in 1919 and the nation's oldest theater designed, developed, financed, and operated entirely by African-Americans. Named for the first man killed in the American Revolution, the Attucks Theater has been fully restored to its original glory as a performing arts theater. While there, guests will hear from a local expert on the history and significance of the theater. Once back aboard the motor coach, your tour guide will point out additional points of interest around the area's rich African-American history, including Elmwood Cemetery and the Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial.

Then, guests will be treated to a sweet treat with a stop at Doumar's, home of the world's first ice cream cone machine. Abe Doumar created the first ice cream cone at the World's Fair of 1904 in St. Louis. It was so successful that he designed a four-iron waffle machine that he launched during the Jamestown Exposition of 1907. Today, the family business still bakes cones on the original cone machine. While at Doumar's, guests will be given an introduction and history and everyone will be treated to an ice cream cone.



EXCURSION NO. 6

Air and Space Museum and Hampton, Virginia History

600 Settlers Landing Road • Hampton, Virginia

Monday, July 12 ✱ 9am–1pm

TOUR THE VIRGINIA AIR AND SPACE CENTER, the official visitor center for NASA Langley Research Center, located in charming downtown Hampton, the birthplace of America's space program. The Center features dozens of interactive exhibits, suspended aircraft, the space gallery, a premiere interactive aviation gallery that spans 100 years of flight, and historical displays of Hampton Roads. Enjoy an exciting movie in the 300 seat IMAX Theater and shop for unique gifts in the Museum Shop. Then, explore the nearby Hampton History Museum, where a museum educator will connect over 400 years of local history with areas of national interest.

EXCURSION NO. 7

Military Aviation Museum

1341 Princess Anne Road • Virginia Beach, Virginia

Monday, July 12 ✱ 8:30am–12:30pm

VISIT ONE OF Virginia Beach's, most revered attractions, the Military Aviation Museum, home to one of the largest private collections of World War II and Korean War era fighters, bombers, trainers, and seaplanes in the world. Many aircraft have been fully restored to their World War II condition and are used for flight demonstration, movie production or commercials. Enjoy a guided tour of the galleries and the gift shop which is stocked with all things flight related.

EXCURSION NO. 8

Spirit of Norfolk Harbor Dinner Cruise (MEAL INCLUDED)

333 Waterside Drive • Norfolk, Virginia

Monday, July 12 ✱ 6:15–9:30pm

LEAVES THE WATERSIDE PIER AREA across from the Norfolk Marriott Waterside Hotel and travels north on the Elizabeth River, passing downtown Norfolk and moving up the river towards Norfolk Naval Base, the world's largest operational naval base and home of the Atlantic fleet. The Spirit features a top-of-the-line buffet with several hot entrees, sides, salad, rolls and butter, and dessert. During the cruise, guests will be entertained by talented staff who perform popular hits that you are sure to recognize! The interactive DJ kicks off the cruise with an energetic send off and performance. The ship has two fully enclosed, climate-controlled lower decks and open-air upper deck.