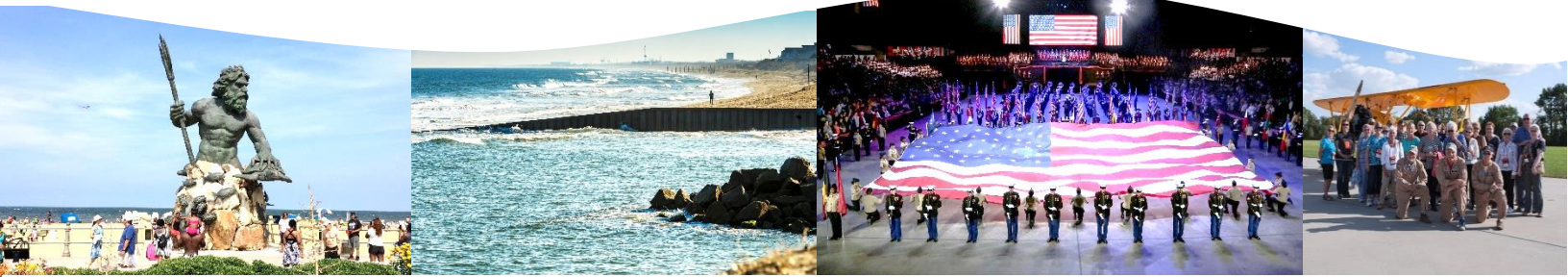




LOUDOUN COUNTY SENIOR TRIPS PROGRAM



Beaches, Boardwalks, and the Brave *featuring a Mermaid Beach Bash with The Original Rhondels and The International Military Tattoo*

3 Nights – 4 Days
April 21-24, 2024

Witness the Military Splendor of Military Drill Teams from Around the World!

Day One, Sunday, April 21, 2024

Depart the **Cascades Senior Center** for **Norfolk Virginia**. Arrive at the **Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel** for an exclusive lunch buffet with **Live entertainment** from a sample of performers from the International Tattoo. Dine in style with a delicious offering of chef's specialties including a salad, homemade entrees, fresh sides, and desserts as you enjoy this special luncheon! And now, for the show! Take your seats for the annual **International Tattoo** from your **premium reserved seats**. A spectacle of military splendor – part parade, part theater, and sometimes, part circus, the International Tattoo features bands, military drill teams, and more! This evening, check-in to your waterfront accommodations at the **Holiday Inn & Suites Virginia Beach – North Beach** and relax with a free night to partake in the amenities of the hotel, explore the boardwalk, enjoy **dinner on your own**, or stroll along the beach and dip your toe in the sand! **(Meals: L)**

Day Two, Monday, April 22, 2024

At the hotel this morning, enjoy your **included breakfast** at your leisure. Your day begins mid-morning with a **Tour of the Military Aviation Museum**. Take a trip back to a time when the aircraft were spectacular and learn why our heroes never let us down. See one of the largest collections of flying WWII military aircraft in the world and hear stories of contributions made by the men and women of aviation to our country. You'll dine on a **catered luncheon** in the **Navy Hangar** of the museum, complete with **Live Patriotic entertainment**. Following lunch, your experience continues with a private, **Historic Airplane Flight Demonstration!** Tourists for miles around will witness these incredible aircraft soar high in the air, but only YOU will be watching from their hangar with front row seats! Return to the hotel to rest and freshen up for another unforgettable and exclusive tonight. This evening, pull up in your luxury coach at **Grand Affairs** for the nautical themed **Mermaid Beach Bash!** The evening will begin with passed hors d'oeuvres with white glove service of scrumptious delights such as, Swedish cocktail meatballs, stuffed mushrooms, mini crab cakes, and cocktail shrimp shooters. But save room for the dinner buffet! Featuring such crowd favorites as tri-colored tortellini pesto salad, boneless breast of chicken marsala, braised bay brisket with savory gravy, herb-crusted salmon with lemon dill cream sauce, broccoli with a lemon butter sauce, parmesan mashed potatoes, and of course - an assorted dessert buffet! You'll have the opportunity to dance away some calories with a **Live performance** by **The Original Rhondels!** Enjoy outstanding vocals powerful brass, and exciting showmanship as the Rhondels perform a variety of hits, including their own. **(Meals: B, L, D)**

Day Three, Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Enjoy **breakfast** at your hotel before departing to spend the morning exploring **Nauticus, The National Maritime Center**, an exciting science and technology center highlighting 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 by the special effects of the “*Living Sea*” film, a movie taking you into the world of the Oceans! See humpback whales, golden jellyfish, and much more. Discover the Battleship *USS Wisconsin*, one of the largest Battleships ever built, the mighty ship was used during the Korean Conflict and the Gulf War. While visiting, don’t forget to tour the **Hampton Roads Naval Museum**. The museum’s mission is to study and interpret the history of the U.S. Navy in Hampton Roads. The museum oversees the day-to-day management and historic interpretation of the Battleship *Wisconsin*. Depart for **free time and lunch on own** at the **Waterside Marketplace**. Poised at the mouth of the Elizabeth River on Norfolk’s downtown waterfront, The Waterside District houses major restaurants such as *Guy Fieri’s Smokehouse*, *Rappahannock Oyster Company*, *Cogan’s Pizza*, *The Fudgery*, *Blue Moon Taphouse* and much more. A \$40 million overhaul and rebranding of Norfolk’s iconic Waterside Festival Marketplace allows visitors to enjoy national and local brands and concepts in an atmosphere that integrates the downtown with its waterfront. Later, visit the **Douglas MacArthur Memorial**, a museum and research center dedicated to preserving and presenting the story of the life of General of the Army, Douglas MacArthur. The Memorial also pays tribute to the millions of men and women who served with General MacArthur in World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. The Memorial consists of a museum, archive and research center, education center, theater, welcome center, and a gift shop. A visit to the Memorial will allow you to explore the life of one of America’s greatest and most complex leaders. Explore the **Chrysler Museum of Art** and experience over fifty galleries, a growing collection of more than 30,000 objects, interactive spaces, and the only glass studio of its kind in the Mid-Atlantic region. Return to your hotel and delight with a relaxing free evening on the beach for **dinner on own**; a **photo opportunity** with **King Neptune**, a colossal 34-foot-high bronze statue that rises from the depths of the Atlantic Ocean at 31st Street & Atlantic Avenue, overlooking Neptune Park; or perhaps rent a bike and bike along the boardwalk, or pick up some famous, fresh-made **Salt-water Taffy** – the night is free to customize as you please and retire to your room at your leisure. (Meals: B)

Day Four, Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Enjoy **breakfast included** at the hotel this morning, prior to **checking-out**. Embark on a **Group Tram Tour** of the **Norfolk Botanical Gardens** and enjoy strolling along one of the largest collections of azaleas, camellias, and rhododendrons on the East Coast. See the 155-acre garden with canal boats, trackless train tours, 12 miles of pathways, and specialty themed gardens. Make one last stop to visit the **Mariner’s Museum** in Newport News, for a guided tour and movie at *Explorers Theater*. Pieces and remains of the ironclad USS Monitor anchor this extensive museum exploring global maritime history. The museum seeks to connect people to the world’s waters. (Meals: B, L)

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$ 1420 Member / \$ 1465 Non-Member

SINGLE OCCUPANCY: \$ 1772 Member / \$ 1817 Non-Member

Trip # 946627

Payable in 4 Installments

Tour Includes:

- Round-trip transportation to and from the Cascades Senior Center,
- Three (3) Nights’ Beachfront Hotel Accommodation + baggage handling,
- 3 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 1 Dinner (Mermaid Beach Bash Gala),
- Premium reserved seats for the International Tattoo,
- Private Luncheon in the Navy Hangar & Historic Aircraft Flight Demonstration,
- Admissions and guide services as stated in the Itinerary.
- Gratuities for driver and guides

Fees are non-refundable, although a refund minus a 25% administrative fee may be issued if seat is resold. Purchase of Travel Insurance is recommended.

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