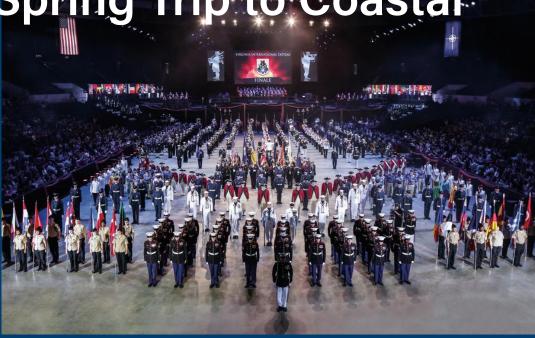
# **WMPC Spring Trip to Coastal** Virginia

April 28 – May 1, 2020

White Memorial Senior Adults, Keenagers & Friends



Our exciting 2020 trip is to the beautiful and patriotic city of Norfolk, and the historic and picturesque Eastern Shore of Virginia. A highlight of the trip is the Virginia International Tattoo on Thursday evening. Listed below are some of the details of our sightseeing in this popular destination. We hope you will join us on this fun trip.

## Luncheon Cruise of Hampton Roads Harbor

Aboard the Spirit of Norfolk we will feast on a sumptuous buffet and enjoy a narrated cruise along the Norfolk waterfront and the Norfolk Naval Base. We will see many fascinating sights including mighty aircraft carriers, nuclear submarines, the Battleship Wisconsin and Old Fort Norfolk.

# **Norfolk Botanical Gardens**

One of the largest collections of azaleas, camellias, roses, and rhododendrons on the East Coast is located at these beautiful gardens. We will take a trackless train ride through the colorful landscapes and themed gardens. We will allow time for you to explore the many blooms, butterflies, and birds, as well as visit the extensive gift shop.

# **Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel and Eastern Shore**

We will enjoy a scenic drive across one of the seven engineering wonders of the modern world as we listen to historical commentary along the 23 mile masterpiece linking Virginia Beach and the Eastern Shore. We will step back in time as we visit charming towns, shop for "made in Virginia" items in quaint shops, view the beautiful marshlands while lunching on the waterfront, and cap off our visit to the barrier islands with a wine tasting at a local vineyard.



## **Cherrystone Aqua Farms**

We will explore a piece of Chesapeake Bay heritage and take a hands-on tour to view oysters and clams in their natural habitat and learn how they are cultivated and harvested. We will also discover the steps that local farmers are taking to protect Virginia's shellfish population. This promises to be an interesting and informative tour indeed.

## **Norfolk Sightseeing Highlights**

This jam-packed day begins with a tour of Naval Station Norfolk where we learn about the largest naval installation in the world, drive by magnificent battleships, and pass historic homes on Admiral's Row. Then we tour Norfolk's historic districts and restored areas, stopping for lunch at a renovated church which has become a local favorite. Next we visit St. Paul's Church, Norfolk's oldest standing building, with its beautiful stained glass windows and centuries old wooden pews. After a delightful stop at Doumar's, home of the world's first ice cream cone machine (created for the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair), and a delicious ice cream treat, we will visit the renown Chrysler Museum of Art with its vast collection of paintings, glass, sculpture and decorative arts.

## Hermitage Museum and Gardens

Located on the picturesque Lafayette River, this Tudor-style mansion features the extensive collection of treasured artworks from around the world. Our docent guided tour will give us a sense of the life and artistic interests of a wealthy family during the first half of the Twentieth Century.

## Virginia International Tattoo

The highlight of our trip is the Centerpiece of the Virginia Arts Festival celebration. An extravaganza of precision, the Tattoo offers an outstanding display of inspirational military music, majestic massed bagpipes and drums, show stopping drill team maneuvers, colorful and elegant dancers and much more. It is the largest spectacle of music and might in the United States of America – it features over a thousand performers from eight different countries. In the premium seating section we will see pageantry and patriotism, spirit and spectacle, talent and teamwork, precision personified.











Tour price includes: Deluxe motor coach, all tours, attractions, oceanfront hotel accommodations in Virginia Beach, four breakfasts, four lunches, three dinners, an evening of entertainment, all taxes and gratuities, (and chocolate). Depart from Dover Road Parking Lot at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 28, and return by 7 p.m. on Friday, May 1.

Tour cost for each person: Double \$830

Single \$985

Reservations with a \$200 deposit are due NOW (or until bus is full). Balance due by January 31, 2020.

Make checks payable to White Memorial Presbyterian Church marked Virginia Trip. You may mail them to Tonya Higgins at WMPC, 1704 Oberlin Road, Raleigh NC, 27608.

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