

# Holidays in Coastal Virginia

## DAY 1

PM: Norfolk's historic houses are decorated for the holidays. **The Hunter House Victorian Museum**, rich in architectural detail, displays the Hunter family's collection of furnishings and decorative pieces done up for a Victorian Christmas. **The Moses Myers House**, an elegant federal period home dating back to 1792, was built by one of Norfolk's first Jewish residents and is decorated for Hanukkah.



Dinner - Savor dinner at the historic **Omar's Carriage House**, whose original patrons were horses! Converted to a restaurant in the 1940s by Virginia Bruce Roper, Omar's is sure to please. Be sure to try the fresh jumbo lump crab cakes and potato crisp flounder while you're there.



PM: Experience Norfolk's "Garden of Lights" through the magic of the gardens, 2.5 mile twinkling light display from the comfort of your tram. Norfolk's spectacular "Garden of Lights" display features a whimsical flower theme with wisteria arbor arches, animated humming birds, a windmill, scarecrow, leaping frogs, butterflies, mushrooms and a waterfall.

## Day 2

AM: Stroll through 5,000 years of art history at the **Chrysler Museum of Art**, home to Walter Chrysler Jr.'s world-class collection of more than 30,000 pieces of art theme. Experience the art of glass with a glass blowing demonstration in their new studio!

AM: This holiday season, journey through a magical world of Christmas characters, Victorian carolers, sweet treats, shops, games and crafts. Along the way, you can enjoy photos with Father Christmas, outdoor train rides (Saturday and Sunday evenings), lively musical performances, an indoor Christmas train display, unique seasonal gifts, strolling carolers and Victorian street scenes. This walk-through holiday experience is presented in partnership with Virginia Stage Company, **Dickens' Christmas Towne** will be in the lower level of the Half Moone Cruise & Celebration Center.



Lunch - Holiday shopping and lunch is a must at **MacArthur Center** with more than 70 new-to-the-market retailers. Enjoy lunch at MacArthur's 600-seat food court or at one of its numerous sit-down restaurants. And celebrate the holidays by participating in MacArthur Center's outdoor winter carnival complete with an ice skating rink.

PM: Explore the **D'Art Center**, a visual arts center featuring 36 professional artists who, in open studios, create, display and sell an exciting mix of original art. Art classes for groups are available to make holiday ornaments or let your imagination run wild for wonderful stocking stuffers.

PM: Welcome the holiday season with a **Spirit of Norfolk Dinner Cruise**. Celebrate the holiday festivities with great food, great view from the water and great entertainment.

**Day 3**

AM: Attend a live taping of the **700 Club** at the **Christian Broadcasting Network**. After the show, enjoy a tour of the "state-of -the-art studio facility, followed by Lunch at the Swan Terrace, which is located inside the beautifully decorated **Founders Inn**.

After lunch, enjoy a riding tour of Virginia Beach for an overview of area history including the **Cape Henry Lighthouses**. Then, visit our historic homes- **Lynnhaven, Adam Thoroughgood** and **Francis Land**- all decked out for the Holidays. The last stop will be **Forbes Taffy** for a lesson in holiday taffy making. Dinner tonight will be at **Rockafellers**, a Virginia Beach favorite. After dinner, invite the **Doorway Singers** to perform a Dickens Christmas.



Take a shiny journey into nautical, holiday, and adventure lands - all along the beautiful Virginia Beach boardwalk from the comfort of your Motorcoach. Festive fish, jumping dolphins, frolicking porpoises - all in bright, colored lights against the clear night-time sky, are the stars of **McDonald's Holiday Lights at the Beach**

**Day 4**

AM: Experience the Great Create at the **Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art**, visit the current exhibit and experience a hands-on travel journal workshop.

Next stop is Sound of Freedom at **Naval Air Station Oceana**. Be sure to thank the brave men and women who help protect this great country. Enjoy a boxed lunch and experience Swingtime in the Skies at the **Military Aviation Museum**, housing one of the largest collections of flying WWI and WWII military aircraft in the world.



Stop at **Lynnhaven Mall**, the largest Mall in Coastal Virginia for an afternoon dessert reception and those important last minute gifts.



Tonight enjoy dinner at one of the many restaurants in **Town Center**, and then catch a holiday show at **The Sandler Center for the Performing Arts**. Save room for dessert at **The Royal Chocolate**.

**Day 5**

On your way home, don't forget to visit **Christmas Town at Busch Gardens**

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