

MUST SEAS

LGBTQ+ ITINERARY

Recently named among the top 10 friendliest cities in the U.S. by Condé Nast Traveler, Norfolk is a melting pot of cultures, religions and races that welcomes the LGBTQ+ community. Norfolk is home to the Hampton Roads Pride Festival each June, a 32-year-old (and counting) festival that hosts the country's only Pride boat parade. While we hope you can visit our city when it comes alive during the Pride Festival each year, there's so much more to explore.



PRIDE FESTIVAL

PrideFest has become a staple of Norfolk's festival scene for over 30 years, making our city more dynamic, diverse and distinct than ever! This vibrant festival had a humble beginning at Lakewood Park, and has now grown into one of the hottest events of the summer!

LGBTQ+ BUSINESSES

Looking to support LGBTQ+ shops while in town? Check out Velvet Witch, Kitsch or Horticulture Design Co. where you will find LGBTQ-owned Norfolk Candle Co. While the candles smell divine it's their names that catch your eye. These quirky and fun titles like, 'The Cool Aunt', 'Chosen Family' and 'Hot 4 Teacher' come from the collaboration of owner Brandon Brinley and his husband. These make for great Norfolk-specific gifts!



MJ'S TAVERN

MJ's is a cornerstone of the LGBTQ+ community since opening its doors back in 2012. This late-night tavern hosts DJs, themed parties and more!

DRAG SHOWS

Start your morning off by dressing your best for the drag queens of Norfolk. Periodically, Waterside District hosts drag brunches (and nighttime performances that take on holiday themes). These drag brunches are hosted in their upstairs venue, Harbor Club, which means sweeping views of the Elizabeth River accompany every performance.