

VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO

NORFOLK, VA



As the North American home to NATO, Norfolk celebrates Norfolk's NATO Festival and the Virginia International Tattoo with charm and pageantry every spring.

DAY ONE

Arrive in Norfolk and board **City Cruises Norfolk** which offers panoramic views of Norfolk and the Navy's Atlantic Fleet while cruising on the Elizabeth River. City Cruises Norfolk offers dinner and lunch cruises that feature an all-you-can-eat buffet and entertainment.

DAY TWO

The morning is filled with excitement at the **Parade of Nations**, featuring international floats, marching bands, and specialty units proudly on display. *Special seating is available for groups. Immediately following the parade, join in a celebration and appreciation of Norfolk's NATO Headquarters at the **NATO Fest International Village**, an outdoor festival held at **Town Point Park**. Continue exploring international heritage with cultural performances, exhibit booths, international art, cuisine, and craft beers. It's a wonderful spot for groups to enjoy lunch on their own with a beautiful view of the waterfront.

Spend the afternoon relaxing along a tree-lined riverbank at the **Hermitage Museum & Gardens**. The early 20th century historic home appears frozen in time, offering an extraordinary trip through antiquity. The museum and gardens consist of a world-wide art collection and contemporary exhibition galleries, all surrounded by twelve acres of formal gardens.

Head over the Scope Arena to kick off the night at the **Hullabaloo**, a free three-hour outdoor festival. Afterward,

experience the **Virginia International Tattoo**, a military performance with participation from eight to ten countries including all five United States military branches. See military bands from around the world take center stage in a 120-minute performance.

DAY THREE

A perfect start to the morning is a visit to the **MacArthur Memorial**, the final resting place of General Douglas MacArthur and his wife. Discover the compelling story of this five-star Army General and the millions of American men and women who served our nation during the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, the Occupation of Japan, and the Korean War.

Tour **Nauticus**, a fun and exciting maritime discovery center. Nauticus is also home to the **Hampton Roads Naval Museum** and **Battleship Wisconsin**. The Hampton Roads Naval Museum introduces over 200 years of naval history in Coastal Virginia and the Battleship Wisconsin is the largest and last battleship ever built by the U.S. Navy.

Then explore Norfolk's waterways on one of two harbor sailing cruises. Set sail on the **American Rover Sailing Cruise**, a 120-passenger tall ship offering daytime and sunset harbor cruises on the Elizabeth River. Or board the **Victory Rover Naval Base Cruise** and experience a two-hour narrated Naval Base cruise with daily departures from Nauticus.



DAY FOUR

Before you head home, be sure to visit the **Norfolk Botanical Garden**. Take a fun-filled boat ride and explore the surrounding waterways or hop aboard the tram for a narrated tour and discover a variety of plants from cultivated to wild.

UPCOMING DATE

April 24 – April 27, 2025

April 23 – April 26, 2026

PERFORMANCES

April 24 – April 27, 2025

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Thursday–Saturday 7:30p.m.

Sunday Matinee 2:30 p.m.

NATOFEST & PARADE OF NATIONS

April 26, 2025

April 25, 2026

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