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Named one of the best beer festivals by USA Today, held along Norfolk's beautiful waterfront. This beer festival will leave you seeing cross-eyed in less than 36 hours. Your head will be spinning and stomach growling for more - not from all the beer, but from all the fun and new memories that will be brewing!

**DAY
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Arrive to Norfolk around 2 P.M. and get the weekend started off right at Norfolk's Tap House Grille, with a large selection that includes hard to find beers, local favorites and old standards, and the food is amazing!

Head over for private or public sailing lessons courtesy of Sail Nauticus. Located in downtown Norfolk along the waterfront, Sail Nauticus offers a variety of classes that cater to all ages and experience levels. The center will teach you how to confidently and safely enjoy an afternoon out on the water. Not a water bug? Then take an adventure by air with Hampton Roads Helicopters for a breathtaking aerial tour of Norfolk by helicopter. For adventure seekers, tours can be conducted with the doors off during warm weather.

For your first night in town, go to The Birch Bar where you'll taste the finest cheeses and craft drafts. This bar specializes in craft artisanal European cheeses and has one of the city's largest selections of craft beers from around the world. Then instead of dessert head over to one of Norfolk's newest breweries, Benchtop Brewing Company. Try the Tidewater Series made with Virginia ocean water to give a hint of a salty taste.

End the evening in the heart of Norfolk's brand new Arts District at Push Comedy Theater. Founded by local comedy group The Pushers, the Push Comedy Theater is dedicated to bringing live comedy from the best local and national acts, hosting live sketch, improv and stand-up comedy.

**DAY
2**

Start your day at 9:30 A.M. or later if you want to sleep in - Spend a leisurely morning sipping your way through Norfolk's java scene. Cure Coffeehouse & Brasserie, Borjo, Java Surf Café & Espresso Bar, Café Crema, Café Stella, Elliott's Fair Grounds Coffee House, Chocollage, and aLatté Café line the

downtown district and historic Ghent. Many Norfolk coffeehouses feature regular musical performances and serve as a meeting point for local artists. Sail across the Elizabeth River on the American Rover Sailing Cruise. This majestic, three-masted tall ship, modelled after the cargo schooners that once sailed the Chesapeake Bay, leaves from the downtown Norfolk pier for a narrated two-hour harbor cruise.

VIRGINIA BEER FESTIVAL - 2 P.M. to 6 P.M. - Truly this festival is designed for your tasting pleasure, with the finest beers from dozens of breweries from around the world! The event takes place in Town Point Park on the beautiful downtown Norfolk waterfront featuring 65 breweries with more than 125 beers to sample. Live music will be provided on the Town Point Park stage. Take part in one of the free seminars and lectures, visit the merchants around the park, or be a VIP in the Beer Aficionado area. If you are traveling by boat, dock right-up to the pier on the Elizabeth River with a boat full of friends. Boaters packagers are available. Cheers!

LeGrand Restaurant is striking culinary harmony in Norfolk. The name of the restaurant stems from LeGrand Records that was once



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based in Norfolk . This new, trendy restaurant is owned and operated by a musically-inclined couple that performs in a local rock band and has made a mark on rock and roll history in the documentary Hardcore Norfolk: A Story of Rock 'n' Roll Survival. Stop by for a bite and let the good times roll. Then after a long day of activities and a full belly, unwind with live music performed by some of the city's most popular local bands at Hell's Kitchen Restaurant and Bar. Hell's Kitchen offers a full menu, and live music on Friday and Saturday. Can't get enough music? Then head over to Belmont House of Smoke to catch live music on the weekends.

DAY 3

8:30 A.M.- who are you kidding - 10 A.M. - Burn those unwanted calories gained this week with a run, walk or bike ride along The Elizabeth Trail. Built on an abandoned railroad

right-of-way, the trail showcases Norfolk's rich history and wildlife. Catch glimpses of ships, barges, naval vessels and tugs at work in the coastal Virginia waters. The trail provides access to historic Fort Norfolk, a National Register property. Other key locations along the trail include the Weyanoke Audubon Bird Sanctuary, Jeff Robertson Park and Plum Point Park. Along the way, park your bike in one of five racks designed by local artists as part of a Downtown Norfolk public art display project.

Have you worked up an appetite? Norfolk starts d'morning at D'Egg Diner, a downtown city diner where you can order breakfast or lunch any time of day. Or try Handsome Biscuit, with over 10 different biscuit sandwiches made from sweet potatoes. Eating with both hands will not even begin to handle the size of this biscuit. Your eyes will be bigger than your stomach from the Hella Fitzgerald with fried chicken, bacon, cheddar, and red eye sausage gravy to the Mr. Close Love with roasted pork shoulder, sweet hot mustard, and cucumber.



Don't forget to take home a few souvenirs. Enjoy over 130 artist selling locally made jewelry, pottery, paintings, and other works of art at the Stockley Gardens Art Festival in Norfolk's historic Ghent. The park is full of artists, tantalizing smells and music drifting from the main stage with local bands playing from 10am to 5pm.

Before you head home, do not forget to stop by O'Connor's Brewing Company, Coelacanth Brewing, Rip Rap Brewing Company, Bold Mariner, Benchtop, Bearded or Smartmouth Brewing to pick up few six packs of that local flavor you fell in love with at the Virginia Beer Festival.

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