

Historic Garden Week

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DAY 1

Discover over 20 local artists and their studios with a guided tour of d'ART Center in Norfolk's NEON arts district. The d'ART Center is an environment where working artists are a part of an interactive arts community that engages the public through the experience of art and the creative process

Then, take a stroll across the Hague foot bridge to the Chrysler Museum of Art. This museum is home to Walter Chrysler Jr.'s world-class collection of more than 30,000 pieces of art. The museum features a world-renowned Tiffany-glass collection, Art Nouveau furniture, and works of art from African, Egyptian, Pre-Columbian, Islamic, and Asian cultures. The Chrysler Museum also offers an extensive European and American collection of paintings, sculptures, and decorative arts.

Enjoy dinner at the Freemason Abbey Restaurant and Tavern, a restaurant located in a 135 year-old church in the Freemason District. The menu offers a wide variety of foods featuring fresh lobster, fish, pasta and prime rib. End the evening with a famous waffle cone from Doumar's Restaurant where Abe Doumar invented the waffle cone. Your group can delight in fresh made ice cream cones from the original waffle cone machine.

DAY 2

Relax along a tree-lined riverbank at the Hermitage Foundation Museum. This early 20th century historic home appears frozen in time, offering visitors 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 and natural woodlands.

Spend the afternoon at the Norfolk Home & Garden Tour. Visit up to six beautiful private mansions and gardens in the well established neighborhood of West Ghent, this neighborhood's story began in the early 1920's following annexation by the City in 1897. Adjacent to this neighborhood is the industry-based Chelsea District. Fronting deep-water access and rail lines, the district continues to be called home by a shipyard and Norfolk Southern railyards, but has grown to include small locally owned businesses such as restaurants, an art gallery, a floral design studio, breweries and more. A perfect spot for lunch or an afternoon treat.

Located in the Freemason District, Omar's Carriage House is sure to please! This historic site in Norfolk was built in the early 1840's, when the patrons then were horses. Savour the fresh jumbo lump crab cakes and succulent potato crisp flounder at Omar's contemporary bistro. .

Its opening night for The Virginia International Tattoo. This largest spectacle of Music and Might in the

United States of America offers an astounding display of inspirational military music, featuring top military bands, precision drill teams, and massed pipes and drums with over 1,200 performers. Make sure to check out the Hullabaloo festival that takes place before the show.

DAY 3

Take a fun filled boat ride at Norfolk Botanical Garden and explore the waterways or stroll the gardens and discover a variety of plants from the cultivated to the wild. While you are visiting, be sure to take part in one of the Garden's popular programs such as Active Gardeners, Creative Gardeners or Garden Design. (Please check on the Garden's online calendar for a complete list of classes) Norfolk Botanical Garden's professional horticultural staff will be on hand to share their knowledge and experience and inspire new ideas for your garden.

Shop til you drop at MacArthur Center with more than 70 retailers anchored by Nordstrom and Dillard's. While there, take part in one of MacArthur Center's special packages including a cooking class at Williams-Sonoma or a self-guided chocolate tour.

Experience the elegance and romance of the Victorian Era inside the Hunter House Victorian Museum. Rich in architectural detail, the Hunter family collection of Victorian furnishings and decorative pieces are displayed throughout the house. End your afternoon with a visit to the Moses Myers House and the Norfolk History Museum. Both of these homes are only two blocks apart, a very short walking distance. The Moses House in downtown is the oldest Jewish home in America, constructed between 1795-1797, and offers a exceptionally accurate portrayal of life in the 18th Century. The Norfolk History Museum at the Willoughby-Baylor House was built in 1794 and currently features permanent and changing exhibit galleries that highlight vignettes of the city, showcasing Norfolk's evolving history not only as an international port and maritime center, but also as a focal point of commercial growth with impressive naval and military roots.

Journey through Norfolk by experiencing a Historical Ghent Food Tour. Visit up to five restaurants and sample house specialties while listening to the staff discuss the culinary creations and history of their restaurants and dishes. In between locations, gather an insight into the history of Norfolk by visiting landmarks. Transport your senses with the various spices and provisions offered by Norfolk's "hidden gems" and culinary visionaries.

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