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## **Festivities Abound in Virginia Beach this September**

**This September, Sing Along to Some Your Favorites on the Beach, Take in Masterpieces Made of Sand and Join the King of the Sea's Beachside Party for a Fun-Filled Month at the Boardwalk**

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (August 16, 2017) – With Virginia Beach being a year-round destination, the fun doesn't stop as summer turns to fall. In fact, the end of summer is one of the best times to visit VB. With perfect weather, stunning views and rockin' events all month long, the coastal city is sure to have you livin' the life! There are so many lively and entertaining events happening in September – from wine tasting and marathon running, to international sand sculptors and live music on the sand, the month will be filled with good times and autumn vibes.

### **NEPTUNE'S SEASIDE BASH**

The [Neptune Festival](#) (Aug. 10 - Oct. 8) is all about celebrating the beach life the whole month through. The festival is made up of a series of over 40 events that spread across all three beaches, giving visitors the opportunity to explore, experience and enjoy Virginia Beach. King Neptune loves to celebrate the life festival style!

[Neptune Festival Art & Craft Show and Boardwalk Weekend](#) (Sept. 29– Oct. 1) will line Virginia Beach's three-mile boardwalk with tents showcasing 270 artisans displaying handmade work created all across the country. Daily concerts will take place along 32 blocks for visitors to enjoy, while crab cakes and Italian ice will be available to fulfill visitors' cravings, as they enjoy arts and crafts under the sun with an unbeatable Atlantic Ocean backdrop.

Mythical dragons, mermaids and pirates emerge from the sand for ten days at the [International Sand Sculpting Championship](#) (Sept. 29 – Oct. 8), where sculptors from around the world come together to compete for the Neptune Championship – one of the most distinctive events of its kind in the world!

Run, jog or walk down Atlantic Avenue to Rudee Inlet cheering on family and friends during [Neptune's 8K or 5K](#) (Sept. 30). Afterwards, celebrate and enjoy food and drinks with a fantastic view of the ocean, and try your chance at a prize or two. Pre-registration is required to participate in Neptune's 8K or 5K, but spectators are free and encouraged to attend.

Visitors can enjoy an afternoon hosted by Virginia's leading vineyards at the [21st Annual Neptune's Fall Wine Tasting](#) (Sept. 9-10). Sip chardonnays, merlots, Rieslings and more, while meeting and greeting the grape heads behind Virginia's quality wine reputation. Settle down for the evening enjoying delicious cuisine and live entertainment on the boardwalk.

## ROCKING ON THE BEACH

Get ready to let the rhythm move you over Labor Day Weekend at Virginia Beach's Resort Beach during the [American Music Festival](#) (Sept. 1-3), featuring headliners 311, Rebelution, Michael Franti & Spearhead, 3 Doors Down and the Wallflowers. One of the largest outdoor music events on the East Coast, the festival brings together national, regional and local acts to play on a gigantic stage in the sand at 5th Street!

It's the 17th anniversary of [Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon](#) (Sept. 2-3) in Virginia Beach! Cheer on the racers from the Virginia Beach Convention Center to the boardwalk at 13th Street, where it's the race to the finish line. Here's a little secret for those who are participating in the race: the race bib is a ticket to the fun and festivities at the American Music Festival, all weekend long! So, don't miss the fun, including a live performance by Sister Hazel!

## AUTUMN IS IN THE AIR

Imagine a sky filled with soaring acrobatic military jets, providing a heart-stopping performance. The sky comes to life at the [NAS Oceana Air Show](#) (Sept. 16-17), which is pleased to present the United States Navy's Blue Angels for a flight demonstration along with thrilling military and civilian performances. The air show is sure to leave visitors exhilarated.

Enjoy fall-time fun and sun in Virginia Beach, or begin planning your visit for later in the year. To learn more about Virginia Beach, plan a stay or request a complimentary vacation guide, contact the Virginia Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau by calling 1-800-VA-BEACH or going to [www.VisitVirginiaBeach.com](http://www.VisitVirginiaBeach.com).

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*Where the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay meet, Virginia Beach promises visitors a unique chance to "Live the Life." Nature at its finest, just-caught and just-picked local food, and toes-in-the-sand relaxation combine for a soul-satisfying experience. A world-renowned boardwalk, energetic downtown, state-of-the-art Convention Center, abundant parks and waterways, and mild weather give rise to an active lifestyle and flourishing local culture. The Virginia Beach CVB is responsible for promoting year-round leisure, business, meetings and conventions, international and sports travel to Virginia's most populous city. For media information and images, visit [www.VisitVirginiaBeach.com/pressroom](http://www.VisitVirginiaBeach.com/pressroom). Follow Virginia Beach on Twitter at [twitter.com/VisitVaBch](https://twitter.com/VisitVaBch), Instagram at [instagram.com/visitvabeach](https://instagram.com/visitvabeach), Facebook at [www.facebook.com/VisitVaBeach](https://www.facebook.com/VisitVaBeach) and Pinterest at [www.pinterest.com/visitvabeach](https://www.pinterest.com/visitvabeach).*

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