A 12-hour summertime smooth jazz experience awaits you for two days at the region’s longest running outdoor jazz festival. Musical starlets have included the Superstars of Jazz Fusion featuring Roy Ayers, Tom Browne, Lonnie Liston Smith, Wayne Henderson and Ronnie Lawson. In addition to an impressive national lineup, the Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival also features local and regional jazz favorites.

Wake up and take pleasure in the wonders of nature at the Norfolk Botanical Garden. The Garden encompasses 155 beautiful acres intertwined by bridges, coastal waterways and 12 miles of pedestrian trails. Enjoy a tram tour through the garden where countless African-Americans helped construct the garden during the Great Depression with the Progress Administration.

Historic Ghent is the local spot for lunch! for soul-satisfying blast from the past, head to Doumar's Cone and BBQ, a classic drive-in, whose owner created the worlds first waffle cone! While in the neighborhood, sip and savor at Mermaid Winery, Virginia’s first urban winery, and enjoy a tasty bite paired with a delicious wine flight in their intimate tasting room.

Relax along a tree-lined river bank at the Hermitage Museum & Gardens. 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.

Time to head to Town Point Park for Norfolk’s Waterfront Jazz Festival, the area’s longest running outdoor jazz festival in Coastal Virginia. Enjoy the smooth sounds of jazz complete with larger than life live performances including national jazz recording artists and local jazz favorites, all along the setting of the downtown Norfolk skyline and Elizabeth River. Gates open at 5 p.m. and the last performance starts at 9 p.m.

Before you head home, shop till you drop at MacArthur Center. Over 70 retailers anchored by Dillard’s. While there, take part in one of MacArthur Center’s special packages including the Passport to Shopping.

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