# EXPLORE THE BAY STUDENT TOUR

Great fun is always in season on the Virginia waterfront. Norfolk, Virginia offers students an endless array of opportunities to explore, perform and learn! With a multitude of festivals, internationally acclaimed museums, performing arts, attractions, and one-of-a-kind dining, no other Mid-Atlantic destination offers students more!

#### DAY ONE

P.M. Visit Nauticus and the Battleship Wisconsin. Nauticus is an interactive science and technology center where students can explore and learn about the power of the sea. While there, students can learn about what it feels like to be in the shoes of a United States Navy Sailor aboard the Battleship Wisconsin, one of the last and largest battleships built by the U.S. Navy. Then students can walk through the Hampton Roads Naval Museum and experience 200 years of naval history in Coastal Virginia.

**Dinner** Sail across the Elizabeth River on the **American Rover Sailing Cruise**. This majestic, three-masted tall ship, modeled after the cargo schooners that once sailed the Chesapeake Bay. The cruise leaves from the downtown Norfolk pier for a narrated two-hour harbor cruise. On board, students can lend a hand with the sails, take a turn at the helm or just sit back, relax and enjoy the experience. Educational classes and party DJ cruises are available for students cruises.







#### DAY TWO

**A.M.** Take a guided bus tour of the world's largest naval installation, **Naval Station Norfolk.** A knowledgeable, active duty Navy Sailor will give a narrated tour of the Naval Base highlighting the U.S. Naval Fleet, Admirals Row, and how the base is a working city.

A.M. Head over to the Virginia Zoo and discover the wildlife! The most exiting expansion in the Zoo's history, the African habitat Okavango Delta, consists of 10 acres of unobstructed animal viewing. Spot lions, tigers and many more animals onboard a train that runs throughout the Zoo with stops along the way. The Virginia Zoo's education department is also available to provide student education classes and other wild experiences.

Lunch Have a brown bag lunch at Lafayette Park located next to the Virginia Zoo.

**P.M.** Add a little history into the program with **The MacArthur Memorial**. Discover the compelling story of General Douglas MacArthur, a five star General of the Army and the millions of Americans who served our nation through five wars. The Memorial is a museum and research center dedicated to preserving and presenting the story of the life of General Douglas MacArthur. The Memorial also pays tribute to the millions of men and women who served with General MacArthur in World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. The MacArthur Memorial consists of a museum, archives and research center, education center, theatre, welcome center and gift shop.

**Dinner** Aboard the **Spirit of Norfolk** is where students can enjoy a nautical setting with dancing, great food and live entertainment all while enjoying the panoramic skyline of Norfolk. With an outdoor top deck and two lower decks where private group spaces can be created. It is the perfect meal with entertainment for all ages!

**Evening** Stop for ice cream with a famous waffle cone from **Doumar's**. Doumar's is where Abe Doumar invented the waffle cone by taking a waffle and rolling it into a cone, to which he added ice cream. Doumar's continues to bake cones on the original cone machines. Students will take delight learning the history of how the cone was invented while watching the Doumar family make fresh made cones from the original machine with advanced notice.

### DAY THREE

A.M. Students can discover one of the largest collections of azaleas, camellias, roses and rhododendrons on the East Coast at **Norfolk Botanical Garden**. Experience 155 glorious acres by guided tours on foot, tram or boat. Students can get their hands dirty (or keep them clean) with interactive educational programs presented by the garden.

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