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Visitor Center & Mermaid Market Mon-Fri: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Sat-Sun: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

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MEET THE MERMAIDS

Within a few minutes, you are sure to spot a Norfolk mermaid statue when strolling around the city. Two decades ago, local bronze sculptor, Kevin Gallup, mass-produced 130 mermaids that were designed and painted by local artists. Today, these mermaids have doubled in quantity and are scattered throughout the city for residents and visitors to enjoy.

EXPLORE THE BATTLESHIP

The Battleship Wisconsin (BB-64) is a former U.S. Navy ship that served in WWII, the Korean War, and the Gulf War - now it's an iconic landmark and museum in the heart of downtown.

LEARN THE HISTORY OF NAVAL BASE NORFOLK

Norfolk is home to the world's largest Naval Base, which can be seen from the Victory Rover's Naval Base Cruise.

SEE THE HISTORIC HOMES OF GHENT

This neighborhood dates back to the 1890s. When walking through the neighborhood, you will see an array of different architecture designs ranging from Dutch Queen Anne to Shingle and Colonial Revival styles.

SAIL THE AMERICAN ROVER

This red three-masted topsail schooner resides in downtown

Norfolk, making it an icon of our waterfront. They offer three different types of cruises: a hands-on sailing adventure, a harbor cruise and a sunset cruise.

VIEWS ON THE PIER

In the neighborhood of Ocean View, the Ocean View Fishing Pier jets out in the Chesapeake Bay, making it the longest freestanding fishing pier in North America!

FESTIVALS WITH BEAUTIFUL WATERFRONT VIEWS

Norfolk plays host to extraordinary festivals and special events all with waterfront views! Many of these "signature" events provide entertaining and culturally enriched experiences for thousands of visitors annually from across the world.

DISCOVERING THE PAGODA

When walking along the waterfront in Freemason, you will think you traveled to the Far East when stumbling upon the Pagoda & Oriental Garden. The Pagoda was authentically designed, assembled and gifted by Taiwan; and its garden features tranquil fountains and swaying forests of bamboo that provide breathtaking backdrops.

MESMERIZED BY GLASS ART

The Chrysler Museum of Art holds one of the largest and most comprehensive collections of glass in the world, with more than 10,000 glass objects spanning over 3,000 years! Norfolk is also home to the Perry Glass Studio, an interactive glass studio hosting free demonstrations and glass blowing classes.

EXPLORE NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN

The Norfolk Botanical Garden is nationally recognized for its deep-rooted history and celebrated for its blooms in every season. Their 175 acre garden is home to 52 distinctive themed gardens, 95 species of birds and 30 kinds of butterflies.

EAT ALONG GRANBY STREET

Now known as "Restaurant Row," Granby Street is located in the heart of this centuries-old waterfront city. In fact, during its prime in the early 1900s through the 1940s, Granby Street was a premier shopping and gathering spot for the entire Hampton Roads region.

TRY THE ORIGINAL WAFFLE CONE AT DOUMAR'S

This ice cream and barbecue joint is a local favorite that has stood the test of time. Reminiscent of a 1950s car hop diner, Doumar's still uses their original waffle cone maker from 1905 that visitors can see in action today.











