

# Springtime in Virginia

12 Days: April 24-May 5, 2010



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The tradition of the military “tattoo” dates back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Around the world, tattoos reach crowds by the tens of thousands, all drawn to the wail of the pipes, the pounding of the drums, the pageantry, the patriotism and the sheer spectacle. With 850 international performers, following in the tradition of the Edinburgh and the Nova Scotia Tattoos, the Virginia International Tattoo is THE Tattoo in the United States! The 2010 performers include several groups from the United States and Canada as well as groups from the Netherlands, Korea, Russia and of course, from the United Kingdom. You won't want to miss the opportunity to experience the pulse-pounding beat of the drums...the heart-swelling spectacle of precision drill teams and marching bands...the call of the pipes, the swirl of the dancers, and the roar of the crowd. Springtime is a great time to see the beauty of West Virginia and the shoreline of Virginia. We hope you can join with us on the journey!



April 24 we pick up through our guaranteed departure cities (see below) on our way to Peoria, IL. Relax in our beautiful hotel complete with a fitness center and swimming pool.

April 25 enjoy **breakfast** before we continue to Dayton, OH, for the night. Enjoy an **evening reception** at our hotel and you will have a choice of several adjacent restaurants. This location also has a fitness center as well as an indoor pool and whirlpool.

April 26 following **breakfast** we travel to Charleston, WV. A **step-on guide** will meet us for a **city tour**. Charleston is the capital of West Virginia and our tour will include a stop at the Capitol. Our hotel is conveniently located within two blocks of over fifteen restaurants and a mall.

April 27 after **breakfast** we continue our travel to Virginia, arriving in Williamsburg this afternoon. We'll check in at our hotel then enjoy **dinner** at a popular local restaurant. Relax this evening and prepare for a big day tomorrow!

April 28 following **breakfast** we will meet our **step-on guide** for a **tour of Colonial Williamsburg**. You will have time to shop and enjoy lunch on your own at one of the marvelous restaurants. Later this afternoon we will take a short drive to Virginia Beach, VA, where our oceanfront hotel (each room has a balcony) will be our “home” for the next four nights. Enjoy an evening on your own. You may want to enjoy a leisurely dinner in the hotel's restaurant or another restaurant along the boardwalk.

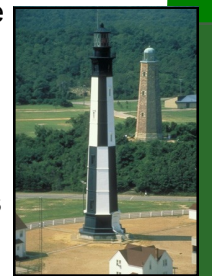


April 29 enjoy **breakfast** before you venture out to enjoy a full day on your own to explore the beach, check out the shops or just relax and enjoy the sights and sounds. This evening we will enjoy a delicious **dinner** at a restaurant on the oceanfront.



April 30 following **breakfast** we depart for the **Oceana Naval Air Station**, one of the Navy's four master jet bases, for a **guided tour**. Oceana is home to 19 aviation squadrons, including the FA-18 Hornet and F-14 Tomcat fighter planes. We'll stop for **lunch** at the **Officers' Club**. Our guide, a retired pilot will join us. This afternoon we will stop at the **Cape Henry Lighthouse** where in 1607 Captain Newport raised a cross to offer thanks for their safe crossing of the Atlantic. Construction of the Cape

Henry Lighthouse made the waters of the Chesapeake Bay navigable and safe, ensuring steady trade and commerce on the Virginia and Maryland coasts. The lighthouse, which you may climb if you wish, is located within Fort Story military base. Our final stop this afternoon is the **Old Coast Guard Station** which honors and preserves the history of Virginia's coastal communities and maritime heritage. The Station's exhibits range from the Virginia Beach



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Community to subjects related to Virginia' oceanfront, coastal and water related heritage. The museum's two galleries depict the history of the United States Life-Saving and Coast Guard Services as well as shipwrecks on the Virginia Coast. Back at the hotel, you will have time to relax and get a bite to eat before departing for the **Virginia International Military Tattoo**.



May 1 after **breakfast** we depart for the **Azalea Festival Parade**. The Norfolk International Azalea Festival began in 1953, one year after the establishment of NATO's Allied Command Atlantic in Norfolk. Citizens of Norfolk organized a salute to these allied forces in order to create new friendships, provide a basis for cultural exchange, recognize the military's role in maintaining peace in the world, and pursue new lines of trade between Norfolk and the world. We'll have **reserved seating** for the festive, colorful parade, then enjoy **NATO fest** at the Waterside Festival Marketplace. It's a celebration of cultures highlighting different aspects of all NATO member nations. Each nation will host a display which includes information, food samples and handouts. Food stands in the area will provide lunch options. Mid-afternoon we board the **American Rover**, a tall sailing ship, for a fantastic sailing adventure. Later, enjoy **dinner** at a local restaurant before returning to our hotel.



May 2 **breakfast** will be served again before we start our journey home. Enjoy the drive as we make our way to Morgantown, WV. Our hotel has an indoor pool and fitness center.



May 3 after **breakfast** we travel west into Ohio. We will stop for lunch on your own before continuing on to Millersburg, OH. We'll visit **Rolling Ridge Ranch Animal Park** in the heart of Amish Country, where we will ride horse-drawn wagons for a guided tour of the ranch. We will take a safari through natural woods and gently sloping pasture land as we feed some of the more than 500 animals from around the world. Remember your camera, as you should have an opportunity to get some really great pictures. Following our safari, we continue on to Columbus, OH, where we will

have a **welcome reception**. Our hotel has an indoor pool and whirlpool as well as several restaurants nearby.

May 4 following **breakfast** we depart for Peoria, IL, for our final evening. Reminisce about all we've seen during a "**farewell dinner**."

**Your 12-day Virginia International Military Tattoo and Azalea Festival package includes:** Luxury motor coach transportation, lodging for 11 nights, luggage handling, tickets/admission fees to all bolded attractions, gratuities to step-on guides, 11 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 4 dinners (meals inclusive of tax and gratuity).

\$2,079 per person, double occupancy  
\$2,019 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds  
\$2,590 single room accommodations

**Reservations:** anytime as long as space available

**Deposit:** \$200 per person, due by January 22

**Final Payment Due:** by March 25

**Cancel by:** March 25 for penalty-free cancellations

**Early Booking Discount:** \$50 per person discount applied toward final balance if deposit is received by September 21

**Peace of Mind Protection:** 5% of trip cost, due with deposit or **Travel Insurance** is available at a group rate for this package. Please call for details.

**Guaranteed departure cities:** Fort Dodge, Webster City, Williams, Ames, Des Moines, Decorah, West Union, Clear Lake, Charles City, Waverly, Waterloo, Newton, Coralville, Independence and Cedar Rapids

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