



**SAIL250VA – TALL SHIPS**

**June 17-21, 2026**

**Norfolk, VA & Outer Banks, NC**

**5 Days/4 Nights**

**\$3,793.00**

**Per person, double occupancy**



## **SPECIAL FEATURES**

- 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the US with the TALL SHIPS parade at Sail250Virginia
- 4 Nights in one Norfolk area hotel
- Round Trip Air to/from Norfolk
- 5 days deluxe Motorcoach
- 5 days professional tour guide
- All taxes and gratuities
- 4 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners including
  - Wine Tasting & Dinner
- Day to the Outer Banks with safari style trip to see the Wild Horses
- Wright Brothers National Park
- Reserved stadium seating for the Tall Ships Parade of Sail
- Virginia Air & Space Center
- Annual Norfolk Harborfest
- Cruise the Naval Base
- Cancel for Any Reason and On Trip Insurance

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# SAIL250VA ITINERARY

## Day One – Wednesday, June 17:

### Arrival Norfolk, VA

Today we will arrive in Norfolk, VA for a 4-night stay. So, unpack, relax and prepare for a great celebration of America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the Parade of Sail to see the visiting Tall Ships. We will have already eaten dinner in the airport before arriving at the **Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel**, where you can walk right outside your hotel and be at the Norfolk Harbor!

## Day Two – Thursday, June 18:

### Outer Banks Wild Horses

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Following **breakfast** this morning, we will drive south out of Norfolk and even out of Virginia to the incredible **Outer Banks of North Carolina**. This is America's First Beach. The site of **our country's first National Seashore** and the place where the English first tried to settle in the New World at **Roanoke Island**. Here is the story of the "Lost Colony" and their plight to set up the first attempt of English civilization in the New World. This morning, we will travel to the northern part of the Outer Banks to the beachside town of Corolla. Here amongst the sand dunes the **Wild Horses roam** with complete protection from man and all predators. We will take **open air safari style trucks** with 15 guests each and drive around the dunes and along the shore to see them in their natural habitat. This is one of those wonderful surprises that will never be forgotten. Following lunch, we will visit the **Wright Brother National Memorial**, where Orville and Wilbur Wright broke our bond with the earth in 1903. Listen to an interpretive talk about the first flight from a park ranger, see the reconstructed campsites, view the markers that indicate where the Flyer landed, and walk up to the monument itself. We will enjoy **Dinner** before returning to Norfolk.

## Day Three – Friday, June 19:

### Parade of Sail (Tall Ships) - Hampton

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CONGRATULATIONS AMERICA!! Today we celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a very special morning. Following breakfast, we will head to Fort Monroe, where we have reserved stadium style seating overlooking where the Chesapeake Bay meets the James and Elizabeth Rivers. It is at this junction that the Tall Ships will be passing to celebrate America. After the **Parade of Sail** passes we will spend our day in Hampton beginning with a visit to **Fort Monroe** known as the "**Freedom's Fortress**." This point of land is an ideal site for a fort as early as 1607 to warn the Jamestown settlers of approaching enemy. Point Comfort is this site for several forts and in 1619 was the site where the first enslaved Africans were brought to Virginia and traded for supplies. It was a Union Fort in 1862 when Virginia seceded from the Union and became a safe place for self-emancipated individuals to find shelter and support the Union's cause. Sitting on 540 acres it is the largest masonry fort in the United States. Following our visit and lunch on our own, we will visit the

**Virginia Air & Space Center and Nasa's Langly Research Center**. The Center proudly houses over 30 historic aircraft and rare space artifacts, including the Apollo 12 Command Module Yankee Clipper, Mercury and Gemini capsules, and the Orion Pad Abort- Test Vehicle. This evening **dinner** is included before heading back to Norfolk and our hotel.

## Day Four – Saturday, June 20:

### Norfolk by Land and Sea

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Today we will enjoy the day touring the city of Norfolk and help celebrate the city's annual Harborfest, where we will see many of the Tall Ships at dock that had passed us during the Parade yesterday. To see them up close in dock is a unique experience. Our day will continue with tours by land and sea as we visit the **Nauticus and Battleship Wisconsin**. Nauticus is the science center and museum known as the National Maritime Center, which features one of the largest battleships in the US - Wisconsin. We will have a tour of the museum and the battleship. Then we will enjoy a **cruise around the Naval Base and see these magnificent Naval ships from the sea with a narrated tour**. Today, we will visit **The MacArthur Memorial**. This is a museum and research center dedicated to preserving and presenting the story of the life of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur. No trip to Norfolk is complete without a visit to **Doumars famous ice cream shop** (home of the original waffle cone), where we will **enjoy a frozen treat**. From here, we have a fun evening planned at the famous **Mermaid Winery with a wine tasting and a very special dinner**. The Mermaid is a mythical source of beauty that represents their vision to produce stunning wines. Their limited production wines are focused on articulating the characteristics of each varietal. We will enjoy their wine bar and a special customized private dinner! Then it's back on the coach for the short drive back to our hotel.

## Day Five – Sunday, June 21:

### Return home

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We are scheduled to be at the airport for our flight home today by Noon. In the morning, following breakfast and on our way to the airport, we will drive the shoreline of Virginia Beach to **First Landing State Park and the Cape Henry Lighthouses**. Here is where English first landed in the New World in 1607. And the light house is the 4<sup>th</sup> oldest in the US originally commissioned in 1792 by George Washington. What a way to **Celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**! We will have a nice safe return trip home today.