



The International Tattoo, NATO Fest Parade, Norfolk Naval Station, Douglas MacArthur Memorial, Norfolk Botanical Gardens, Kitty Hawk and the Wright Brothers National Memorial, Historic Lighthouses, Wild Horse Sanctuary and the Stunning Outer Banks of North Carolina!

CELEBRATE AMERICA!

THE INTERNATIONAL TATTOO, OUTER BANKS AND MUSTANGS!

April 25 - May 1, 2019 * 7 Days and 6 Nights

Join TRIPS for the largest spectacle of Music and Might in the United States!

The International Tattoo is an awe inspiring spectacle featuring more than 1,500 military and civilian performers in a Red, White and Blue performance that will amaze you! When an entire band of bagpipes enters playing Amazing Grace, there is not a dry eye at the Tattoo. And of course with TRIPS, you'll have the best reserved seats! The military theme continues with a tour of the Norfolk Naval Station as well as a visit to the National Maritime Center where you can board the Battleship USS Wisconsin! Tour the Douglas MacArthur Memorial and see floats from all 28 NATO countries as part of the Parade of Nations at NATO Fest. Visit the Outer Banks and see the site where the Wright Brothers forever changed the way we live! See historic lighthouses that have guided sailors for decades and a Wild Horse Tour that brings you up close to Mustangs with a 500 year lineage.

This diverse tour brings you the best of the American Spirit - from military might to daring innovators!

Itinerary

April 25, 2019 - Your Journey Begins

On arrival in **Norfolk, Virginia** this afternoon. Your TRIPS guide will meet you and assist with your hotel transfer. After checking in with some time to refresh, depart for a specially arranged TRIPS **Welcome Dinner**.

Overnight: Holiday Inn (or similar)

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April 26, 2019 - Parade, Passports and Battleships

After breakfast, depart for **The Parade of Nations**. You'll see floats from all **28 NATO Member Nations**, visiting International Military Bands, the **Virginia International Tattoo** as well as local and visiting high school bands. Part of the **Norfolk NATO Festival** recognizing the military's role in maintaining peace in the world, it has been held for more than 65 years. You'll also have time to enjoy lunch on your own. Pick up a **NATO Explorer Passport** and visit each country's booths for a passport stamp and lots of goodies! There will be cultural dancers and performers entertaining on the NATO Stage and you can sample a wide variety of cuisines as well! After, tour **Nauticus, The National Maritime Center**. Don't miss the 3-D film, "**Wild Ocean**" that takes you beneath the surface of the water with astounding footage of humpback whales, golden jellyfish and more! You'll also be able to go aboard the **Battleship USS Wisconsin**. One of the largest Battleships ever built, it saw service during the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War and the Gulf War. Later this afternoon tour the **Douglas MacArthur Memorial**. An "army brat" with no hometown, the controversial war

hero designated this navy town as the site for a monument for himself because it was his mother's birthplace. This museum 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. Return to your hotel late in the afternoon for time to refresh. Tonight dinner is on your own.

Overnight: Holiday Inn (or similar)

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April 27, 2019 - Tattoo and Hullabaloo

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel before departing late this morning for a tour of the **Norfolk Naval Station**, homeport to more than 80 ships of the Atlantic Fleet, and the world's largest naval installation. Your narrated bus tour passes by aircraft carriers, amphibious assault vessels and sleek submarines. The, it's on to **The Chrysler Museum of Art**. There is not only world-class art on display, but you'll a **glass-blowing demonstration at the Glass Studio**. The Chrysler Museum is also home to one of America's top glass art collections with pieces that are more than 2,000 years old! You'll have plenty of time to enjoy the exhibits, as well as have lunch on your own in the Garden-side cafe. Enjoy an early dinner for the 4th Annual Virginia International Tattoo Live Meet & Greet. Then it's time for a Hullabaloo! You'll have time on your own at the **Virginia International Tattoo Hullabaloo** with non-stop performances, tasty treats and more! This is the perfect opportunity to **shake hands with an active duty soldier** and **get a selfie with an Australian highland dancer!** You can even get tattooed prior to the Tattoo! You'll have **reserved seats for the International Tattoo**, a spectacle of military splendor. **Established in 1997**, the Virginia International Tattoo, offers an astounding display of

inspirational military music, majestic massed pipes and drums, show-stopping drill team maneuvers, international bands and dancers and much more! **This annual celebration of patriotism and international goodwill is on the must see list of the most exciting events in the world!**

Overnight: Holiday Inn (or similar) (B/D)

April 28, 2019 - Flying Planes and Black Pelicans

Checkout of your hotel after breakfast and depart to the **Norfolk Botanical Gardens**. Your tram ride around the 155-acre garden takes you to the Colonial Herb Garden, Presidential Garden, Rhododendron Garden and more. Enjoy lunch on your own in the Military Circle Mall. Your next stop is the **Wright Brothers National Memorial** that begins with a Ranger Talk. Located in the heart of the Outer Banks, it was a dream of flight that brought Wilbur and Orville to Kitty Hawk. With courage and perseverance, these self-taught engineers changed our world forever! You'll check in to your hotel and have time to unpack before departing for dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Hilton Garden Inn Outer Banks/Kitty Hawk (or similar) (B/D)

April 29, 2019 - Lighthouse and Elizabethan Gardens

As you head for Fort Raleigh, you'll stop at historic **Bodie Island Lighthouse**. With increased shipping along the coast in the early 1800s, the **Outer Banks** became known and the "Graveyard of the Atlantic" and in 1848 a lighthouse was finally built here. The current lighthouse, completed in 1872, remains operational and stands an impressive 156 feet! On Roanoke Island, **Fort Raleigh** preserves the **first English settlement in the United States**. After your brief visit, you'll have time in Manteo for lunch on your own. Then it's time for a relaxing stroll through the **Elizabethan Gardens**, established as a permanent

memorial to Sir Walter Raleigh's lost colonists. They have become one of the most unique and beautiful in America with antique statuary, period furniture and rose and herb beds in this re-created, **16th Century formal English garden**. Enjoy an early dinner today at a local restaurant. **Enjoy the delicious food and panoramic water views as you watch the antics of the resident ospreys!**

Overnight: Hilton Garden Inn Outer Banks/Kitty Hawk (or similar) (B/D)

April 30, 2019 - Mustangs and ATVs

Take a seat in a All-Terrain Vehicle and depart for a **Wild Horse Adventure Tour!** Feel the ocean breeze and taste the salty beach air as you cruise the **Outer Banks beaches** in open air Humvees with a seasoned guide in search of the **Colonial Spanish Mustangs!** These wild mustangs are the ancestors of Spanish stock **brought to the Outer Banks 500 years ago!** During your tour, you travel through three distinct ecosystems in search of local wildlife and the Outer Banks Wild Spanish Mustangs. Next, tour the **Whalehead**, a beautifully restored 1920s era **Art Nouveau style mansion**. With its bold yellow paint, copper roof and mahogany doors, its like taking a step back in time! Then, visit the **Currituck Beach Lighthouse**, first put into service in 1875 and still aiding sailing in navigating these rocky shores! Lunch is on your own along the **Duck Town Boardwalk**, along with time to do some shopping. Return to your hotel later this afternoon to refresh. This evening, your farewell dinner is at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Hilton Garden Inn Outer Banks/Kitty Hawk (or similar) (B/D)

May 1, 2019 - Return Home

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before checking out and departing for the airport and your flight home. **Memories of Tattoos, the Outer Banks and Mustangs will be with you for a lifetime.** (B)

**The International Tattoo,
Outer Banks and Mustangs!**

\$2,998.00

per person / double occupancy

Single Supplement is an additional \$998.00



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Check with your club representative for details.

Inclusions

- Round trip airport transportation
- Round trip airfare to Norfolk, VA (checked baggage fees not included)
- 7 nights lodging
- Breakfast daily at your hotels
- 5 dinners
- All admissions as described in the detailed itinerary including reserved seating for the Norfolk International Tattoo, Norfolk Naval Station, NATO Parade of Nations and Festival, National Maritime Center, Norfolk Botanical Gardens, Douglas MacArthur Memorial, Sunset Cruise, Chrysler Museum of Art, Wright Brothers National Memorial, Fort Raleigh, Elizabethan Gardens, All-Terrain Vehicle Wild Horse Adventure Tour and more!
- Services of a full time escort
- TRIPS ticket wallet and luggage tags
- Portage of 1 suitcase per person
- All government fees, taxes and fuel surcharges

Call today to reserve your space!!!

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An initial **\$500.00** deposit is required to hold space on this tour. This deposit is fully refundable up to January 16, 2019.

Final payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before January 16, 2019. Therefore, please make sure that payment is submitted to your club director at least 10 days prior to this date.

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