



## 2012 VISITOR CENTERS SEMINAR

### FAM Tour Itinerary

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Welcome to Norfolk, the Heart of the Virginia Waterfront! Our beautiful and modern port city is nestled where the Chesapeake Bay meets the Atlantic ocean. We are excited to introduce you to a sampling of treasures that Norfolk has to offer, including some of the best Arts in The Commonwealth. No matter what site or art venue you visit, you will not be disappointed. You'll enjoy our hospitality too, as we spend a fun-filled day exploring our waterfront community.

Breakfast is at your leisure at the Sheraton Waterside. Our Norfolk Visitor Services team will be in the lobby to welcome you.

- 8:00 a.m. Meet in the **Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Lobby**  
*The Sheraton Hotel is located in downtown Norfolk along the Elizabeth River. The recently renovated Sheraton has gorgeous state-of-the-art conference facilities, including 16 meeting rooms and more than 35,000 square feet of event space.*
- 8:05 a.m. Depart the Sheraton for Waterside Marina
- 8:15 a.m. Board the **Paddlewheel Ferry** to Portsmouth  
*HRT's operates three 150-passenger paddlewheel ferries on the Elizabeth River between Norfolk and Portsmouth. They travel between North Landing and High Street in Portsmouth and the Waterside festival marketplace in Norfolk. They're fast, economical and offer a unique view of the river and the waterfront. Ferries operate every 30 minutes with 15-minute service during the summer at peak times on weekends. The ferry is wheelchair accessible and allows boarding passengers to walk on with their bicycles. [www.gohrt.com/services/paddlewheel-ferry](http://www.gohrt.com/services/paddlewheel-ferry)*
- 8:35 a.m. Arrive in Portsmouth and visit the **Portsmouth Visitor Center**  
*Meet the friendly staff while visiting with your peers at this certified center. Check out the "Lightship Portsmouth collection" at the Visitor Information gift shop. Display cases exhibit the various offerings of Olde Towne merchants. Boaters traveling the Intracoastal Waterway are provided with information relevant to transient boaters, such as the closest marinas and marine supply centers.*
- 9:05 a.m. Board **Paddlewheel Ferry** for return trip to Norfolk
- 9:15 a.m. Depart for **Macarthur Square** Light Rail Station
- 9:41 a.m. **Ride The Tide**  
*The Tide, Virginia's first light rail, debuted in Norfolk on August 19, 2011. It extends 7.4 miles from the Eastern Virginia Medical Center complex east through downtown Norfolk and adjacent to I-264 to Newtown Road. Eleven stations provide access to dining, shopping and entertainment as well as the Norfolk State University and Tidewater Community College (Norfolk) campuses. There are four park-and-ride lots where parking is always free. [www.gohrt.com/services/the-tide](http://www.gohrt.com/services/the-tide)*
- 9:47 a.m. Depart The Tide at the **York Street/Freemason** Station. Walk to Chrysler Museum of Art
- 10:00-11:00 a.m. **Group A – Chrysler Museum of Art Tour & Gift Shop**  
*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 3,000 years. Their most celebrated collection is that of work made by Louis Comfort Tiffany. [www.chrysler.org](http://www.chrysler.org)*
- Group B – Chrysler Museum of Art Glass Studio** presentation  
*The Glass Studio, which opened in November 2011, is adjacent to the Museum in a modern, 7,000-square-foot facility. The Glass Studio will be equipped to accommodate aspiring and master artists alike. The state-of-the-art facility will support artists working in a variety of glassmaking processes, including blown glass, casting, fusing, flame working and cold working. [www.chrysler.org/about-the-museum/glass-studio](http://www.chrysler.org/about-the-museum/glass-studio)*



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- 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.      **Group A - Chrysler Museum of Art Glass Studio presentation**  
**Group B - Chrysler Museum of Art Tour & Gift Shop**
- 12:17 p.m.                  Board The Tide at the York/Freemason Station
- 12:23 p.m.                  Depart The Tide at the Monticello Station
- 12:30 p.m.                  Arrive at the **Wells Theatre** (Virginia Stage Company)  
*The Wells Theatre is a performing arts venue located in downtown Norfolk, Virginia. It currently houses the Virginia Stage Company which has called the Wells Theatre home for the past 33 years. [www.vastage.com](http://www.vastage.com)*
- 12:30-1:15 p.m.          Enjoy a boxed **Lunch** and watch Tech Rehearsal of **The Fantasticks**  
*The WORLD'S LONGEST-RUNNING MUSICAL! Two stary-eyed kids face scheming parents, a wall built between them and the allure of the outside world on their journey to love. The timeless message of the power of love set to instantly recognizable melodies will warm your heart. [www.vastage.com/the-plays/the-fantasticks](http://www.vastage.com/the-plays/the-fantasticks)*
- 1:15-2:00 p.m.          Tour of Wells Theatre
- 2:05 p.m.                  Arrive at **d'Art Center**  
*The d'ART CENTER is a unique attraction that expands the cultural experience in Hampton Roads. It's appeal crosses socio-economic lines and bridges the gap between the artist and the art, making the creative process and the visual arts come alive and accessible. [www.d-artcenter.org](http://www.d-artcenter.org)*
- 2:05-2:20 p.m.          Overview of d'Art Center & Gift Shop
- 2:25 p.m.                  Depart for Waterside Marina
- 2:30 p.m.                  Board the **Victory Rover** for cruise  
*Take a 1 ½ hour narrated cruise past Nauticus, home of the Battleship Wisconsin, the Norfolk Half Moone Cruise and Celebration Center. Learn the history of the port of Norfolk. Thrill at the sight of Aircraft Carriers, Nuclear Submarines, Guided Missile Cruisers, and all of the other ships that call Naval Station Norfolk home. On board, enjoy plenty of comfortable seating, clean restrooms, enclosed lower deck, open air upper deck, snack bar and souvenir shop.*
- 4:00-6:00 p.m.          **Free Time** - Arrive at Waterside Marina and walk to Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel  
*Enjoy shopping at MacArthur Center Mall, visit with fellow attendees or just enjoy some quiet time.*
- 6:15 p.m.                  Meet in Sheraton Lobby
- 6:30 p.m.                  Depart for **dinner** at the **Virginia Arts Festival**  
*Since the spring of 1997, the Virginia Arts Festival has redefined the cultural scene in southeastern Virginia, bringing great music, dance, and theater to stages throughout Hampton Roads. [www.vafest.org](http://www.vafest.org)*
- 6:50 p.m.                  Arrive at the **Virginia Arts Festival Building** – Dinner provided by **TBA**
- 8:45 p.m.                  Depart the Virginia Arts Festival Building
- 9:00 p.m.                  Arrive at Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel