









## THE PARADE OF NATIONS & **VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO**

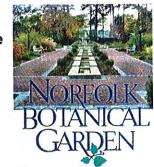
(formerly The Norfolk Azalea Festival)

4 DAYS - 3 NIGHTS **APRIL 24 - 27, 2025** 

\$754 Per Person Double Occupancy \$1.044 Per Person Single Occupancy

### PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights Lodging
- 3 Breakfasts
- 3 Dinners including Spirit of Norfolk Dinner Cruise & Captain George's Seafood Buffet
- Performance of the Virginia International Tattoo Show
- Reserved Seats for the 72nd Annual Parade of Nations
- NATO Fest Activities
- Admission to Nauticus, including the Battleship Wisconsin & Hampton Roads Naval Museum
- MacArthur Memorial
- Norfolk Botanical Garden w/Tram Ride
- Evening Entertainment
- Souvenir Gift
- Luggage Handling
- Taxes & Meal Gratuities
- Motorcoach Transportation



The Tattoo Tradition The term "tattoo" derives from the cries of the 17th & 18th century Low Country innkeepers in Scotland, who, as the fifes and drums of the local regiment signaled a return to quarters would cry, "Doe den tap toe!" (meaning "turn off the taps!) The sound of the "taps" caused the innkeepers customers to depart and return to their barracks. The word "tattoo" evolved over time and refers to what developed as a ceremonial performance of military music by massed bands today. The Virginia International Tattoo incorporates groups from around the world including acrobats, choral groups and precision military drill teams.

Cancellation insurance available & highly recommended; see reverse side for details.

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The sample itinerary described below is approximately like the itinerary your group will be following during your stay with WHITE STAR TOURS. However, the exact times, days, and destinations may vary for your group.

- Day 1 A morning departure has you heading into the State of Virginia. Your destination today is the Hampton Roads region where accommodations have been arranged for your group for the 2025 Parade of Nations & Virginia International Tattoo. After check-in, you will have an opportunity to freshen up, then enjoy an evening of dinner and entertainment.
- Breakfast this morning before traveling to Nauticus, a maritime science museum. The museum celebrates the economic, naval and natural power of the sea with exhibits, films and the Hampton Roads Naval Museum. You are also welcome to go aboard Battleship Wisconsin which is connected to the museum. Explore the main deck and go below to learn what life was like on this great fighting lady. After your visit, enjoy lunch on your own in the area. This afternoon you will visit the Norfolk Botanical Garden to experience the breathtaking landscapes with 60 beautifully curated gardens and an arboretum. After your visit, board the Spirit of Norfolk for a buffet dinner, music, and entertainment as you sail along the Elizabeth River. After the cruise, continue to Scope Arena for a performance of the Virginia International Tattoo. "Tattoo" refers to a Scottish military last call, when pipes and drums called troops back to post for an evening ceremony. Long regarded as the most patriotic of the world's great tattoos, the Virginia International Tattoo is a Scottish tradition with American soul! It features more than 1,000 military and civilian performers from several nations who will share their unique music, dance, culture and pride. The 2025 Show is a celebration 250 years in the making on the occasion of the 250th birthday of the US Army, Navy & Marine Corps. With stirring music and presentations, tributes from US military bands and special guest appearances, this Tattoo reminds us that as Americans, we have lived under a blanket of freedom woven by the service and sacrifice of our fellow citizen soldiers for 250 years. And of course, the show will also celebrate the men and women of the US Coast Guard, Air Force & Space Force as well! It all culminates with the entire cast joining together for an arousing closing of "Amazing Grace".
- Day 3 Once again, you will enjoy breakfast this morning, then depart for downtown Norfolk where **reserved** seats have been arranged for the 72nd Annual Parade of Nations. Sponsored by NATO, the parade includes themed floats from each participating country reflecting their culture and heritage. There are also marching bands, antique & classic cars, comic brigades and much more. After the parade, enjoy the NATOfest activities in Town Point Park featuring booths representing each of the NATO countries, entertainment, activities and food vendors. There will be time for lunch on your own in the area, then continue to the MacArthur Memorial final resting place of five-star general Douglas MacArthur. The memorial features mementos and gifts the famous general received throughout his career, his staff car and a film on his life. After your visit, return to your hotel for an opportunity to relax and freshen up before departing for a buffet dinner at Captain George's Seafood Restaurant.
- Day 4 Following breakfast, check out and depart for home with fond memories of the Parade of Nations & Virginia International Tattoo Show!

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING WHITE STAR TOURS TO BE A PART OF YOUR TRAVEL PLANS!

#### TRIP CANCELLATION PROTECTION

Cancellation protection is encouraged for medical emergencies that may occur. The **Enhanced option must be paid within 14 days** from the day the first deposit for the trip is paid to the organization and/or group leader. There is an additional Enhanced upgrade - **Cancel for Any Reason**. Cancellation must be made no later than 48 hours prior to your scheduled departure, conditions, limitations, and exclusions do apply. These plans are only valid for trips booked through White Star Tours. To purchase the protection, please contact NTA/AON Insurance via their website at https://nta.aontravelprotect.com and provide the **Tour Operator Location #386097**.