

Entertaining Things-to-Do Within Walking Distance of the Marriott Norfolk Waterside

- **TowneBank Fountain Park – five minutes from the Marriott:** A beautiful interactive fountain serves as an anchor in Town Point Park and can be found in Waterside Landing which is situated alongside Waterside Marina and Waterside Festival Marketplace. The interactive fountain is a great way to cool off from the summer heat, entertaining visitors with daily performances of 28 water jets shooting water up to 12 ft into the air and enhancing its nighttime performances with illumination. Live music, children's activities, exercise programs, games of chess, corn hole, opera, theatre, dance and more!
- **Omar's Fountain Café – adjacent to TowneBank Fountain Park:** A new seasonal alfresco dining destination in downtown Norfolk, Omar's Fountain Café has daily operating hours of Monday - Sunday, 11 am-3 pm, for lunch, and Thursday - Saturday, 5pm-9 pm, for dinner, and a beer & wine bar. Café guests will be treated to a variety of freshly prepared foods, inclusive of Chesapeake Bay crab cake sandwiches, fresh paninis, soft drinks and the occasionally offered wine and beer. Each meal comes complete with table service and the most incredible waterfront views including the "Dancing Fountain" and free live entertainment on Thursdays and Fridays.
- **Monday Flicks at the Fountain Movie Series** – Every Monday in July – begins at 8:30pm – free family outdoor movies under the stars! Pack up the lawn chairs and picnic blankets and come to downtown for a free magical evening under the stars. Each Fountain Flick evening will feature a dinner menu themed after the evening's feature flick. Prepared by Omar's Fountain Café.
- **TGIF** – Friday evenings (5pm–8pm) are HOT at the Fountain in TowneBank Fountain Park! Norfolk's Largest Outdoor Lifestyle Friday Party is a great place to step out and join up with friends, have a drink, hear some music, grab a bite and get the weekend started!
- **Town Point Saturday Market** – Saturdays, 9am-2pm, stroll along the downtown waterfront and experience Norfolk's newest open air market where you will find rare and unique handmade items of the finest quality –jewelry, baked goods, flowers, glassware, antiques, baskets, quilts, artwork, soaps, candy, pottery, candles, dairy products, toys, furniture, locally grown produce, and more!
- **28th Annual Norfolk Jazz Festival – July 23 & 24 (Friday & Saturday), 5pm-11pm – Town Point Park** – A 12 hour summer smooth jazz experience awaits you at the region's longest running outdoor Jazz Festival. This musical starlit event has hosted performances by Joyce Cooling, Ramsey Lewis, The Rippingtons, Euge Groove, Kim Waters, Pieces of a Dream, Spyro Gyra and many others. In addition to an impressive national lineup, the Norfolk Jazz Festival features local and regional jazz favorites. Visit festevents.org for this year's performance schedule and activities.
- **Mermaids on Parade** – Heart & Art - Mermaids on Parade is an innovative public art project featuring more than 375 mermaid sculptures (four to ten-feet-long) and serves as the City of Norfolk's logo. Beginning at Nauticus, three separate trails take you along the Elizabeth River past Waterside, to the heart of downtown or to the Chrysler Museum. Ideal for children, the trails are designed for families to enjoy fitness (the three trails cover about 10,000 steps). They provide an artistic view of the history of Norfolk as told through 26 of Norfolk's mermaid statues, which were designed by local artists. For more information and to download Mermaids On Parade Map visit <http://www.mermaidsonparade.com>
- **Nauticus** – The National Maritime Center is located on the downtown waterfront adjacent to Waterside and Town Point Park. Nauticus is an exciting 120,000 square-foot science and technology center exploring the power of the sea. It includes the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration exhibits, and the historic Battleship Wisconsin docked alongside. Exhibits at Nauticus include touch tanks, shark petting lagoon, weather deck, and an Aegis-class destroyer battle simulation. You can take a self-guided tour of the Wisconsin's main deck.

The Hampton Roads Naval Museum inside Nauticus presents 225 years of naval history. The museum is also responsible for the historic interpretation of the Battleship Wisconsin which is entered from the second floor of Nauticus. Visit the well-stocked gift shop and the restaurant in Nauticus. The gift shop, restaurant, and the Hampton Roads Naval Museum are accessible without paying the admission to Nauticus.

The USS Wisconsin is an Iowa-class battleship, the second ship of the United States Navy to be named in honor of the U.S. state of Wisconsin. She was built at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and launched on 7 December 1943, the second anniversary of the Pearl Harbor raid. The USS Wisconsin was struck from the Naval Vessel Register (NVR) 17 March 2006, and is currently berthed in Whisky Basin, next to Nauticus and steps away from Town Point Park in Downtown Norfolk. She is presently awaiting donation to the City of Norfolk for permanent use as a museum ship. You can take a self-guided tour of the Wisconsin's main deck. <http://www.nauticus.org>

- **Chrysler Museum of Art** – Housed in an Italianate-style structure facing the picturesque Hague Inlet of the Elizabeth River, the Chrysler Museum of Art is home to an encyclopedic collection of nearly 40,000 objects spanning nearly 5,000 years of history. Highlights include an impressive and comprehensive survey of European and American painting and sculpture, a world-renowned glass collection, a rich photography program, Art Nouveau furniture, as well as African, Asian, Egyptian, Pre-Columbian and Islamic art. In the words of *New York Times* art critic John Russell, the Chrysler boasts objects "...any museum in the world would kill for. In the Impressionist gallery alone, visitors can admire works by Monet, Degas, Renoir, Gauguin, Rodin, and Cezanne. The Museum also houses one of the world's great collections of glass, including outstanding works by Louis Comfort Tiffany." <http://www.chrysler.org>

- **MacArthur Center** – A couple blocks from the waterfront, the MacArthur Mall offers upscale shopping at 140 stores. The first Nordstrom in the area is located at this one million square foot center that also features the East Coast's flagship Dillard's, an 18 screen cinema megaplex, a 600 seat food court, over 70 new-to-the-market retailers, and 75 of your favorite upscale stores. An indoor amusement park for children is also on site. <http://www.shopmacarthur.com>
- **MacArthur Memorial** – Adjacent to MacArthur Center is the beautifully landscaped MacArthur Square – the site of the four buildings that comprise the MacArthur Memorial. The Memorial's theater contains several special exhibit galleries and continuously shows a twenty-four minute film on the life and times of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, one of the most colorful and controversial men in American history. The Jean MacArthur Research Center (named after the General's widow) houses the library and archives, education programs, and the administrative offices for the MacArthur Memorial and the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation. The gift shop displays General MacArthur's 1950 Chrysler Imperial limousine which he used from 1950 to the end of his life. The museum proper is housed in Norfolk's stately nineteenth century City Hall. A monumental rotunda is the General's and Mrs. MacArthur's final resting place where they are surrounded by inscriptions, banners, and flags heralding the general's long and glorious career. Nine separate galleries arranged in two levels circle the rotunda and tell the story of General MacArthur and the millions of American men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces from the Civil War through the Korean War. <http://www.macarthurmemorial.org>
- **Norfolk Tides** – The Norfolk Tides minor league baseball team plays at beautiful waterfront Harbor Park in downtown Norfolk. A great way to spend a summer evening. There are no Norfolk Tides home games during the week of the conference however there are scheduled games the week prior and the weekend/week after. <http://norfolk.tides.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t568>
- **Prince Books** – Read, relax and refresh the mind while munching on sandwiches and salads at the Lizard Cafe. Located just a few steps from the Marriott! <http://www.prince-books.com>
- **Norfolk Harbor Cruises**
 - **Elizabeth River Ferry** – is a system of three 150-passenger paddle-wheel ferryboats, one of which is the world's first natural gas-powered pedestrian ferry. The Ferry travels between North Landing and High Street in Portsmouth and Downtown Norfolk at The Waterside Marketplace. It's fast, economical (\$1.50 one way – must have exact change) and offers a panorama harbor view – a 5 minute ride. The Ferry operates every 30 minutes, with 15-minute service at peak times on weekends. One visit to Olde Towne Portsmouth and you'll be hooked. Amble along the famous Seawall. Stroll through three centuries of historic neighborhoods. Go antiquing. Take in some art. Eat at one of the delightful restaurants. Many of Portsmouth's attractions are clustered within easy walking distance of each other, making it the perfect place to spend a day. <http://www.visitportsva.com>
 - **Spirit of Norfolk** – is the largest ship cruising the Norfolk harbor and has two climate controlled decks, open strolling decks and lounge seating, dance floors, and buffet dining. Daily lunch and dinner cruises from Town Point Park. The ship is certainly a unique location for your dinner out. <http://www.spiritofnorfolk.com>
 - **American Rover** – the tall ship sails daily April through October from the dock at the Waterside Marketplace. Spacious topside decks with seating, and climate controlled below deck cocktail lounges. <http://www.americanrover.com>
 - **Carrie B** – This paddle wheeler takes you on a tour of the Norfolk Harbor, including a ride by the Navy ships. Leaves from the dock at the Waterside Marketplace. <http://www.carriebcruises.com>
- **Norfolk Electric Transit** – With 16 convenient stops in downtown Norfolk, the NET gets you where you want to go in a comfortable air-conditioned electric bus. NET buses run every six to eighteen minutes. It's free! Ghent, a historic and trendy neighborhood with many interesting boutiques, cafes, theatres and galleries, is accessible by NET. <http://www.norfolk.gov/Visitors/net.asp> <http://www.destinationghent.com>