

Norfolk, Virginia, USA

America's largest naval base meets a surprisingly walkable downtown — the Battleship Wisconsin sits two minutes from the gangway, and world-class art is free.

Docked — Half Moore Cruise Center

Typical call: 6-10 hrs

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MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier-side at Half Moore Cruise & Celebration Center, 1 Waterside Dr, downtown Norfolk

Best For: Naval history, walkable art district, harbor cruise, family day

Getting around: **Taxi** \$8–\$15 · **Rideshare** Uber, Lyft

Walk to center: 2 min to Nauticus/Battleship Wisconsin; 10 min to MacArthur Memorial & Chrysler Museum

Don't Miss: Walking the deck of Battleship Wisconsin (Iowa-class BB-64)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Battleship Wisconsin Self-Guided Tour** — Board the Iowa-class BB-64 docked at Nauticus — one of the largest battleships ever built.
- Chrysler Museum of Art** — Free admission to one of America's finest regional art museums — 5,000 years of art plus an internationally acclaimed glass collection.
- Victory Rover Naval Base Harbor Cruise** — A 2-hour narrated boat cruise departs from Waterside Drive and sails past active aircraft carriers, destroyers, and submarines at Naval Station...
- MacArthur Memorial** — The tomb and museum of General Douglas MacArthur, housed in Norfolk's 1850 City Hall.
- Norfolk Botanical Garden** — Virginia's largest botanical garden — 175 acres with more than 60 themed gardens on the shores of Lake Whitehurst.

BEST WALKS

- Waterfront & Naval History Loop** 1.5 miles · 45-60 min · Easy — Start at the Half Moore terminal, walk to Nauticus for a quick Battleship Wisconsin deck visit, then stroll the Elizabeth River Trail north to the Freemason District and...
- Art & History Mile** 1 mile · 30-40 min · Easy — Walk 10 minutes up Granby Street to the Chrysler Museum of Art (free), then cut two blocks east to the MacArthur Memorial (free), and head back down to the waterfront...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		68°	51°	10d
Jun		83°	68°	12d
Aug		85°	72°	14d
Sep		80°	68°	11d
Oct		71°	58°	8d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:30AM–7:39PM · Jun 5:45AM–8:25PM · Aug 6:22AM–7:55PM · Sep 6:47AM–7:11PM · Oct 7:13AM–6:27PM

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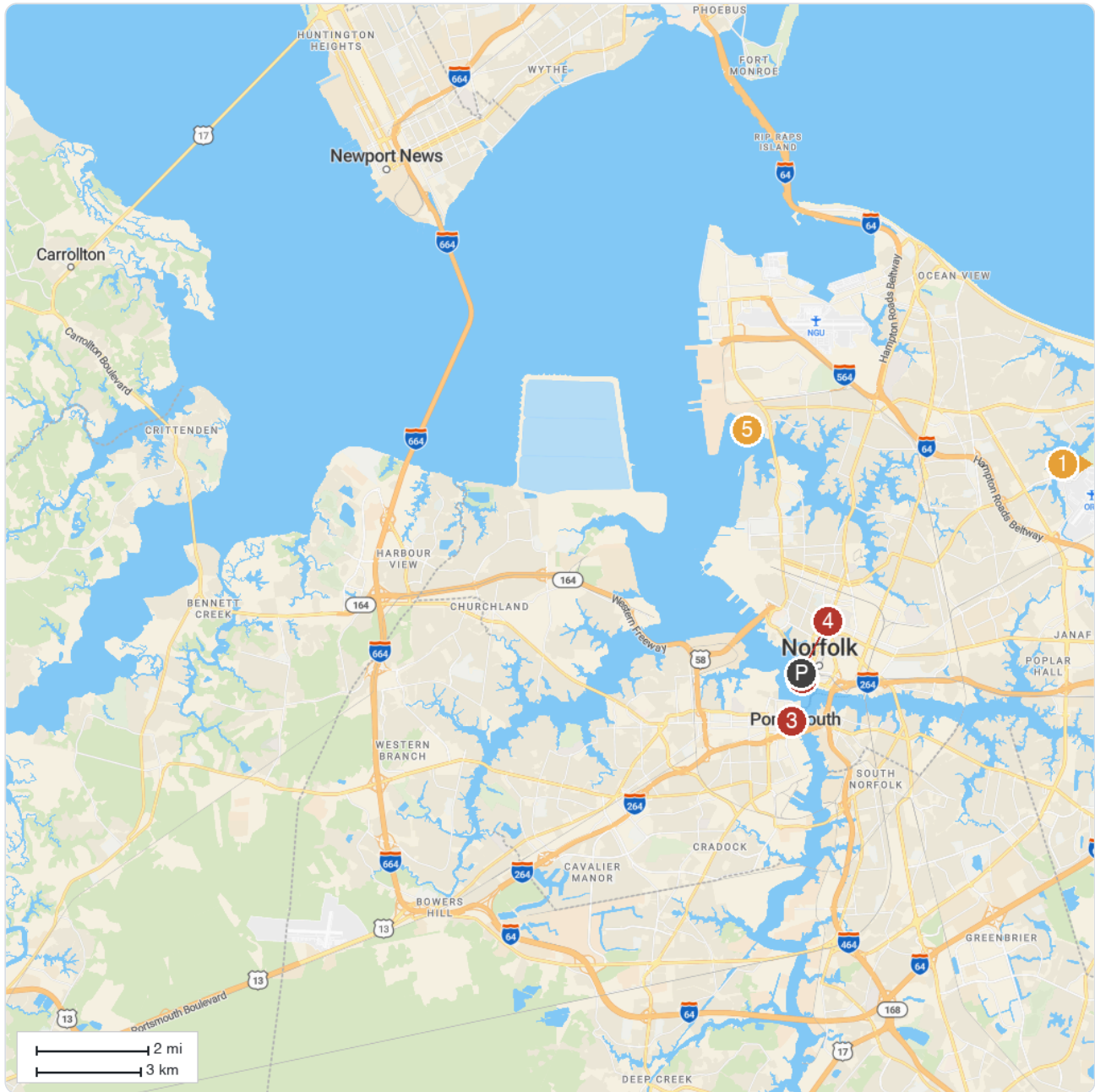
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Battleship Wisconsin first: Nauticus opens at 10 AM — head there immediately after disembarking to beat the crowds. Combination tickets cover the museum and the BB-64 deck.
- Free art: The Chrysler Museum of Art has free general admission. It's a 10-min walk from the pier and easily the best free attraction in Norfolk.
- She-crab soup: This Virginia coastal classic is a must-try. Freemason Abbey and several Granby Street spots do it well — thick, creamy, worth the calories.
- Rideshare works great: Uber and Lyft are reliable in Norfolk. Pick up/drop off on Waterside Drive or Main Street — the terminal driveway is restricted.
- Naval base tour: The Victory Rover cruise is the only way to get close to the active warships at Naval Station Norfolk without a security clearance. Book in advance on busy ship days.
- Summer heat: June-August in Norfolk is hot and humid. Carry water, especially for the Elizabeth River Trail walk. The Waterside District and Nauticus are air-conditioned respites.

Norfolk, Virginia, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Norfolk Botanical Garden | Explore beautiful themed gardens and diverse plant collections. | 2 Victory Rover Naval Base Cruises | Take a narrated boat tour of the active naval base. |
| 3 Children's Museum of Virginia | Interactive exhibits and hands-on fun for kids of all ages. | 4 Nauticus | A maritime science museum with interactive exhibits and aquariums. |
| 5 Hermitage Museum & Gardens | Historic estate featuring art collections, gardens, and waterfront views. | P Cruise port / terminal | |