

# NORFOLK'S AZALEA FESTIVAL

## Featuring the Virginia International Tattoo Show

### 4 DAYS - 3 NIGHTS

*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 - An early morning departure has you heading south into the State of Virginia. Your destination today is the Hampton Roads region where accommodations have been arranged for your group for the **2017 Azalea Festival**. After check-in, you will have an opportunity to freshen up, then enjoy dinner and entertainment.

Day 2 - Breakfast this morning before traveling to Norfolk for a driving tour of the **Norfolk Naval Base**. Home port to more than 78 ships of the Atlantic Fleet, Naval Station Norfolk is the world's largest naval installation. Narrated by naval personnel, you will pass by Atlantic Fleet training centers, awe-inspiring aircraft carriers and sleek submarines. The tour also features historic homes from the **1907 Jamestown Exposition**. Later, head for downtown Norfolk for admission to **Nauticus - The National Maritime Center**. Nauticus is a maritime-themed science center with an aquarium, hands-on exhibits, interactive theaters, and much more. The **Hampton Roads Naval Museum** is also located inside and 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 the building. After your visit, board the nearby **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! The 2017 show will feature more than 1,000 military and civilian performers from several nations who will share their unique music, dance, culture and pride with the audience as they showcase their individual excellence, their esprit de corps, and their friendship as nations. You will not only be entertained, you will be inspired when your hand touches your heart during the Star Spangled Banner, when you proudly stand during your family's service song, and when you rise in solemn prayer as hundreds of pipers, military musicians and singers join together to perform *Amazing Grace*. This is one Tattoo you will never regret!

Day 3 - Once again, you will enjoy breakfast this morning, then depart for downtown Norfolk where reserved seats have been arranged for the **Azalea Festival Parade of Nations**. Sponsored by NATO, the parade includes themed floats from each participating country to transport their "royal" princesses and concludes with the Most Honored Nation. After the parade, visit the **NATOfest** activities in Towne 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. In the afternoon, visit 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 motel for an opportunity to relax and freshen up before dinner.

Day 4 - Following breakfast, check out and prepare for your departure home with fond memories of the **Azalea Festival & Virginia International Tattoo Show**.

**THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING WHITE STAR TOURS TO BE A PART OF YOUR TRAVELS!**

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