



Charms of the Chesapeake

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\$3,995 /double • \$5,095 /single

A Journey Through Maryland's Maritime Heritage

From colonial port towns and elegant waterfronts to wild barrier islands, this intimate journey reveals the heart and soul of the Chesapeake Bay. Explore historic Annapolis, sail aboard a classic schooner, trace the paths of Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass, and experience the quiet beauty of Maryland's Eastern Shore before viewing the wild ponies of Assateague from the seas and strolling sandy beaches amidst island charm of Chincoteague.

TOUR INCLUDES

- Local home pick-up service and luggage handling
- Fully escorted by Globe Treks tour manager
- All meals, attractions, guides, and activities
- Two-night stay at the Annapolis Waterfront Hotel
- Guided tour of Maryland's capital, including the U.S. Naval Academy and William Paca House
- Sailing adventure aboard the 75-foot schooner *Woodwind*
- Two-night stay at the luxurious Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa & Marina
- Guided exploration of Easton, Oxford, and Cambridge
- Visit to the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center and Frederick Douglass Park
- Two-night oceanfront stay on Chincoteague Island, Virginia
- Cruise on the *Assateague Explorer* to view wild ponies
- Delicious regional cuisine, from waterfront seafood feasts to elegant Chesapeake dining
- Deluxe 14-passenger motorcoach with extra legroom, refreshments, and door-to-door pickup

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Charms of the Chesapeake: **Day by Day**

Day 1 – To Maryland’s Capital by the Bay

Our journey begins with an early morning pickup right at your doorstep, followed by a continental breakfast aboard our luxurious 14-passenger motorcoach. After a lunch stop near Durham, we arrive early evening in Annapolis, Maryland’s capital and a maritime gem rich in colonial history and nautical spirit. Unpack for a two-night stay at the Annapolis Waterfront Hotel, an Autograph Collection property set directly on the harbor. This stylish boutique hotel offers sweeping views of the Chesapeake, elegant nautical décor, and the perfect location for exploring the cobblestone streets and historic wharves just steps away. As evening falls, enjoy a seafood dinner at The Choptank, a lively waterfront restaurant overlooking “Ego Alley.” The Choptank’s crab cakes and oysters are local legends.

Day 2 – Annapolis: America’s Sailing Capital

After breakfast, meet your local guide for a tour of Maryland’s capital city, a showcase of 18th-century elegance and naval tradition. Highlights include the Maryland State House, the William Paca House and Gardens, and the U.S. Naval Academy, where midshipmen train to serve the nation. Enjoy lunch in downtown Annapolis, where cafés and boutiques fill the historic district with charm and character. The afternoon is yours to explore at leisure—perhaps stroll along City Dock, visit the maritime museum, or simply enjoy the harbor breeze. This evening, dine at one of Annapolis’ fine local restaurants.

Day 3 – Sailing and Serenity on the Bay

This morning, step aboard the 75-foot Schooner Woodwind for a sailing adventure on the Chesapeake Bay. With its billowing white sails and gleaming teak deck, the Woodwind offers an authentic taste of Annapolis’s seafaring heritage. Keep watch for osprey and herons as the crew shares stories of the bay’s ecology and maritime lore. After lunch back in town, travel to Cambridge, via the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, where you’ll check into the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa & Marina luxurious retreat overlooking the Choptank River. Relax by the infinity pool, stroll the manicured waterfront paths, or enjoy a treatment at the spa. Dinner tonight is at the resort’s Water’s Edge Grill with fresh seafood.

Day 4 – Eastern Shore Treasures

After a hearty breakfast, set out with your private guide to discover the charm of Maryland’s Eastern Shore. In Easton, admire the colonial architecture, boutique shops, and art galleries that make this town one of the prettiest in the Mid-Atlantic. Continue to Oxford, a serene 17th-century village where sailboats and waterfront homes line the Tred Avon River. Then on to Cambridge, a historic port city that blends maritime heritage with revitalized waterfront vitality. Enjoy a delicious lunch at Hunter’s Tavern, the signature restaurant of the Tidewater Inn, where Chesapeake-inspired dishes highlight the region’s freshest seafood and farm produce. Return to the Hyatt for an afternoon of leisure.

Day 5 –The Shore’s Hidden Corners

This morning, we trace the powerful stories of freedom and resilience at the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center, where the landscapes of her childhood is preserved with moving insight. Afterward, travel to Deal Island, a little-known historic district where weathered skipjacks and crab shanties still line the marshes. Lunch awaits at the island’s only restaurant—a true local experience filled with seafood favorites and watermen’s tales. Continue southward to Chincoteague Island, Virginia, for a two-night oceanfront stay at the Hampton Inn & Suites Chincoteague Waterfront. Watch the sunset from your balcony or take a short stroll into town for a casual dinner on the bay.

Day 6 – Ponies, Marshes, and Island Magic

Today brings one of the most memorable adventures of the trip—a wildlife cruise aboard the Assateague Explorer through the tidal channels of Chincoteague Bay. Your naturalist captain will share stories of the wild ponies of Assateague Island, whose herds have roamed the salt marshes for centuries. Keep your binoculars ready for ospreys, herons, and other native wildlife. Spend the afternoon exploring Chincoteague’s quaint main street or visiting the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge for a short walk along the dunes. This evening, we’ll gather for a farewell seafood dinner.

Day 7 – Homeward Bound

After breakfast, we bid farewell to the Eastern Shore and begin our leisurely return to Western North Carolina. Relax aboard our comfortable coach as the miles roll by, carrying home the spirit of the Chesapeake.

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