

# Romance Itinerary

The Tides Inn is a great place to get away from everyday life and enjoy spending time together at a Chesapeake Bay resort. Create unforgettable memories with a choice of wonderful accommodations and activities to suit every imaginable interest...from a romantic dinner and sunset cruise to spa pampering, golf and local sightseeing.

## Day 1 - Welcome to Irvington

Check in and begin to unwind at the resort. Schedule a private, sunset cove cruise around Carters Creek, the perfect way to settle in and see the sights. Afterward, enjoy a delicious dinner for two at the Tides Inn, featuring fresh, regional cuisine boasting the finest products and flavors of the Chesapeake region.

## Day 2 - Exploration & Relaxation

Explore Irvington together. Take a Tides Inn cruiser bike or go for a leisurely stroll around town. Stop by the nearby Steamboat Era Museum, grab a coffee at the Local, and browse the boutiques.

If you are visiting the Tides Inn on the first Saturday of the month, May through December, visit the Irvington Commons for an open-air market featuring local produce, herbs, flowers, meat, seafood, cheese, baked goods, art and handcrafted items, as well as live music and activities for children.

Embark on the Chesapeake Bay Wine Trail for a day filled with vineyards and the breathtaking scenery of Virginia's Northern Neck. Take along the Tides Inn's famous "Taste of the Northern Neck" picnic-for-two basket including a selection of fruit, cheese, roasted vegetables and pasta salad, as well croissant sandwiches, homemade cookies and plenty of snacks for your day. Explore nearby vineyards including Athena, Belle Mount Vineyards, and Ingleside Vineyards -- built in 1834, with more than 50 acres of gently rolling countryside. Enjoy tours and tastings at one of Virginia's oldest and largest wineries.

End the day in pure bliss at the Spa at the Tides Inn and experience the Tides of Change Body Treatment. Ride the wave of relaxation as an organic custom blend of essential oils is applied to your spine to calm and center, and then the massage moves outward to the rest of your body. The treatment continues with a seaweed scrub application and then a soothing seaweed body mask to soften and condition your skin.

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## Day 3 - Sailing & Heritage

Escape to an island where time has stood still. Choose one of the following full-day excursions:

### TANGIER ISLAND, VIRGINIA

From Buzzard's Point in Reedville, board the *Chesapeake Breeze* for a day boat cruise to Tangier Island. Tour this charming island in the middle of Chesapeake Bay, where island families earn their living from the famous blue crab. See crab shanties, wander along the commercial docks where the crab boats are tied up, and stroll the narrow streets where bicycles and golf carts are the main means of transportation. After a seafood dinner at the Chesapeake House, return to the boat and arrive back in Reedville.

### SMITH ISLAND, MARYLAND

Board the *Captain Evans* from Smith Point in Reedville for a day cruise to quaint Smith Island. On your way, pass by the Smith Point Lighthouse guarding the shoals where the Potomac River meets the Chesapeake Bay. On the island, home to families who make their living on the water, stop in at the Smith Island Museum, which interprets the history and culture of Maryland's only inhabited off-shore island, then take a walking tour of the village of Ewell. After lunch at your choice of waterfront restaurants, return to your boat for the homeward cruise and arrive back in Reedville.

## Day 4 - Fun & Recreation

Explore history throughout Virginia's Northern Neck. Trace the Washington, Lee, Carter, and Ball families from the original immigrants to their famous descendants. You can visit several Lee ancestral homes and locales including Ditchley, Burnt House Field, Menokin, and Stratford Hall, the birthplace of Robert E. Lee. You will learn about Robert "King" Carter and the grand colonial church he commissioned, Historic Christ Church. You'll get to know Mary Ball, mother of America's first president, by visiting the Mary Ball Museum, her childhood parish, Yeocomico Church, and the George Washington Birthplace.

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