

VIRGINIA BEACH VACATIONS

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Vacationing in Virginia Beach?

While on vacation you normally spend a lot of money on different things to do! It may be activities for the kids, going out to dinner, nightlife for the adults, etc. Not everything while on vacation at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront must cost an arm and a leg to have fun! There are many things you can do that are either free or low cost here in Virginia Beach! Even things the adults will LOVE! Checkout our list below and feel free to [contact us](#) if you have a suggestion on something you have done for free/low cost while on vacation in Virginia Beach that you think should be added to the list!

10 Free/Low Cost Things to do while visting Virginia Beach

1. **Virginia Beach Boardwalk** – The Virginia Beach Oceanfront Boardwalk is a 28-foot wide marvel that stretches three miles from 2nd to 40th Street and features a separate bike path, ideal for strolling, rollerblading and biking. Along the boardwalk, there's a variety of quaint outdoor restaurants and vendors offering bike and surrey rentals. Nautical sculptures adorn many of the side streets which lead to Atlantic Avenue.

2. **Music at Virginia Beach Stages** - Entertainment is offered nightly during the summer months at four oceanfront stages at 7th, 17th, and 24th and 31st Streets provide live musical acts. You can check out the schedule of events for different lists of artists on each stage at www.visitvirginiabeach.com
3. **Atlantic Avenue Strip Evening Entertainment** - Live! On Atlantic is a dynamic, family-friendly entertainment program along Atlantic Avenue at the Virginia Beach oceanfront! The sidewalks literally become the stage as musicians perform different styles of music guaranteed to make you smile, dance, and sing along as Atlantic Avenue comes alive each evening. Beginning in May, Live! On Atlantic creates a memorable, magical atmosphere from 7:30-11pm. The heart of Live! On Atlantic begins *nightly* entertainment on June 14, extending all the way through August 25. The *Fun Zone* is a unique area within Live! On Atlantic that targets the young and the young at heart! Performers on two closed streets and along the block in between promise to inspire and entertain with daring feats of strength and exciting interactive experiences. Watch out for magicians, face-painters, talking dragons, balloon artists, living statues, stilt-walkers, jugglers, contortionists, aerialists, caricature artists, and more as you explore the world of Live! On Atlantic.
4. **King Neptune Statue** - Proudly welcoming locals and visitors alike, a 34-foot, cast bronze Neptune statue stands at the gateway to Neptune Park and the threshold of the sea. Constructed entirely through the generosity of private contributions gathered by the Neptune Festival, this statue is dedicated to the city of Virginia Beach and its citizens. Surrounded by the creatures of his realm, mighty trident in hand, Neptune's gaze rests affectionately on the shore. His heroic visage honors the maritime legacy of Virginia Beach while also standing as a vivid reminder of the community's duty to respect and protect our natural blessings.

The statue was dedicated to the City of Virginia Beach on September 30, 2005 during the Neptune Festival Boardwalk Weekend; it now graces the boardwalk at 31st street, overlooking Neptune's Park.
5. **Neptune Park** - Neptune's Park, a beautiful outdoor venue featuring nightly entertainment throughout the summer, is on the Virginia Beach oceanfront at 31st Street, part of the 31 Ocean Corridor. The Free Summer Concert Series includes a series of eight extremely talented and diverse national recording artists performing for the residents and guests of Hampton Roads to enjoy. All concerts are FREE and Open to the Public and begin at 7pm.
6. **Grommet Island Park & Playground** - This 15,000 square foot beach park features wheelchair accessible entrances and an incredible playground that includes poured-in-place surfacing, raised sand tables for sandcastle building at an accessible height, a sensory board for children who are autistic and visually impaired, and a sway boat. The playground also boasts sculptural features such as dolphins, a surfboard, and a wave that are all fully accessible

for children to pretend to ride the waves and swim with the dolphins. Wood polymer decking extends from the playground to accessible seating areas with an umbrella and hand-operated sand scoop designed to be used by a person in a wheelchair, allowing EVERYBODY to play in the sand.

7. **Mount Trashmore(Kid's Cove Playground, Skate Park, Summer Carnival, etc.)** – World-renowned Mount Trashmore Park encompasses 165 acres and is comprised of two man-made mountains, two lakes, two playgrounds, a skate park and vert ramp, and multi-use paths. The main mountain, Mount Trashmore, now 60 feet in height and 800 feet long, was created by compacting layers of solid waste and clean soil. Recognized for its environmental feat, this former landfill features a water-wise garden that boasts xeriscaping which requires minimal water. The park also features a smaller mountain, Encore Hill, and two lakes. Lake Windsor (located along South Blvd.) is brackish water fed by Thalia Creek. Lake Trashmore (located along Edwin Drive) is freshwater and hosts various species of fish. Fishing is permitted from land only and requires a Virginia freshwater fishing license. Anglers must adhere to all State regulations regarding creel and size limits. No boats, swimming or wading is allowed in the lakes. Kayaks are permitted at Lake Windsor.
8. **First Landing State Park** - As Virginia's most-visited state park, it's an oasis within urban Virginia Beach. The park has 20 miles of trails and 1.5 miles of sandy Chesapeake Bay beach frontage. First Landing offers many recreational and educational activities and has many unusual habitats including bald cypress swamps, lagoons and maritime forest, as well as rare plants and wildlife. Cabins, water and electric hook-up campsites, picnic areas, boat ramps and a camp store with bicycle rentals are also available. The Chesapeake Bay Center houses historical and educational exhibits. The Trail Center conference room, outdoor courtyard, pavilion and amphitheater can be rented for special events and weddings.
9. **Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge** - The Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge is a 9,108-acre refuge that is made up of barrier islands, dunes, beach woodland, freshwater marshes, maritime forests, ponds and ocean beaches. The refuge is situated on a thin strip of coastline typical of barrier islands found along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. The majority of refuge marshlands are on islands contained within the waters of Back Bay. The refuge provides habitat for a wide assortment of wildlife, including threatened and endangered species such as loggerhead sea turtles, piping plovers, peregrine falcons, and bald eagles. On site are scenic trails, a visitor contact station, and, with advance scheduling, group educational opportunities.

10. GOING TO THE BEACH – Of course the best thing to do while visiting Virginia Beach is checking out the beach! Catching some sun and going out to swim or play in the ocean! Its free and all you need is some sunscreen, a towel and maybe a beach chair! Don't forget the sunscreen and Happy Vacationing!!!