

**Nautical Nights**

Hotels draw on the area's rich history and maritime influences.

**Williamsburg Inn**

This historic hotel was designed to invoke the comfort and charm of a traditional Virginia estate. Since 1937, its guest register has been a "who's who" of the elite, including royalty (Queen Elizabeth II). *colonialwilliamsburg.com/hotels*

**The Westin Virginia Beach Town Center**

Take a modern turn at this posh and stylish downtown hotel. You'll have copious shopping, dining, and entertainment options right at your front doorstep. *westinvirginiabeach.com*

**Smithfield Station**

Unwind on the water. For a one-of-a-kind lodging experience, spend a night in the Captain Sinclair Suite, tucked away on the top level of the property's Chesapeake Bay-style lighthouse. *smithfieldstation.com*

**The Cavalier Hotel**

Just two blocks from the Virginia Beach Boardwalk, this historic hotel opened in 1927 and set the standard for luxury. A high-rise addition offers a panoramic oceanfront view. *cavalierhotel.com*

**The Founders Inn and Spa**

The best of both worlds: a modern hotel with Colonial charm and antiques, surrounded by neatly manicured, expansive grounds. Top off your stay with a rejuvenating visit to the Flowering Almond Spa. *foundersinn.com*



Sumptuous Slumber at the Williamsburg Inn

**Sleep** The past never sleeps at these historic inns, but you can.

AS THE BIRTHPLACE OF Colonial America, the Hampton Roads area keeps history alive—even while you sleep.

Church Point Manor in Virginia Beach (*churchpointmanor.com*) got its name by virtue of the land it sits on—the site of the former First Court and First Old Donation Church, founded in 1639. Today, the 1860s farmhouse features 10 guestrooms, the Cellars restaurant, and the Pub and Taproom, where brick walls and oversized wooden tables give the feel of an authentic English pub. One of the best features is outside: a large wraparound porch complete with wicker furniture that's perfect for sipping morning coffee or an evening cocktail.

At A Bed and Breakfast at Historic Page House Inn (*pagehouseinn.com*), you can watch the sun set over the skyline of downtown Norfolk. But rooms with a view are a

given at this luxurious mansion with 72 windows. Located in the center of the Ghent Historic District, the AAA Four Diamond establishment even offers guests a "champagne breakfast by candlelight."

In Williamsburg, enjoy a candlelight breakfast every morning on your room's private porch at Governor's Trace Bed and Breakfast (*governorstrace.com*), which beckons guests to "cross this threshold and discover the tranquility of the 18th century." Three spacious guestrooms adorned with antiques exude romance and Colonial charm. As the closest bed-and-breakfast to the historic area, it's just steps away from George Washington's favorite local tavern, Christiana Campbell's.

These cozy, relaxing bed-and-breakfasts make it easy for you to enjoy a restful night, even though history never sleeps.

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