

HAMPTON ROADS - PENINSULA **Newport News Tourism**

Destination: Newport News, Virginia

Virginia's fifth most populous city features a conference center and unique meeting venues for events of all sizes

The city of Newport News is home to the largest employer in Virginia – Newport News Shipbuilding – and the U.S. Army's largest transportation unit. It is also the headquarters for more than 20 international firms and two national laboratories. So it should come as no surprise that we know our way around meeting planning here in Newport News!

The city's conference center, located in trendy City Center at Oyster Point, boasts 25,000 square feet of total meeting space for corporate retreats and can accommodate 1,600 guests reception-style. Its elegant grand ballroom, one of the largest in Newport News, offers seating for 880.

It has been said that Newport News offers the vitality of a big city coupled with the hospitality and charm of a small town. That means confer-

ence attendees can enjoy everything from creative dining experiences in chef-owned restaurants to unique shopping opportunities and attractions showcasing everything from Virginia's natural and military heritage to more than 3,000 years of maritime history. Additionally, Newport News is home to more than 30 parks, including Newport News Park – a 7,700-acre oasis that is nine times larger than New York City's Central Park. Activities there include fishing, boating, archery, hiking, biking, golfing, disc golf, and even a ropes course – a great team-building activity for groups.

The friendly, knowledgeable staff of the Newport News Tourism Office offers several complimentary services to make a meeting planner's life a little easier. Through its Convention Services Program, meeting planners are

offered helpful items such as welcome bags, promotional materials, and coupon sheets filled with discounts and buy-one-get-one-free offers at some of the most popular places in Newport News. More than just saving business travelers money, the coupon sheet also saves time for meeting planners by providing them with great ideas regarding where to visit, eat and shop while in Newport News.

The tourism office can also help meeting planners brainstorm creative ideas for off-site meetings to turn conferences into amazing life experiences. For example, groups can participate in a fun "Are You Smarter than an Elementary School Student?" scavenger hunt at the Virginia Living Museum, a great way for people to meet each other, move around, and get them talking!

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