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For Weddings and Honeymoon, Virginia Beach’s Shores and Venues offer a Picture-Perfect Backdrop

(Virginia Beach, Va., 2008) – Imagine ... a Virginia Beach oceanfront wedding and honeymooning in a quiet seaside cottage – the sun’s rays glistening on the majestic Atlantic Ocean with dolphins frolicking in the deep blue. Virginia Beach is the perfect romantic destination for a wedding, reception or honeymoon vacation. When the time comes to tie the knot, Virginia Beach boasts historic hotels, magnificent ballrooms, sunny beaches and picturesque parks to create a dream wedding.



Romance under the Sea at the Virginia Aquarium: Your guests will delight in petting a stingray and witnessing the antics of the harbor seals, sea turtles, sharks and more. At the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center, discover a distinctive venue for weddings and receptions - from an intimate, sit-down dinner for 20 to an elegant reception for 2,000 of your closest friends and family. With nearly 700,000 gallons of aquariums and live animal habitats, more than 300 hands-on exhibits and a 3D IMAX® Theater, your wedding is guaranteed to make a splash. www.virginiaaquarium.com

Revel in the Spirit of America’s Golden Days at the Cavalier Hotel: The Cavalier hotel was officially opened in 1927 with a grand ceremony. Today, The Cavalier still offers that same grand style of hostelry, creating a magical location for weddings and honeymooners. Couples glide across the stunning grand foyer through which timeless American icons such as Sinatra, Fitzgerald and seven U.S. presidents walked. A wedding is divine in the ocean-view ballroom, the oceanfront Beach Club, or the myriad of reception areas. It is also the only hotel with a private beach. www.cavalierhotel.com

Create an Artful Wedding Setting at The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia: The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia is an award-winning facility, including galleries and a 268-seat auditorium. The combination of contemporary style and art creates a dramatic backdrop for weddings. The expansive 4,800 square-foot atrium features a vaulted ceiling, skylight, mahogany trim and live trees. A flexible floor plan can accommodate an intimate event for 35 or an extravagant gala for 350 guests. For larger events, tents can be added on the adjoining patio or grounds. In addition, the Rodriguez Pavilion showcases a sparkling 16-foot Dale Chihuly chandelier. www.cacv.org



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Sail Into Wedded Bliss on a Private Charter Boat: Your wedding party will cruise in style aboard *Virginia's Jewel*, Virginia Beach's 100-foot luxury charter yacht. Sail along the sparkling waters of the Lynnhaven Inlet and take in the sights of Virginia Beach's beautiful waterfront homes, First Landing State Park and the Chesapeake Bay. The luxury liner is available by reservation for private parties and offers catered fine dining and a DJ. www.virginiasjewel.com



Treat Yourselves to the Good Life at Virginia Beach's Oceanfront Hotels

The Virginia Beach oceanfront features a number of beautiful hotel properties to meet every taste and budget - from family-style hotels to luxury accommodations. For a casually-elegant experience, the hotels offers a modern appeal for a wedding or honeymoon experience, with amenities such as a rooftop infinity pool, cutting-edge restaurants, a Sky Bar, as well as majestic banquet facilities and ballrooms. www.vbfun.com

Wed In the Tower of the Virginia Beach Convention Center: Be dazzled by the sheer elegance of the ballroom. Be amazed at the oceanfront view from the tower. Be in awe of the soaring, nautical glass-curtain wall that appears to float in pools of water inside and outside the building. The new Virginia Beach Convention Center showcases more than 500,000 gross square feet of space that can comfortably accommodate groups for weddings, banquets and receptions, ranging from a few people up to several thousand. www.virginiabeachconventioncenter.com



Relax In the Serenity of Sandbridge's Oasis as You Say I Do: Trickle sand between your toes and opt for a more intimate wedding and honeymoon experience in the secluded environment at Sandbridge beach on Virginia Beach's southern shore. Brides and grooms can plan a sunset or sunrise wedding on the beach while honeymooners can luxuriate in the peace and quiet, surrounded by ocean waves and the beauty of nearby Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge. The pristine shores of Sandbridge are untouched by the hands of modernization. Here, the traffic is often less and seagulls leave long-lasting footprints. There are no hotels. Just breathtaking ocean-view rental homes and peacefulness fill the Sandbridge shoreline, just 10 minutes from the main resort area. www.vbfun.com

Get Lost in the Tranquility of Chesapeake Beach: Known to the locals as "Chick's Beach" Chesapeake Beach is located along the shore of the tranquil Chesapeake Bay, offers brides, grooms and honeymooners a romantic destination to wed, relax, take long walks on the beach and revel in each other's company. The area is dotted with traditional family-owned beach restaurants in addition to the swankiest fine-dining, gourmet establishments. The Virginia Beach Resort Hotel & Conference Center on Chesapeake Beach specializes in catered events with numerous menus designed by an award-winning executive chef. With 14,000 square feet of flexible banquet space, this venue can accommodate groups of all sizes. www.virginiabeachresort.com

Southern Elegance Meets Casual Charm: Gracefully intersecting the Chesapeake Bay and Lynnhaven River, Lesner Inn is a sophisticated catering club offering breathtaking, intimate waterside views. The Inn's banquet rooms are perfect for smaller, intimate weddings or larger, festive affairs. A full-service team plans every detail. Delicious food and the subtle elegance of the Inn will make your wedding not only memorable for you, but also your guests. A full range of menu options including cocktails are available. For more information, visit www.lesnerinn.com.



Celebrate the first day of your wonderful life together at the Founders Inn: Amid the elegance of grand Georgian architecture of Founders Inn, couples exchange vows surrounded by the serene beauty of spectacularly landscaped English Gardens. The Founders Inn professional staff specializes in creating memorable, finely detailed weddings. With a beautiful lake as the backdrop, the elegant Colonial-style resort offers the ultimate luxury. With thoughtful consideration for quality and artistry, the award-winning culinary team is renowned for creating beautiful wedding cakes and preparing succulent, savory cuisine. www.foundersinn.com



Live the Wild Life with a Bit of Romance and Relive a Historic Past with a New Beginning

Say your vows in the same spot where the first English settlers landed in 1607. First Landing State Park offers intoxicating views of Chesapeake Bay complete with a gazebo and amphitheater. The park features beach, back dunes, upland forest, tidal marsh and cypress swamp, and contains one of the most precious habitat types in the world, the maritime forest community – a perfect backdrop for the wedding pictures. For an adventurous honeymoon, Virginia Beach offers more than 18,600 acres of state parks and wildlife refuges, over 121 navigable miles of waterways and 35 miles of ocean and bay beaches perfect for hiking, kayaking, and camping. www.vbfun.com



Experience Virginia Beach's romantic side for the next wedding, reception or honeymoon vacation.

Virginia Beach entices visitors to "Live the Life" every season of the year! Located in the southeastern corner of the state, Virginia Beach is four hours southeast of D.C. by car and within a day's drive or less from two-thirds of the U.S. population. For visitor information, call 1-800-VA-BEACH (800/822-3224) or visit the Web site www.vbfun.com for online trip planning and more information about Virginia Beach's new \$202.5 million convention center. For media information and digital images, click on www.vbpressroom.com.

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