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## New Year, New Memories Await in Virginia Beach

**This January, Take in the Wildlife of Coastal Virginia, by Land and by Sea, and Sip Back and Relax with some Wine and more**

**VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (January 3, 2017)** – Let's ring in the new year! The holidays are in the rear view, but there are so many events to look forward to kick-off 2017 in true VB fashion. Regardless of how you choose to begin the year, it's sure to be a bright and exciting month ahead!

### **FLIPPING WITH FRIENDS**

It's time to get wild! Join us for an unforgettable experience with a chance to view the world's largest and most beautiful marine animals on the [Winter Wildlife Boat Tour](#) aboard the Rudee Flipper (through March 13). Discover Humpback and Fin Whales as they move in a seasonal migration along the Atlantic. Marine life sightings are incredible, and whale sightings are the number one goal. In fact, whale sightings are now guaranteed from December through February 15, as you can ride again for free if none are spotted on your first trip! You may also see brown pelicans, northern gannets and other sea birds, all of which make a dramatic show while feeding on schools of fish.

From bird activity to whale-sightings and frolicking dolphins to the seals that harbor near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, there are endless opportunities to witness winter wildlife throughout Virginia Beach. Learn about what it takes to properly observe and identify wildlife in their natural settings at the [Winter Wildlife Festival](#) (Jan. 20-22). Free and open to the public, this event includes educational walk-up workshops and engaging excursions that are sure to captivate outdoor enthusiasts, both novice and expert, alike.

### **CHEERS TO THE NEW YEAR - VB STYLE**

If your New Year's resolution was to drink more wine, then you're in luck! Taste some of the region's most flavorful creations during the [Coastal Virginia Wine Fest](#) (Jan. 28-29) at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. Vendors in attendance include wineries, specialty foods and arts and crafts. Enjoy educational seminars, a craft beer garden, grape stomp competition, live entertainment and more.

There's an exciting new year upon us. Begin planning your stay with us this month or for later in the new year. To learn more about Virginia Beach, plan a stay or request a complimentary vacation guide at [www.VisitVirginiaBeach.com](http://www.VisitVirginiaBeach.com).

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*Where the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay meet, Virginia Beach promises visitors a unique chance to “Live the Life.” Nature at its finest, just-caught and just-picked local food, and toes-in-the-sand relaxation combine for a soul-satisfying experience. A world-renowned boardwalk, energetic downtown, state-of-the-art Convention Center, abundant parks and waterways, and mild weather give rise to an active lifestyle and flourishing local culture. The Virginia Beach CVB is responsible for promoting year-round leisure, business, meetings and conventions, international and sports travel to Virginia’s most populous city. For media information and images, visit [www.VisitVirginiaBeach.com/pressroom](http://www.VisitVirginiaBeach.com/pressroom). Follow Virginia Beach on Twitter at [twitter.com/VisitVaBch](https://twitter.com/VisitVaBch), Instagram at [instagram.com/visitvabeach](https://instagram.com/visitvabeach), Facebook at [www.facebook.com/VisitVaBeach](https://www.facebook.com/VisitVaBeach) and Pinterest at [www.pinterest.com/visitvabeach](https://www.pinterest.com/visitvabeach).*

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