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Spring Is in the Air in Virginia Beach

Virginia Beach Proudly Hosts the East Coast She Crab Soup Classic, Historic Garden Week, the Virginia Arts Festival, and the Town Center Craft Beer Festival for an April Blossoming with Springtime Fun

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (March 16, 2017) – The weather is warming up and spring is in the air, which means it's the perfect time to put on your sunglasses, roll down the windows and head to the beach. This month in Virginia Beach travelers can enjoy a unique soup tasting festival, spring fashionistas strutting on the runway, family fun on the farm and more.

CRABBY ON THE COAST

Seasonal staples back to the dining table. Travelers can sample the best of one of the region's most iconic dishes during the [9th Annual East Coast She Crab Soup Classic](#) (April 8), held at 24th Street Park at the Virginia Beach oceanfront. More than a dozen local restaurants will serve their individual recipes for this delicacy while vying for People's Choice Awards, determined by the ballots of those attending this tasting festival. Critic's Choice Award winners will be chosen by a panel of leading regional cuisine experts. Savor some of the area's finest soup and cast your vote. Winners will be announced at the end of the event, receiving plaques and bragging rights for the year.

ARTFULLY FESTIVE

This year, the [Virginia Arts Festival](#) (thru May 27) is celebrating its 21st Anniversary of bringing world-class performing arts to the beach. This year's celebration brings the undeniable violin virtuoso, Itzhak Perlman, to the beautiful Sandler Center for the Performing Arts, at Town Center, for his performance of The Great Violin Film Scores (April 13). Perlman's program will include moving performances of beautiful violin music film, including Schindler's List, Casablanca, Scent of a Woman and more.

HISTORICALLY BEACHY

Spring brings the area's historic gardens to full bloom as the statewide [Historic Garden Week](#) (April 26) shows off Virginia's unforgettable historic gardens at the peak of their springtime color. Virginia Beach visitors can tour the beautiful gardens and homes of the historic Cavalier Shores neighborhood of the Virginia Beach oceanfront North End. With the renovation of the beloved Cavalier Hotel, visitors can experience this tour near the prestigious seaside resort, including ten sites, all of which are being featured on Historic Garden Week for the first time.

A TOAST TO THE TOWN

Something good is brewing this spring at Virginia Beach Town Center, and you won't want to miss out! With the [Town Center Craft Beer Festival](#) (April 29) comes over 50 craft beers from 25 breweries, including local Virginia beers and national and regional craft beers and ciders. Tickets include sampling of the beers and live entertainment for an afternoon of dancing and drinking in good health at Town Center! To learn more about Virginia Beach, [plan a stay](#) or request a complimentary vacation guide, contact the Virginia Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau by calling 1-800-VA-BEACH or going to 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. Follow Virginia Beach on Twitter at twitter.com/VisitVaBch, Instagram at instagram.com/visitvabeach, Facebook at www.facebook.com/VisitVaBeach and Pinterest at www.pinterest.com/visitvabeach.

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