



CHINCOTEAGUE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE | ASSATEAGUE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE
CHINCOTEAGUE PONIES | OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES | HISTORY | COASTAL CUISINE
SMALL TOWN CHARM | FESTIVALS | EVENTS

DISCOVER YOUR LOVE OF CHINCOTEAGUE ISLAND

Discovery awaits on Chincoteague Island, VA, where rich history, coastal charm, and fresh local flavors offer an immersive experience. While just a few short hours away from major East Coast cities like Philadelphia, Richmond, New York City, and Washington, DC, Chincoteague Island is close to home yet miles away from ordinary and is a unique destination offering memorable experiences across three distinct islands - Chincoteague, Assateague and Wallops Islands.

NATURAL WONDERS

Chincoteague Island is the gateway to the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge on Assateague Island—home to the world-famous Chincoteague Ponies, the Assateague Lighthouse, and a pristine, award-winning beach managed by Assateague Island National Seashore.

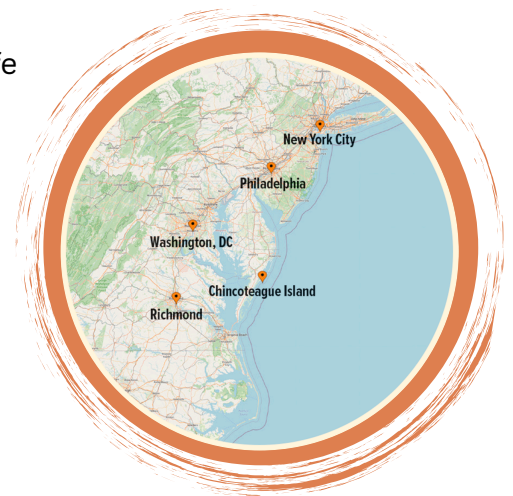
NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

Discover NASA's Wallops Flight Facility on neighboring Wallops Island, featuring exciting rocket launches and an interactive Visitor Center highlighting the past and future of space exploration.

PLAN YOUR STAY

Comfortable accommodations, step-on guide services, shopping, fresh seafood, and authentic local dining complete the experience, creating lasting memories.

Our knowledgeable team is here to guide your experience. Visit ChincoteagueChamber.com/business-group-travel to start planning!



2026 EVENT DATES TO ENJOY

- Death by Chocolate - February 13-14
- Search for the Shamrocks - March 20-21
- Easter Decoy & Art Festival - April 3-4
- Chincoteague Seafood Festival - May 2
- Chincoteague Blueberry Festival - July 23-25
- Pony Swim & Auction - July 29-30
- Plein Air Art Show & Sale - September 5-12
- Chincoteague Oyster Festival - October 10
- Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade - December 5



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ISLAND CHARM

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

Spend time wandering our Historic Downtown with shops, galleries, restaurants, waterfront park, LOVE chairs, historic theatre and library, and an unforgettable hometown charm.

ART GALLERIES

Surround yourself with paintings, pottery, woodwork, photography, and artwork of all mediums by local artists and artisans in a variety of galleries and shops and discover the American folk art of decoy carving, a long standing Chincoteague Island tradition.

HISTORY

Delve into the past with a visit to the Museum of Chincoteague Island, book a guided tour, or take a self-guided tour through our storied past. From the 1800's Capt. Timothy Hill House and Assateague Lighthouse, to pirates, floods, fires, and the resilience of this island community, learn about what makes this amazing little island so special.

CULTURE

Find joy in a wide variety of cultural experiences like concerts in the park, local theatre productions, Farmers and Artisans Markets, art classes, and other community celebrations that reflect the island's unique coastal spirit.



NATURAL BEAUTY

WILD PONIES

Made famous by Marguerite Henry's book, *Misty of Chincoteague*, in 1947, the Chincoteague Ponies are magnificent animals that roam free on the wildlife refuge. Though the annual Roundup, Swim, and Auction are huge attractions on the island, these ponies can be seen year-round lazily grazing in the salt marshes.

BIRDING & WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY

Bring your binoculars and explore this remarkable coastal landscape along the Atlantic Flyway. Snowy egrets stalk the shallows, herons glide over tidal creeks, and thousands of shorebirds gather along the water's edge. In winter, waterfowl blanket the marshes; in spring and fall, warblers and songbirds fill the trees; and year-round, ospreys and bald eagles patrol the skies. Capture this diverse wildlife and scenery through your lens whether you are a beginner or seasoned photographer.

AQUACULTURE

Enjoy fresh, local seafood served at amazing restaurants or markets. From the famous Chincoteague "Salts" oysters, clams, mussels, and blue crabs, in the waters around the island, to the offshore catches of flounder, rockfish, red drum, speckled trout, tuna, and more, our fresh seafood will excite your tastebuds.



OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES

HIKE & BIKE

Explore over 17 miles of winding trails through woodlands and marshes on Chincoteague Island and throughout the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge on Assateague Island. Designated hiking and biking trails connect you to stunning scenery and adventures. Bring your own bike or rent when you arrive.

BEACHCOMB

Spend the day listening to the crash of the waves and soaking in the sunshine on the Assateague Island National Seashore. Search for seashells and other treasures, swim, paddle, surf, fly kites, or sit back and enjoy the natural beauty that surrounds you.

BOAT CRUISES

Experience the island by boat for a relaxing sunset cruise, specialized eco-tour, pony watching, or wildlife tour. Boat captains will share their extensive knowledge of the island's history, aquaculture, ponies, and more.

