



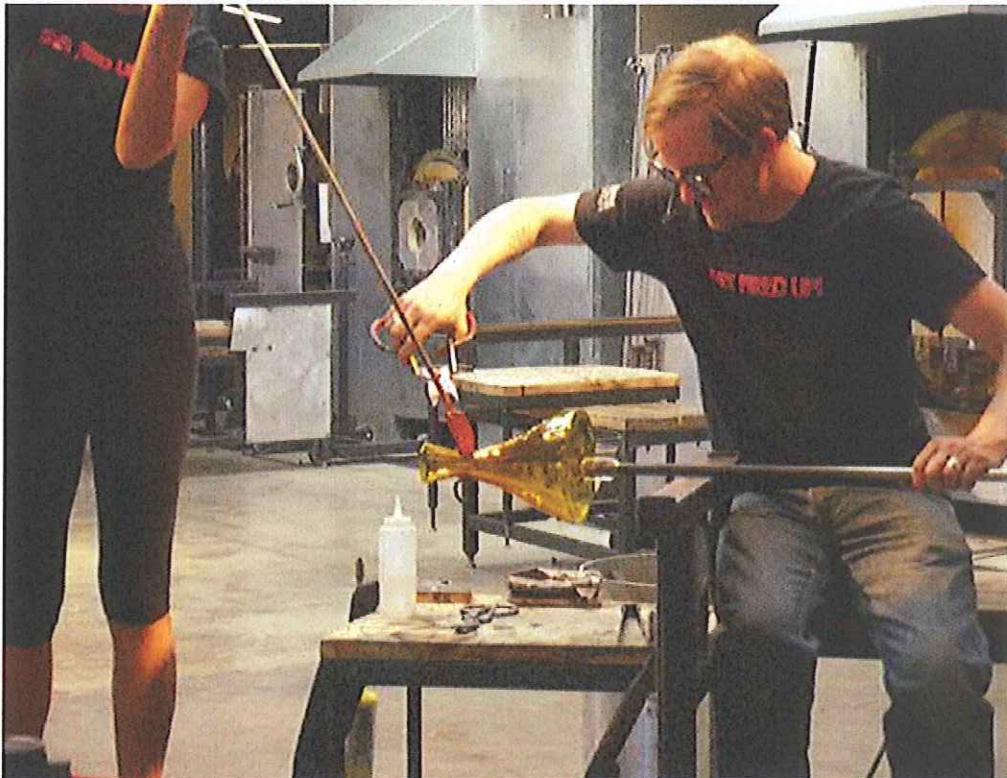
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## 10 great reasons to visit Norfolk, Virginia

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It's pronounced naw-fok, not Nor-folk. Don't maim the name. Norfolk is Virginia's second-most populated city with more than 245,000 residents, home to the world's biggest Navy base ([Naval Station Norfolk](#)), and it's a hidden gem for budget-conscious travelers.

How do we describe this U.S. travel destination? Let us count the ways.



### 1. Budget-friendly

Free community festivals, free glass-blowing demonstration at the [Chrysler Museum Glass Studio](#), so-cheap-it's-almost-free food at Doumar's diner and curb service. Stretching your travel dollars further is easy in Norfolk.



## 2. Scenic

Its waterfront location, between the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean, makes Norfolk a delight for those who appreciate seaside beauty. Sit back and admire the view on a leisurely harbor cruise aboard [The American Rover](#) or sign up for a "Sail About" sailing lesson with [Sail Nauticus](#).

Land lovers can take a driving tour with [Phillips Destination Management](#), seeing some of Norfolk's five historic districts. The zones feature homes that boast decorative ironwork trim and fencing, ornate masonry and stunning stained glass windows.