



Captivating Cape Charles! with LifeLong Learning Society Monday – May 12, 2025

Lifelong Learning Society presents this SignaTours trip as an opportunity for members to travel together

Come, join us as we travel toward our beautiful Chesapeake Bay and the captivating town of *Cape Charles* on Virginia's Eastern Shore. What makes this tour so special is that we will have a local tour guide with us all day, educating and entertaining us along the way. Our adventure begins on the north side of Virginia Beach where the Lynnhaven River joins the Bay. We will get a firsthand explanation of the life of a Chesapeake Bay oyster waterman and their unique lifestyle at *Pleasure House Oysters*. Lunch is included at the *Dockside Restaurant* where, of course, fried oysters are an option!

Next, we'll travel across the *Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel*, a 17-mile engineering marvel, that takes us onto *Virginia's Eastern Shore*. We will first travel to the *Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge*. Nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay, it serves as one of the country's most valuable stopovers for migratory birds and insects. In the fall, songbirds and butterflies alike migrate south by means of the refuge. Enjoy a brief walk to a great overlook and learn the area's significance during World War II. You'll also see an actual 25-foot-long gun that was originally mounted in the rear turret of the USS Missouri. Fascinating! From there, we'll travel into the quaint town of Cape Charles, the southernmost town on the Eastern Shore. Founded in 1884, Cape Charles was originally a planned community created to support a new railroad and the Little Creek-Cape Charles Ferry. The last ferry left Cape Charles in 1953, but today the town continues to be a popular destination with its wonderful selection of restaurants, shops, marinas, and golf courses. Cape Charles still maintains its post-Victorian charm. Enjoy time to explore the town and time permitting, visit the *Cape Charles Museum*. Next, we'll head to *Kiptopeke State Park*, unlike any park you've seen! Kiptopeke means *Big Water* in the language of the Accawmack Indians, who once lived in this area and befriended early settlers. In addition to the typical camping and hiking the state park offers, Kiptopeke is home to large concrete ships sitting just offshore. These ships aren't here because they didn't work, but because they were retired from active service and intentionally placed there in the late 1940s as a breaker to protect a ferry terminal pier. Quite the site to see!

Your Tour Cost Includes the Following:

Round Trip Motorcoach Transportation ★ Tour Guide Service ★ Lunch at Dockside Restaurant ★ Tour at Pleasure House Oysters ★ Tax and Gratuity for Meal ★ Refreshments served on coach on return trip ★ Driver & Escort Gratuity

Motorcoach departs Yoder Barn at 8:30 AM - Returns approx. 7:00 PM

Reservation Form for 5/12/25 - Please return below form with payment

Name (s): _____
Address: _____ Cell: _____

Total Cost Per Person: ___\$215.00 for LLS Members or ___\$250.00 for Non-members

Please Note: Registration deadline is due April 18th (payments non-refundable 7 days prior to departure)

Please make check payable to SignaTours and Mail to:

LifeLong Learning Society, 660 Hamilton Drive, Newport News, VA 23602 (757) 269-4368
(for LLS Office only: Date check received: _____)