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*George Washington's Mount Vernon*

## Movie Star Selfies, Virginia Style

A visit to Virginia affords a ready opportunity to walk in the footsteps of stars. With numerous blockbusters and Academy Award-winning movies filmed in the Commonwealth, it's easy to build an itinerary that puts you on the real set, ready for your own personal close up.

### **Day 1 & 2 – Dulles International Airport to Tysons Corner (approx. 24 km)**

Catch one of many direct flights from any number of major international destinations to Washington Dulles International Airport located in Chantilly, Virginia, just under 50 km from the U.S. capital. The airport's location is exceptionally handy for your first stop in Fairfax County.

Located on airport property and just miles from the terminals, you'll find [The Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center](#), the sister museum to the Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum in downtown D.C. The Centre was chosen as the location for one of the climactic scenes in [Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen](#) because the facility is home to the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, the fastest jet in the world. You'll not only be able to capture a selfie with the Blackbird on the very floor they filmed the movie, but you can also grab a shot of the space shuttle Discovery while you're there, along with a multitude of other planes and artifacts.



*The Steven F Udvar-Hazy Center*

Just 20 miles down the road is **McLean**, home to Langley and the CIA, and where parts of **Argo** were filmed. The movie starring and directed by Ben Affleck received the 2013 Academy Awards for Best Picture, Adapted Screenplay, and Achievement in Film Editing. While you likely can't gain access to the CIA (unless you're an agent, that is!) you can grab a selfie outside the gates. Plus, there is lots to do in nearby [Tysons Corner](#), home to some of the best shopping in the capital region, not to mention the new [Capital One Center](#) where you can grab a craft beer at [The Perch](#) or take in a little [live music, comedy or even a Broadway show](#). Tysons Corner is also home to four Metrorail stations, making it the perfect home-base for travels around northern Virginia.

Just over 30 km from Tysons and on the Metrorail line is [Alexandria](#), also known as Old Town - one location for the recent filming of [Wonder Woman 1984](#). Check out this [self-guided stroll](#) of Old Town's TV and movie locations, for easy intel on a load of selfie sites. You'll also discover quickly that Alexandria's rich history and beautifully preserved 18th- and 19th-century architecture, combined with 200 independent restaurants and boutiques, make it an ideal place to spend a day, or more.



*Alexandria, Virginia*

Less than 16 km south of Alexandria sits [George Washington's Mount Vernon](#), site for the filming of [National Treasure: Book of Secrets](#). A visit to America's first presidential home is a reason to come to Virginia all by itself, but a selfie with the mansion in the background to compare with the scene from the movie is especially fun! Additional shots for the movie were captured at the [George Washington Masonic National Memorial](#) in Alexandria.

Stay two nights in Tysons Corner.

### **Day 3 & 4 – Tysons Corner to Richmond (approx. 177 km)**

It's time for a change of scene, so set out for [Richmond](#). Along the route, stop off at **Quantico, Virginia** – home of the FBI Academy - where *The Silence of the Lambs* was filmed, starring Anthony Hopkins and Jodie Foster. The 1992 Academy loved the feature film, awarding five Oscars for the following categories: Best Picture, Best Actor in a Leading Role, Best Actress in a Leading Role, Best Director, and Best Writing. Quantico is also home to numerous TV dramas through the years, though most make up their own sets and pretend to be on location. However, what is on location, adjacent to the Quantico Marine Corps Base, and well worth a stop, is the [National Museum of the Marine Corps](#), highlighting the history of the U.S. Marines.





*National Museum of the United States Marine Corps*

Richmond, and the adjacent city of [Petersburg](#), have played host to numerous small- and big-screen features, not the least of which was Steven Spielberg's [LINCOLN](#), which won an Academy Award for Production Design, while Daniel Day-Lewis, whom portrayed Abraham Lincoln, took home the Best Actor award. There are so many fantastic selfie spots for this flick there are guided tours, including a [Segway Tour](#), that covers Lincoln's path while in the state capital.



*Virginia State Capitol, Richmond*

As you walk around Richmond you'll discover a wealth of historic buildings including [The Jefferson Hotel](#), the shops in Shockoe Bottom, and even Virginia's State Capitol building, which have been featured in [LINCOLN](#), the Showtime hit drama [Homeland](#), and many other productions. The streets of beautiful Old Towne Petersburg also reveal numerous sets, as the location for not only parts of [LINCOLN](#) but also the recent Academy Award nominee for best picture [Harriet](#), based on the life of Harriet Tubman.

Renee Zellweger won the Oscar in 2004 for Best Actress in a Supporting Role for her work in [Cold Mountain](#) alongside Jude Law and Nicole Kidman. The movie was filmed in Richmond and nearby Williamsburg. Easy selfies can be secured on [Belle Isle](#), in the James River in the very heart of Richmond – also a great place for hiking, biking, kayaking and white-water rafting.



*James River, Richmond*

Stay two nights Richmond.

#### **Day 5 & 6 – Richmond to Hampton Roads (approx. 172 km)**

Let's head waterside for our next group of movie-sets, to the Hampton Roads region including **Norfolk** and **Virginia Beach**.

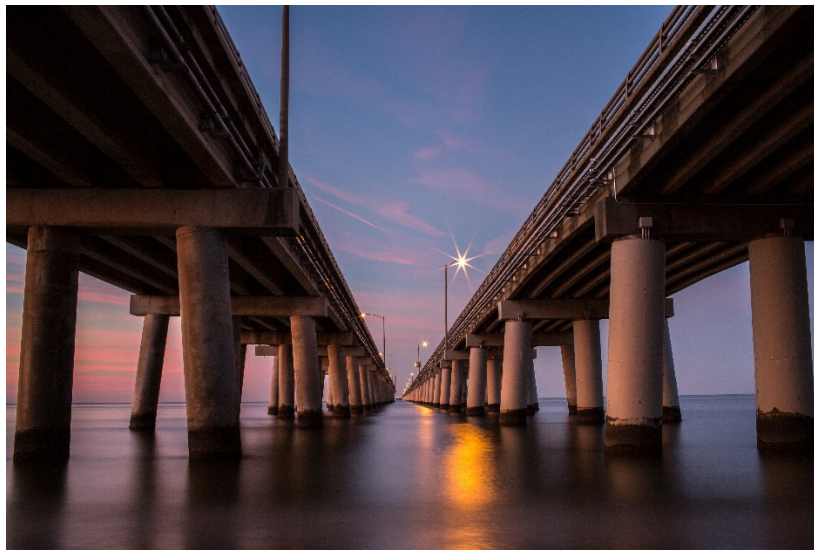
The Oscar nominee for Best Film, ***Captain Phillips*** starring Tom Hanks, filmed off the coast of Virginia Beach with the assistance of the U.S. Navy at Naval Station Norfolk. The scenes filmed are those involving the dramatic rescue by the Navy SEALs. Tour the naval base from the water side on the [Victory Rover](#) to catch some selfies with the ships of America's naval fleet in the background as well as to learn all about the base, the largest naval complex in the world.





*Norfolk Battleship*

A short 48-km drive across the Chesapeake Bay from Norfolk is Virginia's Eastern Shore, and most of the drive is spent over - or under - the water, on the world-renowned **Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel**, lauded as one of the world's engineering marvels. As you take in the beauty of the Bay, pretend you're Tom Cruise, working to escape that destructive missile attack in *Mission Impossible III*, which was shot on the bridge. But before you set out, [remind yourself of the scene](#), to be sure you get the right framing.



*Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel*

Stay two nights Norfolk or Virginia Beach.

### **Day 7 & 8 – Norfolk to Mountain Lake Lodge (approx. 482 km)**

The steadfast darling on the list of Virginia filmography is *Dirty Dancing* starring Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey. Filmed in the famous Appalachian Mountains, (rather than the Catskills as they would

have you believe in the movie) [Mountain Lake Lodge](#) is the original Kellerman's, and as soon as you drive up, you'll feel that 'lights, camera, action' energy. The flick received an Oscar for Best Music, Original Song for "[\(I've Had\) The Time of My Life](#)" and you will have the time of your life at one of the Lodge's [Dirty Dancing Themed Weekends](#). There's no better way to step into Johnny or Baby's shoes and you're guaranteed to get the selfie of a lifetime. Even if you're not up for the full dancing experience, a stay at the resort - even in Baby's Cabin! – offers a wealth of events and outdoor activities in one of the east coast's most breathtaking settings.



*Mountain Lake Lodge*

Stay two nights Mountain Lake Lodge.

**Day 9 – Mountain Lake Lodge to Washington Dulles International (approx. 442 km)**

With a slew of scenic selfies and a multitude of memories, drive northwest through the stunning Shenandoah Valley back to Dulles International. Or take a flight out of the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport (only about 80 km from Mountain Lake Lodge) through Dulles International for your trip home.

And THAT's a wrap!