PAX TO THE MAX!

Explore two major attractions along the majestic Patuxent River Two Days / One Night Itinerary

Experience the cutting edge of the U.S. Naval Aviation, get up close to the planes that safeguard the nation, and test your skills in the cockpit of an actual jet-fighter simulator at the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum & Visitor Center. Journey back to the Age of Sail and on to Maryland's prehistoric seas and the time of the monstrous Megaladon shark at the Calvert Marine Museum. Top off the day at a waterside restaurant and enjoy the best of Maryland seafood. *Pax to the Max* packs in a whole lot of group fun!

You can start this great itinerary in St. Mary's or Calvert County, depending on your entry point into the region.

Option One: Begin in St. Mary's County

Dining & Accommodation choices provided on attached sheet.

Day One

First Stop: Lunch

Try a seafood spot, local fare in Leonardtown, or a variety of franchises along Route 235. See dining options.

Second Stop: Museum

Patuxent River Naval Air Museum & Visitors Center (Time at Museum: 2-3 hours)

22156 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park, MD 20653

301-863-1900 | <u>www.paxmuseum.com</u>

Featuring a brand-new facility, this museum tells the story of the past, present and future of U.S. Navy testing and evaluation at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station via interactive displays, full-sized Mach combat simulators, an outdoor flight line with over 20 full-sized aircraft & much more. Pax River is where early astronauts got their start as test pilots and where the demanding challenges of aircraft system testing continues. Group rates available (Must call Mari at 301-863-1900 to make reservation. Museum normally opens at 10AM, but if you call ahead they will open the museum early for your group. Think about adding a cocktail after-hours with evening program for your group in the new facility!)

Third Stop: Hotel

Check in to your hotel and freshen up before dinner. Stay at one of our finest group-friendly hotels and enjoy the special touches that make you know you are welcome! Group rates available. See hotel options.

Fourth Stop: Dinner

Try a local seafood spot, unique dining in historic Leonardtown, or relax at one of a variety of chain restaurants along Route 235. See dining options.

Overnight: Hotel

Enjoy a great complimentary breakfast the next morning before starting off the day!

Day Two

First Stop: Museum

Calvert Marine Museum (Time at Museum: 2-4 hours, depends if you include a cruise) 14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons, MD 20688

410-326-2046 | <u>www.CalvertMarineMuseum.com</u> The Calvert Marine Museum, located on beautiful Solomon's Island, brings to life the rich maritime history,

ecology, and culture of the Patuxent River and the Chesapeake Bay Region. This museum features extensive indoor and outdoor displays, including marine wildlife, fossils, boats, and lighthouses. Add a cruise around the Island on an actual Chesapeake Bay working boat. Group rates available. (Must call to make reservation)

<u>Second Stop: Lunch</u> Enjoy lunch at any of Solomon Island's great restaurants.

Depart Home

Option Two: Begin in Calvert County

Attractions, Dining & Hotel choices provided on attached sheet

Day One

First Stop: Lunch

Enjoy lunch at any of Solomon Island's great dining restaurants. Please call ahead for groups.

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Second Stop: Lunch

Try a seafood spot, local fare in Leonardtown, or a variety of franchises along Route 235.

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Dining & Hotel Choices for "PAX to the Max" Itinerary

Below is a list of dining and accommodation suggestions. For a longer list, please visit <u>www.VisitStMarysMD.com</u> or <u>choosecalvert.com</u>, or call 301-475-4200 x1404. Please call ahead for group reservations.

St. Mary's County Dining Suggestions

- Stoney's at Clarke's Landing (24580 Clarke's Landing Road, Hollywood, MD 20636) 301-373-3986 | <u>http://stoneysseafoodhouse.com/clarkeslanding</u> | Seafood & More
- Restaurants along Route 235 (Visit <u>www.VisitStMarysMD.com</u> for Dining Listing)
 Find a large variety of chain and local restaurants along this corridor.
- Sandgates Inn (Crab House) (27525 N. Sandgates Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659) 301-373-5100 | Seafood & Crab House

- The Front Porch (22770 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650) (301) 997-1009 | www.thefrontporchleonardtown.com | Local Cuisine
- The Rex (22695 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650) 301-475-1512 | American
- Olde Towne Pub (22785 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650) (301) 475-8184 | www.oldetownpub.com | American/Pub Cuisine

Calvert County Dining

- Ruddy Duck Brewery & Grill (13200 Dowell Road, Dowell, MD 20629) 410-394-3825 | www.ruddyduckbrewery.com | Seafood/American
- ♦ Stoney's Solomons Pier (14575 Solomons Island Road, Solomons, MD 20688) 410-326-2424 | www.stoneysseafoodhouse.com | Seafood

Stoney's Kingfishers Seafood, Bar & Grill (14442 Solomons Island Road, Solomons, MD 20688) 410-394-0236 www.stoneysseafoodhouse.com/kingfishers | Seafood

The Lighthouse Restaurant & Dock Bar (14636 S. Solomons Island Road, Solomons, MD 20688) 410-231-2256 | www.lighthouserestaurantanddockbar.com | Seafood/American

The Striped Rock (14470 Solomons Island Road, Solomons, MD 20688) 410-449-6059 | www.thestripedrock.com | Seafood

Dry Dock Restaurant (245 C Street, Solomons, MD 20688)
 410-326-4817 | <u>www.zahnisers.com</u> | Seafood/American

St. Mary's County Hotels (Most located along 235 within a few miles of the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum)

- Country Inn & Suites (California) (Pam Lowe: 301-737-5227)
- Hampton Inn (Lexington Park) (Kim Aus: 301-863-3200)
- Holiday Inn Express (California) (James Lewiski: 301-880-3851)
- Home2 Suites (Lexington Park) (Brandy Bierly: 301-866-1416)
- Fairfield Inn (Lexington Park) (301-863-0203)
- Comfort Inn & Suites (Lexington Park) (Stacy Mackall: 301-863-1051)
- La Quinta Inn & Suites (Lexington Park) (Takisha Smith: 301-862-4100)
- TownePlace Suites (Lexington Park) (Jennifer Misner: 301-863-1111)
- Island Inn & Suites (St. George Island, 28 Rooms, all suites overlooking the water) (Kim Clarke: 301-994-1234)

- Calvert County Hotels (Located on or near Solomons Island)
 - Holiday Inn (Solomons): (410) 326-6311
 - o Hilton Garden Inn (Solomons): (410) 326-0303
 - **Comfort Inn** (Solomons): (410) 326-6303

Optional Side-Trips

If you have some time to spare, here are some great side trips of relevant locations to add-on to your tour. As always, be sure to make advanced group reservations for each destination.

Option 1: Sotterley Plantation (44300 Sotterley Lane, Hollywood, MD 20636)

(301) 373-2280 | www.sotterley.org

• Overlooking the scenic Patuxent River, Sotterley is the sole surviving fully-interpreted Tidewater plantation in Maryland open to the public.

Option 2: Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center (13480 Dowell Road, Dowell, MD 20629) (410) 326-4640 | www.annmariegarden.org

• This sculpture garden features a walking path that meanders through the forest, past sculptures including more than 30 works of art on loan from the Smithsonian Institution as well as hidden art.

<u>Option 3</u>: Afternoon/Day in Leonardtown (Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650) www.VisitStMarysMD.com/Leonardtown

• Located on Breton Bay, this charming town features a town square, public wharf park on the water, variety of specialty shops & restaurants, two historic sites, art galleries, a winery and much more.

Option 4: Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum (10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard, MD 20685) 410-586-8501 www.jefpat.org

• View 9000 years of documented human history at this Scenic Park and archeological site along the Patuxent River. View interactive exhibits, hike the trails, kayak, or see a recreated Native American Village.

Option 5: Wineries & Breweries

• St. Mary's & Calvert Counties have several award-winning wineries and breweries that make great additions to any group tour. Please call ahead to arrange group visits, tours & tastings.

Port of Leonardtown Winery (23190 Newtowne Neck Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650) (301) 690-2192 | www.polwinery.com

Slack Winery (16040 Woodland Drive, Ridge, MD 20680)

(301) 872-5175 | www.slackwine.com

Cove Point Winery (755 Cove Point Road, Lusby, MD 20657) 410-326-0949 | <u>www.covepointwinery.com</u>

Fridays Creek Winery (3485 Chaneyville Road, Owings, MD 20736) 410-286-9463 | <u>www.fridayscreek.com</u>

Perigeaux Vineyards and Winery (8650 Mackall Road, St. Leonard, MD 20685) 410-586-2710 | <u>www.perigeaux.com</u>

Running Hare Vineyard (150 Adelina Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678) 410-414-8486 | www.runningharevineyard.com

Solomons Island Winery (515 Garner Lane, Lusby, MD 20657) 410-394-1933 | <u>www.solomonsislandwinery.com</u>

Mully's Brewery (141 Schooner Lane, Suite 15, Prince Frederick, MD 20678) 443-968-9426 | <u>www.mullysbrewery.com</u>

Ruddy Duck Brewery & Grill (13200 Dowell Road, Dowell, MD 20629) 410-394-3825 | <u>www.ruddyduckbrewery.com</u>

Scorpion Brewing (929 Skinners Turn Road, Owings, MD 20736) 410-279-7900 | <u>http://scorpionbrewing.com</u>