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Enjoy festivals, commemorations throughout Hampton this Spring, summer

Hampton, VA - Festival season has begun in Hampton. Several festivals and other events will take place throughout the city this spring and summer. Residents and visitors alike can plan to attend events including the Blackbeard Pirate Festival, Phabulous Phoebus Street Festival, the return of the Hampton Jazz Festival and more.

[Blackbeard Pirate Festival](#)

Friday, June 2-4

Mill Point Park

100 Eaton Street

Join the fun of Pirate History and Lore in Hampton, at the award-winning Hampton Blackbeard Pirate Festival. Join Blackbeard and more than 200 other authentically costumed pirate reenactors, June 2-4 in Downtown Hampton. Food vendors will have on sale a variety of seafood, international dishes and festival grub.

[Phabulous Phoebus Street Festival](#)

Saturday, June 17

East Mellen Street

Party with pride during our Phabulous Phoebus Street Festival. Celebrate on historic Mellen Street with live music, beer and food vendors, and community enrichment.

[Hampton Jazz Festival](#)

Friday, June 23-25

Hampton Coliseum

1000 Coliseum Drive

Hampton residents and visitors can also revel in the return of the 53rd Annual Hampton Jazz Festival on June 23-25. Headliners for this year's Jazz Festival include Fantasia, Anthony Hamilton, Charlie Wilson and more. This year's festival marks the first Jazz Festival in three years.

[African American Heritage Festival](#)

Saturday, June 23-24

Mill Point Park

100 Eaton Street

This popular festival returns to Mill Point Park on Friday and Saturday, June 23-24. The festival celebrates Hampton's rich African American history and features over 60 arts and crafts and food vendors, live entertainment, and a children's area. This event is sponsored

by Project 1619 Inc. and Newport News Shipbuilding and is free and open to the public.

757 Extravaganza

Friday, June 22-25

Hampton Roads Convention Center

1610 Coliseum Drive

The Hampton Jazz Festival retail and after party experience. Where music meets art, The 757 Extravaganza Marketplace is alive with our creative culture and jazzy energy! The Hampton Roads Convention Center is perfect to explore an array of local artisans' traditional and modern crafts, along with retail items and other amazing finds.

1619 Commemoration of the First Enslaved African Landing

Friday, August 25-27, 2023

Fort Monroe

Join the Fort Monroe Authority, National Park Service, Project 1619, and the City of Hampton for the 2023 Commemoration of the First Enslaved African Landing special program. The events reflect on the significance of the 1619 landing of enslaved Africans and the contributions of Africans and their descendants to American society.

Crabtown Seafood Festival

Saturday, September 2

Mill Point Park

100 Eaton Street

Seafood vendors, fishing boats and educational bay exhibits will line the downtown waterfront, honoring Hampton's history as a town built by seafood. Celebrate Crabtown's fresh catch with food vendors, nautical art and live music, filling the river walkway from Mill Point Park to Carousel Park.

Supernatural: International Ska Festival

Friday, September 15-17

Fort Monroe

Patton Street Park

316 Fenwick Road

The 2023 Supernova International Ska Festival will take place at historic Fort Monroe in Hampton on September 15-17, 2023. The festival started in 2014 in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and prides itself on mixing legendary artists with ska bands from all eras. It's the largest festival dedicated to ska music in the United States.

For more festivals, celebrations, and commemorations in Hampton, check out visithampton.com/spring-and-summer-events-2023/.

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Editor's note: Some event links are from previous years.

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site

of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Science Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.