**VIRGINIA BEACH**

With its distinctive ocean setting, world-famous boardwalk, and plethora of attractions, entertainment and activities Virginia Beach is recognized as one of the best places in the country to live and work. While you are in Virginia Beach, you will experience miles of white sandy beaches, warm sparkling water, unlimited restaurants, rides, activities and entertainment. There are shops lining the streets, and a huge population of other J-1 Students – you will be sure to meet people from all over the world. There is constantly outdoor music being played, and with festivals, fairs and activities, you won’t be bored!

**WEATHER**

Virginia Beach Climate Graph - Virginia Climate Chart

**CITIES & AIRPORTS**

Closest international airport: Norfolk International Airport (ORF)

About 30 minutes from Norfolk, Virginia

**COMMUNITY GROUPS & RESOURCES**

One of the most popular areas for J-1 students! Very lively, huge oceanfront boardwalk, great 2nd job opportunities, beautiful location. No one who works here is ever bored!

**THINGS TO DO & CULTURAL EVENTS**

- Attend J-1 student event and make new friends
- Visit the museum or the aquarium
- Go to the beach
- Attend a local music festival
- Come to the CIEE Connect USA events
- Have fun at one of several theme parks in the area

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- Second job availability: Very likely
- Average cost of housing per week: $75-100
- State's minimum wage: $7.25
- Typical transportation: Bike
PROS & CONS

PRO: Great mix of outdoors activities, nightlife and busy downtown. Beautiful location and oceanfront accessible from almost anywhere!

CON: The weather is hot and humid so please bring comfortable clothing. The community is very busy and hectic in the summer.

HOT TIPS

The earlier you start looking for housing, the more options there are. If you wait too long all the most expensive options will be what is left. Also be careful to use ONLY CIEE recommended housing resources. And plan to buy a bike while in the area as that is the easiest way to get around.

MAP OF THE AREA

http://www.nationsonline.org/oneworld/map/USA/virginia_map.htm