

# Vacation Escapes

## Pirates And Pleasures

(NAPSA)—Many famous and in-famous visitors have passed through one Virginia town during its 394-year history, but perhaps the most notorious was the swash-buckling Blackbeard the Pirate.



**Meet “Edward Teach,” the 18th century pirate and others during a festive reenactment in Virginia.**

Now, you can enjoy the escapades of this colonial menace when they're reenacted during The Third Annual Hampton Blackbeard Festival starting June 1, 2002.

Tour character vessels on the Downtown Hampton waterfront. Watch as they skirmish throughout the three-and-a-half day event. Visit the pirate camp and market created to resemble Blackbeard's den. There you can view and buy arts and crafts and other merchandise and enjoy musical entertainment of then and now.

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