What is the overnight program?

Become a United States sailor aboard the historic USS Yorktown by participating in Operation Overnight. During your adventure, you’ll walk among some of our military’s most notable airplanes and ships while learning what life was like for Navy sailors. You’ll sleep in traditional Navy berthing compartments and eat meals in one of the ship’s many galleys. While aboard, you’ll hear stories of heroism and experience the WWII aircraft carrier like no other as you go behind the scenes to Live Like a Sailor.

Requirements:

- A minimum group size of 10 people (youth and adults)
- Guests must be at least 6 years old to participate in Operation Overnight
- One adult chaperone is required for every child ages 6-10. Children 11-17 must have a chaperone for every five people.

The Experience Aboard USS Yorktown

Patriots Point provides only a bare mattress on the bunk (rack) and bathrooms with showers. We recommend you bring the following with you:

- Sleeping bag and/or sheets for a twin mattress and pillow
- All toiletries and personal hygiene products. We do not allow flame-producing devices of any kind aboard USS Yorktown, so all products must be non-aerosol.
- Closed-toe shoes are highly recommended.
- Medications, including over the counter types such as ibuprofen or allergy medicine
- Insect repellent and sunscreen
Sleeping Arrangements

Our berthing compartments are climate-controlled and equipped with limited electrical outlets. If you use a Nebulizer or CPAP machine, we suggest bringing a power strip with you.

- There are NO MULTI-GENDER SLEEPING AREAS.
- An adult chaperone must be in each berthing compartment where the youth are sleeping, so all overnight groups must include the appropriate number of female and male chaperones based on gender, number and age of youth sailors.

Meals and Food

Meals are not included in the price of Operation Overnight. However, guests do have multiple options for food-service needs. Please contact the overnight office for more information.

Food is not allowed in the berthing compartments and must be consumed in approved areas.

Safety

Please be mindful of the following to ensure the safety of all visitors:

- Security and fire safety officers will be on duty during your stay.
- Medication, including over-the-counter products, must be carried and stored by adults. Our Operation Overnight team can assist with those that require refrigeration.
- The Fire Marshal requires all persons sleeping aboard the USS Yorktown to participate in a fire drill and must physically traverse the planned emergency escape route during the first night of their visit. Exceptions may be made for those with mobility challenges.
Rules of Conduct

It is the responsibility of the group leader to ensure compliance with all Patriots Point policies and procedures while staying overnight on the USS Yorktown. Every individual is accountable for understanding and adhering to the information below.

- No alcohol, firearms, knives, or weapons of any kind are permitted. Guests are also not allowed to bring any flame producing devices such as matches, lighters and aerosol cans.

- There is NO SMOKING in museum exhibits. There is a designated smoking area under the main stairs of the YORKTOWN and land-side behind The Ship Store.

- Tampering with the heat, fire, or smoke detectors is punishable with a $1500 fine.

- NO running, skipping, pushing, or horseplay.

- Please DO NOT touch, adjust, or play on aircraft and museum exhibits, these are very important artifacts.

- DO NOT enter any area of the museum that is not clearly marked as a tour route or areas open to the public. No one is allowed on the catwalks, or in the quarters of the opposite sex. In other words, keep any exploring to the marked tour routes and your specific berthing compartment unless attended by staff.

- TAPS is at 11 p.m. every night and Reveille is at 6:45 a.m. every morning. Overnight guests are asked to observe QUIET HOURS between these hours and to remain in their designated berthing areas.

- Discipline is the responsibility of the group leaders, not the overnight staff. The group leaders must provide adequate supervision. Leaders must accompany youth sailors touring the ships and Vietnam Experience.

- Overnight guests who disregard the rules of conduct will be asked to leave. Refunds will not be provided to any individual or any group asked to leave due to failure to respect our rules, policies, and procedures.