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*Colonial
Williamsburg*

GROUP EXPERIENCES



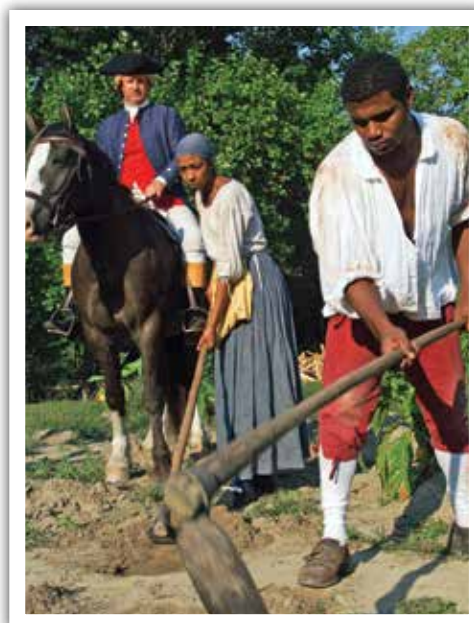
BE INSPIRED

Step into this 300-acre town, where some everyday people have some truly revolutionary ideas. Meet these artisans, shopkeepers, political figures, and servants, and share their ideas, dreams, and passions. While history may come instantly to mind when you think of Colonial Williamsburg, you'll find that history is just the beginning of your time here. Stay onsite at our hotels and historic lodging and you'll spend your days and nights immersed in discovery and indulgence just steps away from the Revolutionary City. Stay and Make Some History.™



Perfect for family reunions, adult and youth groups, church and social groups, and corporate retreats.

AFRICAN AMERICAN INTEREST—Slavery was an integral part of 18th-century Virginia society and during this time, half of Williamsburg's population was black. Meet Ann Wager, head of the Bray School for Negro Children. Learn the importance of story and song in keeping cultural traditions alive in *Papa Said, Mama Said*. Explore pastures, livestock, and the re-creation of daily working life of the middling 18th-century planter and slaves at Great Hopes Plantation.



and artisans working together in support of the Revolutionary War effort. Examine the role of the apothecary as 18th-century medical consultant. The milliner, shoemaker, cooper, basketmaker, silversmith, wheelwright, and more all played an important role in supporting a community preparing for and engaging in war.

GARDENS—Our 90 acres of gardens and green spaces range from the formal splendor of the Governor's Palace garden to the utilitarian kitchen garden of the James Geddy site to the tranquil Colonial Revival garden at Bassett Hall. Learn how archaeological evidence and historical documents help us re-create period gardens. Discover how gardens reflected status and wealth in the 18th century in a walking tour through gardens along Palace Green. Visit our Colonial Nursery to take home heirloom plants and garden accessories. Consider visiting during the annual Colonial Williamsburg



Garden Symposium or during Historic Garden Week in Virginia, both in spring. For more details, request a copy of our Gardens brochure.

HISTORIC TRADES & ARTISANS—Here, nearly 100 masters, journeymen, apprentices, and interpreters practice more than 30 trades using the tools and techniques of the 18th century. In the re-created industrial complex owned and operated by public armorer James Anderson, visit with blacksmiths, tinsmiths,



YOUTH STUDY VISITS—*The 18th century is the perfect place to practice 21st-century learning skills. Colonial Williamsburg's educational tour planners can arrange a custom experience that aligns with any school's SOL requirements and Common Core Learning Standards. Students will join the action to practice critical thinking and problem solving, communication, collaboration, creativity and innovation at every stop in the Revolutionary City. Call us at 1-800-228-8878 for a copy of our educational experience guide.*

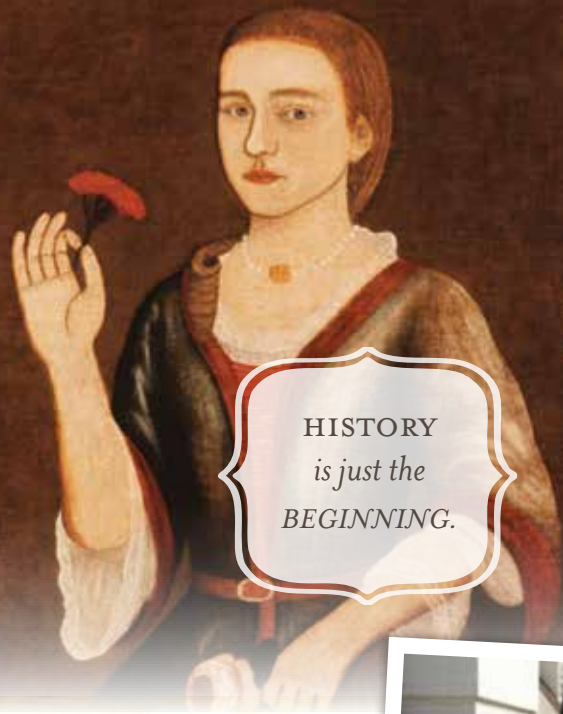


LET YOUR PASSIONS GUIDE YOU

There's a lot here to explore. Why not let your interests be your guide through the Revolutionary City? We can help your group plan a visit based on a wide range of subject areas that will inspire and delight – call our group tour representatives for expert help.

Here are just a few WAYS to find YOUR PASSION here:

WOMEN'S PERSPECTIVE—You've heard about founding fathers, now explore the role our founding mothers played. For starters, take the *Talk of the Town* women's tour around the city, learn the rules of high society at *The Polite Academy*, and meet the head of Williamsburg's enslaved children's school. Tour the Governor's Palace home to meet his charming wife, Lady Dunmore, and hear about her life with eight children in a palace. See how businesswomen contributed to the local economy and what trades they performed, and join Mrs. Campbell for tea at Christiana Campbell's Tavern. Listen to Mrs. Washington describe the duties of a president's wife, and more.



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RELIGION—Meet Gowan Pamphlet, an enslaved tavern worker and Baptist minister. Trace the religious heritage of transported Africans and their descendants in Virginia at the Taliaferro-Cole Stable. Visit the Presbyterian Meeting House, perhaps during April's Religion Month. And be sure to visit Bruton Parish Church, built in 1715, where Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, Richard Henry Lee, George Mason, George Washington, and George Wythe attended.



patriots dined and socialized. And don't miss the modern cuisine at our contemporary resort restaurants, where our focus on garden-to-guest freshness and innovative cuisine have made Colonial Williamsburg a favorite with discerning diners.

HISTORIC ROOTS—For first-time visitors who want to experience the beginnings of our nation, don't miss: a tour of the opulent Governor's Palace, tavern dining with 18th century recipes at King's Arms or one of our other 3 outstanding historic taverns, a private home like Powell, Geddy, or Randolph House, a visit to a trade site, and a stroll through one of our more than 100 gardens.



We can help you customize a visit for these subject areas and interests, plus many more: art and folk art, music, Native American interest, farming and livestock — practically anything that excites or inspires you!

ART & ANTIQUES—At the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg, spend some time exploring our collection of bold, imaginative pieces of early American decorative arts and three centuries of American furnishings and folk art. Take in our changing exhibitions for an in-depth look and meet a curator for a guided tour of our vast tableware collection or other highlights. Meet the personalities of the 18th century through detailed portraits. Stroll down to Bassett Hall, the home of John D. and Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, Jr., a treasure of folk art. Tour the Governor's Palace to see what treasures the Royal Governors might've enjoyed.

CUISINE & SPIRITS—Visit our demonstration kitchens at the Governor's Palace and Armoury, where we employ 18th-century kitchenware, recipes, and ingredients to make the same meals served in colonial Virginia. Special programming features brewmaking, chocolate making, preserving of foods, and more. Give in to temptation and visit all four of our distinct historic taverns to see how the

EVENING HIGHLIGHTS

When the sun goes down, it's a whole new story in the Revolutionary City! Experience our special evening programming that's a little more spirited, visit a historic tavern for some fun – 18th-century style, visit one of our resort restaurants, catch a performance or movie at the Kimball Theatre.

PIRATES AMONGST US

Blackbeard is dead, and many of his crew have been tried and hanged in Williamsburg. On this walking tour, you'll meet ghosts and ghouls of his crew and hear their true pirate tales. Beware! You may even be tempted to join his spectral band of fellows.



CRY WITCH

You are the jury in this candlelit inquiry into the charges of witchcraft brought against Grace Sherwood in 1706. Question the witnesses, weigh the evidence, and decide the guilt or innocence of "the Virginia Witch."

GHOSTS AMONGST US

Go inside some Revolutionary City sites rumored to be haunted, and meet the ghostly inhabitants. Each of these walking tours introduces a different cast of characters for a chilling evening!

COME, LET'S DANCE

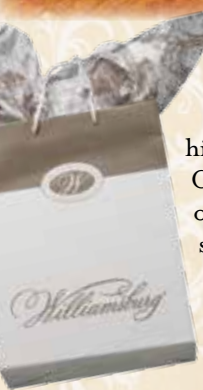
You are cordially invited to the Governor's Palace for an evening of music and dance. Wear your dancing shoes!



PAPA SAID, MAMA SAID

Explore African American storytelling tradition in *Papa Said, Mama Said*, where you'll meet slaves who kept their culture and traditions alive by passing along their songs and stories to the next generations.

SHOPPING—THE OTHER PASTIME



Our shops here are filled with way more variety than the traditional souvenirs. Nine historic shops throughout the Revolutionary City offer 18th-century-style tavernware, one-of-a-kind items handmade by our skilled tradespeople using 18th-century tools and techniques, beautiful keepsake jewelry, colonial clothes, hats, toys, and other children's items. Visit our quartet of shops in Merchants Square, and at the Visitor Center. At Merchants Square, adjacent to the Revolutionary City, you'll find more than 40 shops and fine restaurants offering personal service and unique gifts, décor, and apparel.





A TASTE OF THE 18TH CENTURY—AND THE 21ST!

The terms food and Williamsburg have been inexorably linked for nearly 300 years – going back to two foodies named Washington and Jefferson. Today, within the Colonial Williamsburg Hotels and Revolutionary City, we offer a wide variety of dining choices from elegant, award-winning fine dining to contemporary American cuisine with a regional flair, to authentic 18th-century taverns.



Dine with patriots at our four historic taverns – each with a distinct menu and specialty. Experience the Williamsburg Inn's elegant Regency Room – where modern, inventive cuisine shares a menu with classic dishes, elegantly prepared. Spirits lovers, sample our 18th century recipe ales at Chowning's Tavern, or reserve a spot at our monthly *Pints & Pairings* and *Wine, Wit & Wisdom* tastings. Learn the secrets of our esteemed chefs at the Taste Studio, our demonstration kitchen featuring hands-on culinary adventures. To view our group menus, visit us at www.colonialwilliamsburg.com/groupstours or, let us create a menu and dining experience to meet your group's needs.



STAY CLOSE TO THE ACTION

Hospitality has been foremost here since John D. Rockefeller himself designed our first hotel, The Williamsburg Inn. Today, that same care and dedication is found in each of our guest properties. Stay at a Colonial Williamsburg hotel and you'll enjoy first-class amenities including fine dining, the Spa, championship golf, and heated pools. Plus, our hotel guests enjoy preferred reservations, exclusive events, discounts, and complimentary shuttle service – all within steps of the action-packed Revolutionary City.



WILLIAMSBURG INN—Experience true luxury at the exquisite Williamsburg Inn, the crown jewel of Colonial Williamsburg's hotels.

COLONIAL HOUSES HISTORIC HOUSING—Our distinctive, Colonial-era homes and tavern rooms are favorites of groups and families. Each filled with period reproductions, they offer an unparalleled 18th-century experience.

PROVIDENCE HALL GUESTHOUSES—A serene haven with the luxurious amenities of the Williamsburg Inn – spacious rooms, stunning views, and balcony or patio with each room overlooking the lush, wooded setting.

WILLIAMSBURG LODGE—The epitome of southern hospitality, this cozy lodge is accented with unique folk art furnishings, inviting leather sofas, and charming lantern-lined hallways.

WILLIAMSBURG WOODLANDS HOTEL & SUITES—Nestled among towering pines and adjacent to the Colonial Williamsburg Regional Visitor Center, this family-friendly hotel offers plenty of activities, and daily deluxe continental breakfast.

GOVERNOR'S INN—Offering comfortable and economical accommodations, the Governor's Inn features an outdoor pool and complimentary continental breakfast.



THE PERFECT TIME TO VISIT, EVERY TIME

There's something happening 365 days a year here. While each season offers its own special natural beauty, yearly events highlights include:

SPRING: Garden Symposium, Easter, Virginia Historic Garden Week, Drummers Call Weekend, Festival Williamsburg Concert Weekend, Memorial Day Weekend

SUMMER: Flag Day Naturalization Ceremony, Run for the Dream, July 4th Independence Day Celebration

FALL: *The Taste Tradition* Food, Wine & Spirits Weekend, Homeschool Days, Veterans Day Weekend

HOLIDAY & WINTER: Grand Illumination & over 100 holiday celebrations, Presidents Day Weekend



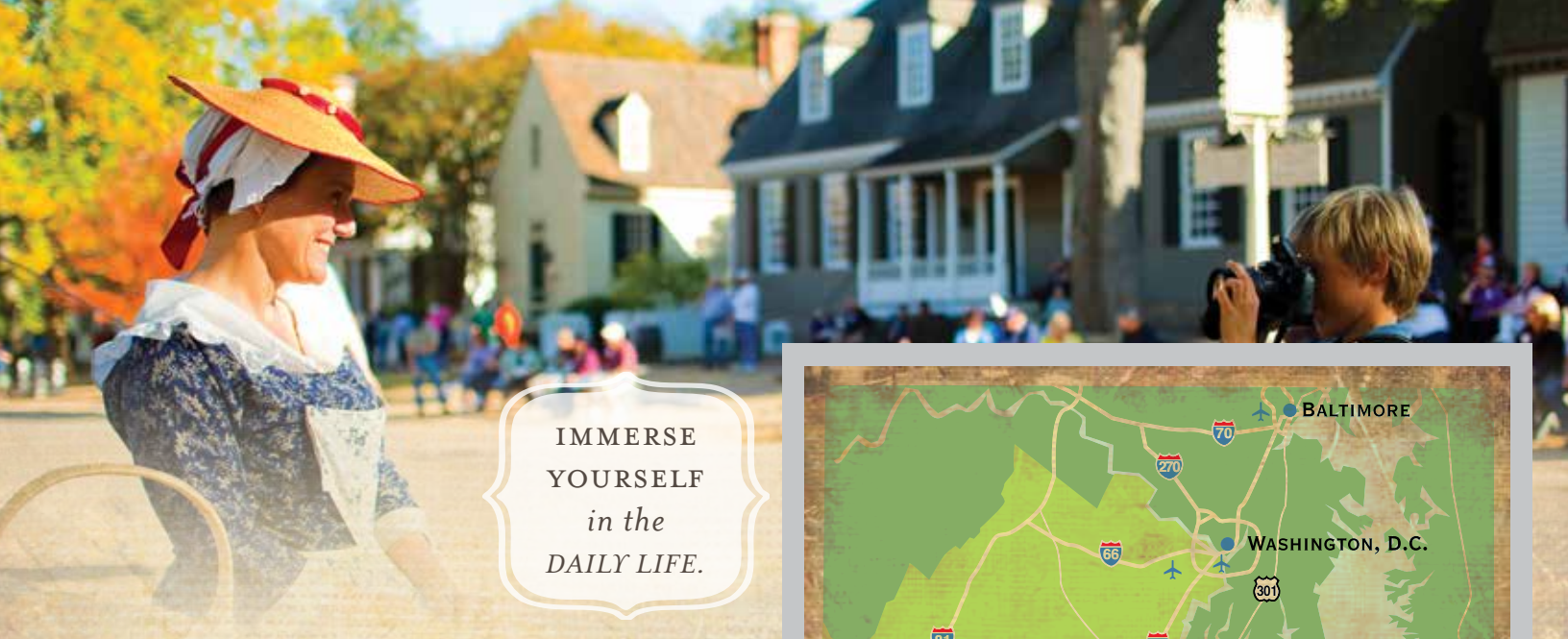
REJUVENATION IS A PASSION HERE

It's a *vacation*, so plan some time to relax and rejuvenate.

THE SPA OF COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG
The acclaimed Spa of Colonial Williamsburg epitomizes comfort—from the chic, calming décor to the thoughtful amenities and accommodating staff. Our signature services blend the art of ancient rituals with modern technology for a unique, time-honored experience. Reserve your treatment as part of a relaxing getaway! colonialwilliamsburg.com/spa

GOLDEN HORSESHOE GOLF CLUB
Enjoy 45 holes of scenic and challenging golf on the Gold, Green, and Spotswood courses. See for yourself why these Audubon sanctuary courses have earned accolades including *GOLF Magazine's* "Top 500 Golf Holes in the World," and one of "America's 100 Greatest Public Golf Courses" by *Golf Digest*. colonialwilliamsburg.com/golf



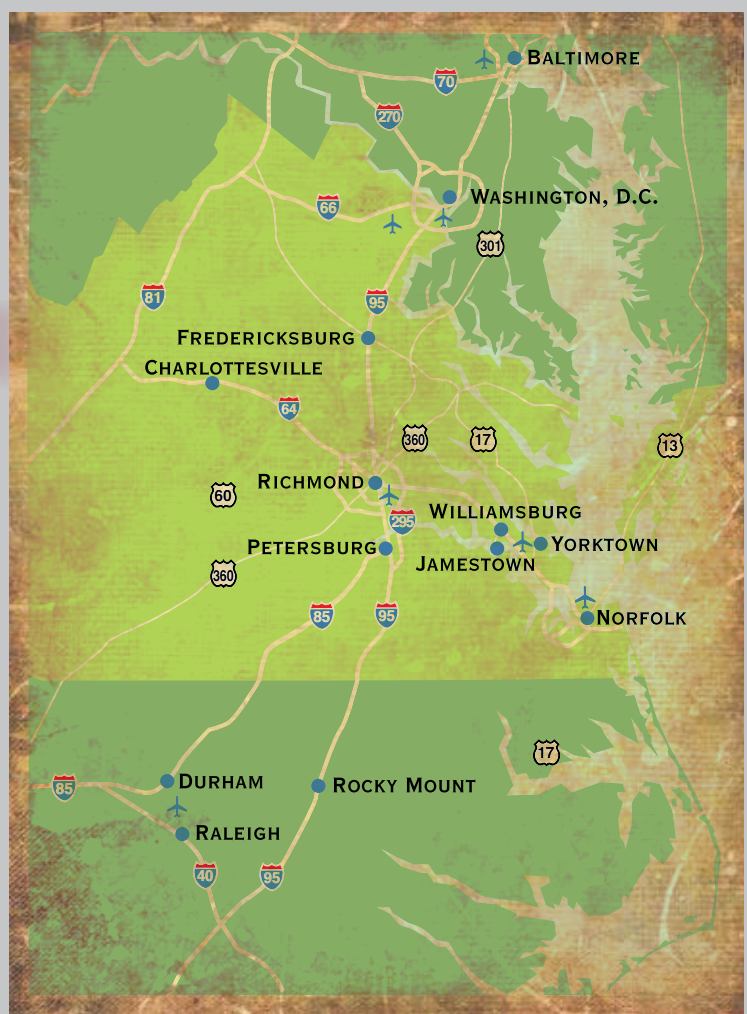


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MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR TIME HERE

With so much to do, you'll first want to determine how much time you can spend, and then choose your admission options. Allow several days to see it all. If your group has limited time, let us help you select the experiences that best fit your allotted time and interests. We offer single- and multi-day passes, audio tours, and interpreter-led tour options to suit your group's needs.

Expand your experience! We can include access for your group to nearby historic sites and attractions. Ask your Colonial Williamsburg representative about discounted tickets to Busch Gardens, Historic Jamestowne, Jamestown Settlement, Yorktown Victory Center, and Yorktown Battlefield.



Convenient for all modern forms of transportation!
The Revolutionary City is within 25-45 minutes of three international airports, within 150 miles of our nation's capital, and just minutes from Williamsburg's Amtrak passenger train station.

Convenient, designated motorcoach parking as well as a Driver's Lounge are available. On-site wheel chair and scooter rentals are available with advance reservations. Call 757-645-4255.

For overnight visits,
call 1-888-293-5627,
or for day trips call 1-800-228-8878.
Or visit colonialwilliamsburg.com/grouptours
to get started with your
own customized adventure.



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