

## **ATTRACTIONS and THINGS TO SEE & DO IN AND AROUND WILLIAMSBURG**

Note: Call the attractions directly for additional information on what they offer, rates and to confirm days and hours of operation. Groups should contract the attractions in advance to make arrangements and inquire about group discounts.

### **BUSCH GARDENS WILLIAMSBURG & WATER COUNTRY USA**

**Busch Gardens**, voted the world's "Most Beautiful Theme Park" for fourteen consecutive years, consists of 360 acres to include 8 stage productions, a variety of food vendors, shops and dozens of thrilling rides and attractions. 757-253-3350.

**Water Country** is Mid-Atlantic's largest water park with its '50s and 60's surf theme. The park is home to over 35 rides including slides and kiddie attractions. 800-343-7946

### **COLONIAL PARKWAY Connecting the Historic Triangle**

The 23 mile scenic drive connects three icons of America's historic past, Jamestown, Yorktown and Colonial Williamsburg. The parkway passes through mixed woodlands with beautiful views of the James River and York River. Wildlife such as deer, geese and other waterbirds can be seen along the way. Numerous pull-offs provide access to the woodlands, swimming beaches, fishing and to read about the historical landmarks and view the rivers.

### **COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG**

From 1699 to 1780, Williamsburg was the capital of the colony of Virginia. Williamsburg began to deteriorate when the capital was moved to Richmond in 1780. 146 years later in 1926 Dr. W.A.R. Goodwin approached John D. Rockefeller, Jr. with a dream of restoring Williamsburg. That is what you see today. The homes and tradesites have been restored or rebuilt as accurately as possible, using existing foundations and period-appropriate materials. The Restored Capital of Colonial Virginia is a living, working city and an outdoor living museum. There are over 500 buildings consisting of homes, stores & taverns; 30 Craftsmen of trades and crafts; Student Educational Programs available. Open 365 days a year. Student Educational and Tour programs available. Call 757-229-1000 or 888-293-5627 for current information on the ticket structure and what it includes.

**Bassett Hall: Built** between 1753 & 1766. It was purchased circa 1800 by Burwell Bassett, Martha Washington's nephew. The property was acquired by Mr. & Mrs. John D. Rockefeller in the late 1920's and became their home in 1936 after it was altered and enlarged. 30 minute interpreter-led house tour and self-guided outside tour.

**Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum:** Oldest institution in the nation devoted to American Folk Art. 424 Objects donated by Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

**Dewitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum:** Houses the Foundation's renowned collection of English and American decorative arts dating from 1600 through 1830.

## **GO KARTS PLUS**

Free admission and free parking. Pay as you ride. Discounts for groups of 15 or more. Groups of 30 or more may purchase a 2-hour all you can ride wristband. Offers pizza parties, catering, corporate rates, and picnic area. 564-7600

## **GOLF IN WILLIAMSBURG**

Williamsburg is fortunate to have wonderful golf throughout the area. Few destinations can match the geographic diversity and provide such varied settings.

Golf Club at Brickshire	804-966-7888
Colonial Golf Course	757-566-1600
Ford's Colony	757-258-4130
Golden Horseshoe	757-220-7696
Kingsmill Resort	757-253-3906
Kiskiack Golf Club	757-566-2200
Royal New Kent	757-966-7023
Stonehouse	757-566-1138
Williamsburg National	757-258-9642

## **MINIATURE GOLF:**

### **PIRATE'S COVE ADVENTURE GOLF**

Located off Bypass Road. Offers two courses - the Captain's Course and Blackbeard's Challenge Course. 757-259-4600

## **JAMESTOWN & YORKTOWN**

### **HISTORIC JAMESTOWNE ISLAND and the JAMESTOWN SETTLEMENT**

The Susan Constant, Godspeed, and Discovery arrived in Virginia in the spring of 1607.

On May 14<sup>th</sup> of 1607 the 104 passengers of men and boys began building on the banks of the James River and became the first permanent English settlement in the New World predating Plymouth in Massachusetts by 13 years. The 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Jamestown in 2007. 757-253-4939 or 888-868-7593

[Must see, Glass House! Kids welcome!](#)

### **YORKTOWN**

Our country's freedom was won at Yorktown in 1781 when George Washington defeated England's General Cornwallis. After Lord Cornwallis surrendered his huge army of 7000 troops to the American and French allies on October 19, 1781, Britain soon appealed for peace. As a result, the 13 colonies emerged into the United States of America. 757-253-4939 or 888-868-7593

Small lovely historic district! Good restaurants nearby!

### **YORKTOWN BATTLEFIELD**

The site of the last major battle of the American Revolutionary War. Walk the grounds where American independence was won in 1781. At the Visitor Center see the film "ASiege at Yorktown" and browse through the museum. Drive to some key spots. Stroll through the historic Town of York with its many shops and historic buildings. 757-898-2410

Good restaurants nearby!

\*NOTE: Jamestown/Yorktown Combination Tickets are available. *Riverwalk Landing* is also in Yorktown along the beautiful York River. The Landing consists of a 395 foot T-shaped pier to accommodate tall ships, a second pier for recreational boaters, a first class seafood restaurant with riverfront dining and ten to twelve retail/food or other small businesses. The 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Yorktown was held in 2006.

### **PRESIDENTS PARK**

Presidents Park is an outdoor education museum featuring 18 - 20 foot monuments of all 43 United States presidents from George Washington's inauguration in 1789 to the present; A indoor museum building features historical and interesting facts about the presidents, a gift shop, café and banquet space. 757-259-1121 or 800-588-4327 extension 108.

### **WILLIAMSBURG PLAYERS THEATER**

Live plays. Call 757-229-0431 for information and reservations.

### **WILLIAMSBURG POTTERY FACTORY**

More than one million square feet of retail space on 200 acres in 32 different buildings. 200 seat restaurant. Groups receive a complimentary coupon book upon arrival. The bus driver receives a gift certificate. 757-564-3326

### **THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest institution of higher education in the nation. The 1<sup>st</sup> oldest is Harvard. Sons of Virginia Planters, such as Thomas Jefferson, attended the College of William and Mary along with two other future presidents, James Monroe and John Tyler. Open to the public is the Muscarelle Museum, the Wren Building, W&M Bookstore, Sporting Events, Alumni Gift Store and the Campus Grounds. W&M Theater & Concerts: 221-2655

### **THE WILLIAMSBURG WINERY**

The Largest winery in Virginia producing 70,000 cases annually. Guided tour includes a ballroom featuring imported European reproductions, the barrel cellar, reserve tasting room and the museum. Tour ends with an educational and fun tasting with seven different wines in an etched souvenir wine glass. 757-229-0999

## **CRUISES:**

### **ADVENTURE CRUISES AROUND JAMESTOWN ISLAND NATIONAL PARK**

Aboard the **Jamestown Island Explorer** the day cruise takes you out into the James River. You will see Jamestown Island from the perspective of the original settlers. Experience the sight of bald eagles and ospreys as you cruise down the same waterways that Pocahontas, John Smith and Chief Powhatan traveled. They also do sunset cruises two days a week from June through August. Call 757-259-0400 for schedule and reservations.

A little further away is . . .

### **SPIRIT OF NORFOLK HARBOR CRUISES**

Head to Norfolk's waterside and step aboard the Spirit of Norfolk for an afternoon or evening of cruising fun on the historic Elizabeth River. You'll dine, dance, enjoy star-quality entertainers and exciting skyline views including the Navy's Atlantic Fleet. Up to 450 people. 757-625-1748.

### **MISS HAMPTON II CRUISES**

The narrated cruise sails into the Hampton Roads Harbor past Blackbeard's Point and Old Point Comfort to Fort Wool, where a guided walking tour of the historical fort is provided. The fort was built in 1862 and decommissioned in 1945. The Civil War post overlooks the waters where the USS Monitor and the CSS Virginia clashed in the first duel between ironclad vessels on March 9, 1862. The cruise continues past the aircraft carriers, guided missile cruises, destroyers and submarines docked at the Norfolk Naval Base.

757-722-9102

### **AMERICAN ROVER TALL SHIP CRUISES**

Venture into the waters of Hampton Roads' historical harbor and rich maritime heritage. The perfect setting for groups of all kinds. Complete catering and bar services available.

757-627-SAIL (7245).

## **DINNER THEATERS:**

### **"A COLONIAL FARE" Dinner Theater**

Operates exclusively for groups. Enjoy private dining and entertainment for groups of 40 or more on any day of the week. Dinner start times are flexible. Located on the corner of Page Street. 757-253-5852

### **HAUNTED DINNER THEATER**

Ticket includes the World Famous Captain George's 71 item all-you-can-eat buffet item buffet, show, tax & gratuity. Special effects, music and magic. Audience participates to solve whodunit. A super sleuth is chosen at the end and a prize is given out. 888-426-3746

#### MYSTERY DINNER PLAYHOUSE

Fun for all ages. Located inside the Ramada Inn Central. Solve a comedy murder mystery while enjoying a four course dinner. 888-471-4802

#### ROSIE RUMPS REGAL DUMPE (Not suitable for children.)

Loud, lively, bawdy - 16<sup>th</sup> century London pub. The audience is as much a part of the show as the performers. Along with all the silliness, you'll enjoy a five-course meal. Appetizers and a full bar are available. 757-565-4443

#### STUDENT DINNER THEATER

Offers 4 – 5 events for student groups to choose from. All shows are written and performed for students 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades and their chaperones. The students do not just sit and watch the show, they will be part of it. 888-426-3746

### MUSEUMS:

#### MUSCARELLE MUSEUM OF ART

Located on the campus of the College of William and Mary. Phenomenal exhibits as well as a spectacular resident collection! An easy walk from the hotel. 757-221-2700

#### CHRYSLER MUSEUM OF ART

Features European and American Collections of sculpture, paintings and photography as well as three houses and an internationally famous glass collection. 757-640-6500

#### COUSTEAU SOCIETY

The Cousteau Society honors the achievements of Jacques Cousteau at this site overlooking the Hampton River. Artifacts from his expeditions, replicas of the famous research vessels *Calyps* and *Alcyone*, diving equipment and more offer a unique look at the man and his career. 757-722-9300 or 800-441-4395

#### MARINER'S MUSEUM

America's premier maritime museum offering a look at centuries of seafaring adventures. Titanic artifacts, paintings, photographs and much more. Student educational programs available. 757-596-2222

#### NAUTICUS

The national maritime center located in Norfolk, Virginia. 757-664-1000

#### PENINSULA FINE ARTS CENTER

Located next to the Mariner's Museum 757-596-8175

U.S. ARMY TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM AT FORT EUSTIS  
Located in Building 300 at Fort Eustis 804-878-1115 or 1182 or 1183

#### VIRGINIA AIR & SPACE CENTER

Official visitor center for the NASA Langley Research Center. Among the many exhibits is a three billion year old moon rock and Apollo 12, which journeyed to the moon and back in 1969. Giant Screen Imax Theater located in Hampton, Virginia. 727-0900

#### VIRGINIA LIVING MUSEUM

Indoor exhibits, outdoor natural habitat of native wildlife of Virginia. A unique combination of zoological park, botanical gardens, aquaria, two aviaries, planetarium, natural science museum. 757-595-9135

#### WATERMANS MUSEUM

Reflects the life of the Chesapeake Bay's fishermen. Included are lore, legends and equipment used over the past century. In Yorktown, Virginia 747-887-2641

### **There are numerous PARKS in and around Williamsburg:**

#### CHIPPOKES PLANTATION STATE PARK, Surry, VA 757-294-3625

A 1,683 acre working farm with roots dating back to the 1600s. Hiking, horseback riding, swimming, picnic facilities and tours of the mansion and farm/forestry museum.

#### HUNTINGTON PARK, Newport News, VA 757-886-7912

Sunbathers and swimmers can bask under the sun on the beach, Ball fields, tennis courts and volleyball areas. The 60 acre park also contains numerous picnic sites, Fort Fun, a 14,000 square foot playground and a three acre fresh water lake that is open for trout fishing from November through May.

#### NEW QUARTER PARK, Williamsburg, VA 757-890-3500

Advance reservations required. The perfect place for group activities with picnic pavilion, hiking trails, floating dock overlooking Queens Lake that leads into the York River, campfire circle, softball field, volleyball and horseshoe courts.

#### NEWPORT NEWS PARK, Newport News, VA 757-886-7912

Encompasses more than 8,000 acres with a 30 acre aeromodel flying field; two freshwater reserves for fishing, boating, paddleboating and canoeing; trails for hiking and biking; archery range; campsites; and five miles of earthworks used in the 1862 Battle of Dam Number 1.

#### UPPER COUNTY PARK, Williamsburg, VA 757-259-4200

A 56 acre park that includes an outdoor swimming pool, volleyball court, basketball court

and a picnic shelter that seats approximately 100 people with grills. The park is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Advance reservations required for groups.

WALLER MILL PARK, Williamsburg, VA 757-259-3778

The 2,400 acre park is one of Williamsburg's best kept secrets. An ideal spot for a group outing. Rent pedal boats or canoes; hiking, biking and fitness trails; fishing and picnicking. The shelters can accommodate 50 – 150 people. The park is also home to the "Dogwood Bike Trail", a 4.5 mile loop that offers a challenging ride for cyclists.

YORK RIVER STATE PARK, Williamsburg, VA 757-566-3036

2,550 acre park which features hiking and biking trails, game courts, horse trails, fishing, boating, kayaking and canoeing.

## **PLANTATIONS**

### **BERKELEY PLANTATION**

Most historic plantation on the James River . . . The first official Thanksgiving in America was observed here in 1619. Birthplace of Benjamin Harrison V - signer of the Declaration of Independence and three time governor of Virginia. Birthplace of William Henry Harrison, "Old Tippecanoe" (ninth president) and ancestral home of his grandson, Benjamin Harrison (23<sup>rd</sup> president). Taps was composed at Berkeley when 140,000 Union Troops were headquartered there in 1862. Restaurant on site. 804-829-6018

### **SHIRLEY PLANTATION**

The oldest plantation in Virginia - 1613. Oldest family owned business in North America - 1638 to present (11 generations). Ann Hill Carter, mother of Robert E. Lee, was born and married at Shirley. The guided tour of the house includes the famous flying staircase. 800-232-1613

Call for information on other plantation tours in Charles City:

BELLE AIR PLANTATION 804-829-2431; EDGEWOOD 804-829-2962;  
NORTH BEND 804-829-5176; WESTOVER 804-829-2882

Plantation tours in Newport News:

### **ENDVIEW PLANTATION**

Built in 1769. Traces of three wars can be found at the plantation. 3,000 soldiers visited during the Revolution; In the war of 1812 it was used as a training ground; and in the Civil War it served as a Confederate captain's home and a hospital for both sides. It was home to the Harwood and Curtis families for more than 200 years. 757-887-1862

## LEE HALL MANSION

Just three years after its completion in 1859, the mansion was used as a Confederate headquarters during the 1862 Peninsula Campaign. The tour leads guests through seven rooms filled with antiques and includes discussions about the impact of the Civil War on Southern civilians. 757-888-3371 Note: If you tour the Lee Hall Mansion – you have to eat at the BOXWOOD INN! They have great food and plenty of stories to tell. 888-8854

### **For something a little different . . .**

Take a ferry ride from Jamestown across the James River to Surry. Visit BACONS CASTLE, a beautiful stone home nestled in the woods in Surry County. Built in 1665, the house was home to a prosperous planter, Arthur Allen. Upon his death the house was passed to his son, Major Arthur Allen who was a supporter of the colonial governor and a member of the House of Burgesses. Allen was driven from his house in 1676 when Nathaniel Bacon and his men staged the “Bacon’s Rebellion”. Since then the house has had many owners until the APVA (Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities) bought the house and opened it to the public in 1983. For more information call 757-357-5976.

**Before, or after, visiting the castle . . .** Enjoy some good home style Southern cooking at the SURREY HOUSE RESTAURANT. They serve breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. 757-294-3389 or the COLONIAL FARM HOUSE RESTAURANT, a full service restaurant with excellent food and service that matches! (757) 294-3078.

Other points of interest in Surry are SMITH’S FORT PLANTATION (757-294-3872) and CHIPPOKES PLANTATION (757-294-3625). Note: The annual Pine, Pork, & Peanut Festival is held at Chippokes the third weekend in July and there is a “Christmas” craft show there in October.

### **SHOPPING:**

#### MERCHANTS SQUARE

Located adjacent to Colonial Williamsburg’s Historic Area. Recognized nationally for its merchandise and cuisine with shops offering everything from traditional and designer clothing to handmade candies, antique quilts, folk art and a variety of exclusive Williamsburg linens, reproductions and other products.

#### PRIME OUTLETS at WILLIAMSBURG

Outlet shopping at its best currently with over 80 brand name designer outlet stores.  
757-565-1119

#### WILLIAMSBURG ANTIQUE MALL

This indoor mall is a must see for the antique and collectible lover with over 400 antique dealers. 757-565-3422

#### **WILLIAMSBURG OUTLET MALL**

Williamsburg's largest indoor factory outlet center with over 40 stores. 757-565-3378

#### **WILLIAMSBURG POTTERY FACTORY**

Established in 1938 as a road-side shed. The Pottery Factory features pottery, ceramics, china, glass, crystal, flowers, floral arrangements, greenhouse, prints, custom framing, wines, cheeses, handmade wood items, made to order lamps, brass, baskets of all kinds, carpets, factory outlet stores, and much, much more. More than one million square feet of retail space on 200 acres in 32 different buildings. Over 70,000 items brought in from all over the world are offered at low, low prices. Restaurant on site. 757-564-3326

Also . . . don't blink or you might miss one of the are many souvenir and specialty shops in and around Williamsburg. Only minutes away are shopping malls and familiar places such as Target, Kmart and Walmart for those things you forgot to pack!

### **TOURS:**

#### **THE GHOSTS OF WILLIAMSBURG**

Candlelight lantern tour. Based on L.B. Taylor's book. The guides add local folklore, legends, trivia and history. Groups can be met at any location and be escorted back. Contact Williamsburg Group Tour Services at 888-998-6877.

#### **THE HAUNTING OF WILLIAMSBURG, YORKTOWN AND JAMESTOWN AND OTHER CANDLELIGHT TOURS - COLONIAL CONNECTIONS**

A gifted storyteller shares ghostly tales of the legends that haunt the colonial capital as the group strolls through the streets of Colonial Williamsburg. Contact Colonial Connections at 757-258-3122.

#### **WILLIAMSBURG SCAVENTURES**

Scavenger and treasure hunts. The Ghost Hunt or Colonial Scaventure begins and ends in Colonial Williamsburg. The Limousine Scaventures starts and finishes at location of choice. 888-398-TEAM (8326).

#### **THE YORKTOWN MOONLIGHT & MYSTERIES TOURS**

Choice of two narrations - The Ghosts of Yorktown or Historic Yorktown by Candlelight. The two part adventures include a narrated coach ride along the Yorktown Riverfront including a story stop at Cornwallis' Cave plus a journey through the Village of Yorktown and past the historic Battlefields. Then the candlelit walking tour begins through the streets

of historic 18<sup>th</sup> Century Yorktown. 888-998-6877

In addition to the ideas listed above, within an hour or so in any direction, you have mountains, beaches and a lot more opportunities to learn about the history of our nation.