



Riverside Center for the Performing Arts



Downtown Fredericksburg



Group Tour Options

Fredericksburg, Virginia

SERVICES

Itinerary Planning / Confirm reservations at historic sites, with guide service / Referrals for dining and lodging / Access to on-line Videos / Brochures

ABOUT

Fredericksburg, VA tells America's story - from 1608 when Captain John Smith sailed up the Rappahannock River to George Washington's childhood and adolescence to John DeBaptiste, a free Black man fighting in the Revolutionary War to the Civil War with four major battles and where 10,000 enslaved people crossed the river to freedom, to Reconstruction and the fight for Civil Rights and social justice. The region is filled with historic sites and compelling stories, a phenomenal food and drink scene and is all easily accessible just off the interstate.

LOCATION

Fredericksburg, VA area is located fifty miles south of Washington, D.C. on Interstate 95, midway between Washington, D.C. and Richmond, Virginia.



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Featured Sites

DOWNTOWN FREDERICKSBURG

A 40 block historic district with brick lined sidewalks, boutiques, specialty and antique shops, art galleries and chef-owned/independent restaurants makes a perfect stop for lunch and shopping. Bus parking and restrooms are available. Brochures are provided.

SHANNON AIR MUSEUM

See multiple examples of early aircraft at a historic operational airport. The Shannon Collection boasts rare aircraft including the only known surviving Vultee V-1A, the SPAD VII prized fighter from World War I, the Pitcairn PA-5 Mailwing and the Bellanca CH-400 Skyrocket.

RIVERSIDE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Winner of the 2019 Theater of the Year for Central Virginia Award by Broadway World, The Riverside Center for the Performing Arts features professional "Broadway musicals" each season. A three course dinner is served at your table. Additional group tour options are available including a Behind-the-Scenes Tour. Upcoming Performances include "Lerner & Lowes Camelot", "Nunsense", and "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner".

TRAIL TO FREEDOM

Based on the story of John Washington, an enslaved Black man who grew up in Fredericksburg before escaping across the Rappahannock River to the Union Army. Later, John Washington would write about his experience of being enslaved in Fredericksburg.

THE GARI MELCHERS HOME AND STUDIO AT BELMONT

This 18th century estate was owned by Gari Melchers, the American impressionist artist. The house, studio and garden are available for tours. Arrangements can be made for groups to have lunch on the property.

FREDERICKSBURG AREA MUSEUM

The museum chronicles the story of Fredericksburg's vibrant past. From the Virginia Indians pre-contact to the role of how the Rappahannock River has shaped the community, the goal of the Fredericksburg Area Museum is to connect people to the history of the region.

VIRGINIA CREDIT UNION BASEBALL STADIUM

Home of the Fredericksburg Nationals, and farm team to the Washington Nationals. The baseball park will have games seasonally. An exhibit on the history of baseball in Fredericksburg is at the ballpark, lunch options and tours available.





Colonial Sites

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S FERRY FARM

On the banks of the Rappahannock River is the site of Washington's boyhood home. Visit a complete replica of the Washington Family home built using methods of construction from the 1700's.

MARY WASHINGTON HOUSE

George Washington purchased this home for his mother in 1772. She lived here the last 17 years of her life. The site has artifacts that belonged to Mary Washington.

HUGH MERCER APOTHECARY SHOP

This 18th century building restored as an apothecary shop presents a vivid living history interpretation of colonial medicine.

JAMES MONROE MUSEUM

This museum contains a remarkable collection of the personal possessions, furnishings, and papers of our nation's fifth President.

HISTORIC KENMORE

Built by Fielding Lewis for his wife, Betty, the only sister of George Washington, the house contains elaborate plasterwork from colonial America crafted by an unknown artisan. Also of note the wall to wall carpet in the dining room was installed with a pattern dating to the 1700's.

RISING SUN TAVERN

Built by Charles Washington as his home, this building later operated as a tavern. In a lively interpretation of 18th century tavern life, the "tavern wenches" entertain visitors as if they have just stepped off a stagecoach. Evening candlelight tours available.

Spirits

A. SMITH BOWMAN DISTILLERY

Winners of multiple awards for their spirits, groups to the area can experience a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the production of hand-crafted spirits. The hour-long guided tours are by appointment. Tours explore distillation, barreling and bottling of bourbon, the facility's museum, still house, barrel warehouse and barrel dump/fill room. A. Smith Bowman products will be available for tasting and purchase.

WINERIES & BREWERIES

Perfect pairings are definitely in your future. Fine wine and sparkling lake waters? Absolutely. Craft brews and tales of battlefield bravery? You're in the right place.

<https://fxbg.com/wine-beer-spirits>

Civil War Attractions

STAFFORD CIVIL WAR PARK

Learn the soldier's story as you are guided through a well-preserved Union 11th Corps winter camp. 135,000 Union Army of the Potomac soldiers camped here in 1862-63, often called their "Valley Forge".

*FREDERICKSBURG BATTLEFIELD VISITOR CENTER

This visitor center, located on Sunken Road, introduces the extensive action that took place in the area during the Civil War and tells the story of the "Angel of Marye Heights".

*CHATHAM MANOR

This Georgian-style mansion served as Union headquarters during the Battle of Fredericksburg. There is still visible evidence from the soldiers convalescing there. Learn about an early enslaved revolt prior to the Civil War.

*CHANCELLORSVILLE BATTLEFIELD VISITOR CENTER

Located 13 miles west of Fredericksburg, this visitor center area was the scene of the accidental wounding of Confederate General "Stonewall" Jackson in May of 1863.

*SPOTSYLVANIA COURT HOUSE AND THE WILDERNESS BATTLEFIELDS

Does not have a visitor centers, but offers drive through tours.

SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY MUSEUM

Learn about the early history of Spotsylvania County from Governor Spotswood and the Native Americans through the Civil War.

*National Park Service Battlefield Sites

Tours

TROLLEY TOURS OF FREDERICKSBURG

This 75-minute tour includes historic homes, attractions, and the famous Sunken Road, site of the Battle of Fredericksburg.

GUIDE SERVICE

Guide service is available for an over-view tour of the city, battlefield tour, or African American history tour. Please contact our office for these arrangements.

GHOST TOURS

With a past stretching back to pre-Colonial times and a legacy of four Civil War Battlefields, it's no wonder that Fredericksburg is called the most haunted city, per capita, in the U.S. 90-minute tour (1.5 miles walking)