

Traveling the Rappahannock River from the Past to the Future

Day 1

Arrive

Lunch/Shopping in Downtown Fredericksburg - Explore the 40 block historic district with brick lined sidewalks, boutiques, specialty and antique shops, art galleries and chef-owned/independent restaurants.

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm

Trolley Tour of Fredericksburg -

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



2:15 pm – 3:00 pm

Mary Washington House – Last home of George Washington’s mother Mary, this is the home that George purchased for her and where she spent her last 17 years. Washington visited his mother in this home asking for her blessing to become President of the United States. Costumed interpretation. 1200 Charles Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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.

4:15pm – 5:15pm

Check in to your Fredericksburg hotel for a quick refresh before dinner.

5:30 pm

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. Upcoming Performances include “Meet Me In St. Louis”, “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner”, and “Nunsense”



Day 2

9:00 am – 10:45 am

Fredericksburg Battlefield - 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 Richard Kirkland, the “Angel of Marye Heights”.

Add an option to stop at A. Smith Bowman Distillery, Virginia’s Oldest Distillery. Winner of multiple awards for their spirits, groups to the area can experience a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the production of hand crafted spirits. Tours explore distillation, barreling and bottling of bourbon. Products available for tasting and purchase. Need 1 hour.



11:30am – 1:00pm

Ingleside Winery - Ingleside Vineyards is one of Virginia’s oldest and largest wineries and produces over 18 types of wine from its estate-grown grapes. Experience a guided tasting of their exceptional wines and indulge yourself in the rich history and beauty of Virginia’s Northern Neck region! Box lunches.

1:15pm -2:30pm

George Washington Birthplace - George Washington was born on his father's Pope Creek tobacco farm on February 22, 1732. When George was 3 1/2, his father took his family to live at Mount Vernon. In 1779 the home where Washington was born burned. A Memorial House was built near the spot in 1930. Today the National Park Service operates a colonial farm where costumed interpreters recreate the sights, sounds and smells of 18th century plantation life.

2:30pm

Depart Fredericksburg and follow Route 17 South along the Rappahannock River as we travel to Hampton, VA. The Rappahannock River is the longest free-flowing river in Virginia and flows into the Chesapeake Bay, the same waters that brought Capt. John Smith to explore Hampton in 1607.

4:30pm – 6:15pm

Waterfront accommodations await you at **The Landing Hotel at Hampton Marina, Tapestry Collection by Hilton**. Relax for a while before our evening activities.



6:15pm – 7:15pm

“Walk, Talk and Taste” as you connect to Hampton’s waterways and learn of the unique elements that make up the culture, heritage and economy of this seaport town. Experience a dockside oyster garden and learn about cultivation and harvesting from guides that received the “Green Tour of the Year” Award from Virginia Green.

7:30pm – 8:30pm

Enjoy a Fish Fry at **Graham & Rollins Hampton Seafood Market and**



Restaurant. The eatery is attached to the seafood market so you know your meal is fresh. You won’t mind the disposable plates and plastic wear as you dine on fried fish, crab cakes, scallops, fried oysters and more.

After dinner, return to your hotel for a good night’s rest or walk over to **Bull Island Brewery** for a brew.

Day 3

Enjoy breakfast at your leisure in the hotel restaurant.

9:00am-10:00am

Step back over 400 years at the **Hampton History Museum.**

The museum interprets Hampton’s unique past spanning more than 400 years from its habitation by Kecoughtan Indians to its growth as a 20th Century aeronautical research center. Through historical artifacts, images, video and recorded voices from the past, investigate the arrival of Captain John Smith, the demise of Blackbeard the Pirate, and the emergence of the seafood industry that earned Hampton the nickname “Crabtown”. Experience the burning of the city during the Civil War as you walk through simulated ruins or explore a ship’s hold in the colonial Port of Hampton. Learn of the local history and personalities of the hit film “Hidden Figures.”



10:15am—11:45am

Discover **Fort Monroe National Monument** and the **Casemate Museum.** Your experience begins at the **Fort Monroe Visitor & Education Center.** The center features exhibits that tell the profound stories of Captain John Smith, the arrival of the first enslaved Africans and the culmination of 242 years of slavery as the first contrabands came to Fort Monroe to receive their emancipation. After visiting the center, you can exit to the Postern Gate walk-way, crossing over the moat into the walls of the historic fort and continue your visit to the Casemate Museum, located in the walls of the largest stone fort in the United States.



12:00pm-1:15pm

Enjoy lunch at the Paradise Ocean Club or the Historic Chamberlin.

1:30pm – 2:45pm



Next, we'll see the **Emancipation Oak**, which is near the entrance of the Hampton University campus and is a lasting symbol of the university's rich heritage and perseverance. This historic tree, with limbs reaching over 100 feet in diameter, was the site of the first Southern reading of President Lincoln's

Emancipation Proclamation in 1863. We'll continue with a stop at the **Hampton University Museum**, founded in 1868. It is one of our nation's most outstanding multicultural museums.



3:00pm – 4:45pm

Tour the **Virginia Air & Space Science Center** which is celebrating 30 years of educational excellence as the official visitor center for NASA Langley Research Center. With Hampton being the birthplace of America's space program, the Center features interactive aviation exhibits spanning 100 years of flight, more than 30 historic aircraft, a hands-on space exploration gallery, unique space flight artifacts and is home to the Apollo 12 Command Module and the Orion PA-1 Test Vehicle. The 3D IMAX Theater is included with admission.



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4:45pm—5:00pm

Be sure to ride the 1920 **Hampton Carousel**. Hampton's restored 1920 merry-go-round is one of only 70 classic wooden carousels remaining in operation in the United States. The Hampton Carousel is a whirling tribute to the skills of its creators – painstakingly carved from fine-grained hardwood and painted by German, Italian and Russian immigrant artisans of the Philadelphia Toboggan Company.

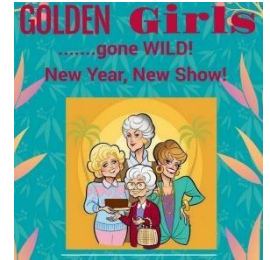


5:30pm – 6:30pm

Stroll the Hampton Waterfront to your hotel located next door to the Carousel. Refresh for our evening dinnertainment.

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Enjoy “Dinnertainment” at The Grey Goose Restaurant. In addition to a full course meal and delectable desserts, enjoy the entertainment of a show planned for your group. Recent shows include “Golden Girls Gone Wild” and a Speak Easy Dinner from the roaring 1920’s.



Return to your Hampton hotel.

Day 4

Breakfast before departure at 9:00am 9:30am—

11:30am

Depart Hampton for neighboring Newport News, VA

Tour **The Mariners’ Museum & USS Monitor Center**. Designated by Congress as America’s National Maritime Museum, The Mariners’ Museum offers a captivating look at centuries of seafaring adventures. The dramatic *USS Monitor* Center brings to life the “Battle of the Ironclads,”

and offers visitors the chance to walk the deck of a full-scale *Monitor* replica. Other treasures await at this maritime gem. The world-class collection includes 35,000 maritime

paintings, artifacts, figure heads, ship models, decorative arts and small craft from around the world. We’ll have lunch here at the museum before departing at 12:30pm



1:00pm—3:00pm

Visit the **American Revolution Museum at Yorktown** and learn of the nation’s founding, from the twilight of the colonial period to the dawn of the Constitution and beyond. Exciting indoor galleries feature period artifacts, immersive environments and films, including “The Siege of Yorktown,” with a 180-degree surround screen and dramatic special effects. Outdoors you can visit a re-created Continental Army encampment to learn about the life of a soldier and take in daily demonstrations on medical treatment, camp life and cooking, and see firings of a flintlock musket. Explore a Revolution-era farm, based on a real-life 18th-century family, to help with chores in the house, kitchen, tobacco barn, gardens and crops.



3:00pm

Depart for home or extend your Virginia tour with stops in Colonial Williamsburg or Richmond, Virginia’s Capital City.