



Historical Williamsburg - A Colonial Christmas!

*Yorktown, Jamestown, Berkeley and Edgewood Plantations,
The Grand Illumination, Busch Gardens Christmas Town,
The Virginia State Capitol, and much more*

November 29th - December 4th, 2018 6 Days and 5 Nights

**\$100 off
per person
when paying
check, cash or
debit of
account.**

Join TRIPS as we embrace the Christmas Spirit in Colonial Williamsburg!
The Christmas season officially begins in Colonial Williamsburg with the Grand Illumination,

a spectacular evening when candles twinkle in the windows of Historic Area homes and buildings and the heavens explode with pyrotechnics!

From the millions of twinkling lights you'll see on Christmas trees to the 100 Miles of light that will delight you, there is no better way to get in the spirit! You'll find that Virginia loves their light displays, from the traditional to the unusual and yep, the down-right tacky! That's right, Richmond has their own Tacky Light Tour, and they are rightfully proud of it! Tour Plantations and Mansions that are decorated as they might have been hundreds of years ago right down to the elegantly dressed dining room table! Enjoy Christmas Town: A Busch Gardens Celebration complete with hot chocolate and fresh-baked cookies. There is no better way to get into the spirit of the season that joining TRIPS as we enjoy a Williamsburg Christmas!

Itinerary

November 29th, 2018 - Your Journey Begins!

Board your flight today bound for **Virginia** where you'll be met by your TRIPS guide and board your private motor coach. Upon arrival, you will be transfer to the Embassy Suite Hotel. Tonight, you will get in to the holiday mood as you enjoy dinner in one of **Williamsburg's Colonial Taverns** - the spirit of Colonial America at Christmas time is sure to fill your senses.

Overnight: Williamsburg, VA

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November 30th, 2018 - Plantations and Christmas Town!

Your day begins with a tour of **Berkeley Plantation**, located along the James River. This picturesque plantation was the setting of the first official Thanksgiving in 1619 and is where "**Taps**" was composed. Five terraced gardens, leading from the house to the James River were dug by hand before the War of Independence. Inside the mansion, handsome woodwork and arches were installed by Benjamin Harrison VI in 1790 at the direction of Thomas Jefferson. Good Housekeeping magazine suggests: "**If you only have time for one plantation, Berkeley should be at the top of your list.**" Guides in period costumes conduct tours of the original **1726 mansion** and the museum collection includes Civil War artifacts as well as a unique collection of paintings by artist Sydney King. Next tour **Edgewood Plantation**, once a part of Berkeley Plantation. Edgewood was the **ancestral home** of US Presidents **William Henry and Benjamin Harrison**, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. This exquisite 7,000 square foot mansion dates to 1849. Lunch this afternoon will be

at the Charles City Tavern after which you'll return to your hotel to relax and freshen up. Later, enjoy dinner at the **Whaling Company** in Williamsburg. After you've had your fill, enjoy the **Celebration in Lights**, a **two-mile drive** through spectacular light displays in **Newport News**. See whales, angels and hundreds of characters decorated using hundreds of thousands of lights. It's magical!

Overnight: Williamsburg Area

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December 1st, 2018 - Get in the spirit at Christmas Town!

After breakfast, depart for a **walking tour of Colonial Williamsburg** decorated for Christmas! From the first candle placed in windows in 1936 to the Grand Illumination celebration that takes place every year, the holiday spirit of Colonial Williamsburg continues to grow. Miles of pine roping, truckloads of greenery and bushels of fresh fruit combine to give Colonial Williamsburg it much-imitated but never-duplicated charm and elegance. You'll have time for lunch on your own in Colonial Williamsburg as well as plenty of free time to soak in that wonderful Christmas spirit before returning to your hotel mid-afternoon. Return to the hotel to relax a bit before you depart for **Christmas Town: A Busch Gardens Celebration**. Enjoy all new attractions, dazzling shows and one-of-a-kind gift ideas for that special person. You'll surely be captivated by the **million twinkling lights** while enjoying **hot chocolate and fresh fresh-baked cookies**. Complete your Christmas Town experience with a visit to Santa's workshop and the park's 45-foot tall, light-animated Christmas tree! Enjoy dinner on your own this evening while at Busch Gardens.

Overnight: Williamsburg Area

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December 2nd, 2018 - The Grand Illumination!

After breakfast at your hotel, board your motor coach and join in the celebration of a **Jamestown Christmas!** Experience Christmas traditions and holiday festivities as the earliest settlers to America might have enjoyed. It features full-size replicas of the three ships that arrived in 1607. Enjoy lunch on your own in the Jamestown Visitor Center. Return to the hotel to relax a bit before you join in **Colonial Williamsburg's Grand Illumination!** This tradition has taken visitors' breath away for over 60 years, and we're sure you'll be just as awed! The celebration includes **fireworks**, musical entertainment, dancing, caroling and dramatic presentations. Colonial Williamsburg is alight with holiday glitter and the warmth of the season. **Nothing quite matches the excitements, sights, smells, sounds and grandeur of the Christmas season in Colonial Williamsburg.** It's breathtaking! It's glorious! It's enchanted! Return to the hotel this evening and enjoy dinner at the hotel restaurant.

Overnight: Williamsburg Area

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December 3rd, 2018 - Yorktown and Tacky Light Tour!

Today you tour the **New American Revolution Museum** at **Yorktown**. The museum tells anew story of the nation's founding, from the twilight of the colonial period to the dawn of the Constitution and beyond. Lunch this afternoon will be at the multifaceted entertainment and dining show place **Tobacco Company**. After, visit the second oldest statehouse in the country and still in continuous use, **Virginia State Capitol**. Here you will walk in

the footsteps of some of our Founding Fathers and leaders of the United States. Then, onto the **Virginia War Memorial**, the Commonwealth of Virginia's monument to honor the memory of Virginia's men and women who demonstrated a willingness to serve and fight to defend our way of life. Later this afternoon, depart on a **Tacky Light Tour** of Richmond! See the holiday lighting traditions of by-gone days as well as today's dazzling Christmas season displays. In fact one house won the first prize last year on the TV show "Christmas, Lights, Fight!" It's colorful, dazzling, beautiful, zany and fun! Dinner will be served at **Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens**, admire the brilliant lights reflecting off a large Japanese-style lily pond, displaying the seasonal foliage and creative lighting amidst the Gardenfest of Lights.

Overnight: Williamsburg Area

(B/L/D)

December 4th, 2018 - Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow!

After breakfast, you'll check out and tour the **Mariner's Museum**. The museum's collection totals approximately 32,000 artifacts, equally divided between works of art and three-dimensional objects. The scope of the collection is international and includes miniature ship models, scrimshaw, maritime paintings, decorative arts, carved figureheads, working steam engines and the world's only known existing Kratz-built steam calliope. Enjoy a farewell lunch at **The Chamberlin** which was built in 1927 and once invited the wealthy and well-heeled to soak in the stunning views and cool breezes of the Chesapeake Bay before departing of the airport and your flight home. **Memories of your Colonial Christmas in Williamsburg will last a lifetime!** (B/L)

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\$2,998.00

per person / double occupancy

Single Supplement is an additional \$798.00

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Inclusions

- Round trip airport transfers
- Round trip airfare to Virginia (checked baggage fees are not included)
- Breakfast daily at your hotel
- 5 nights accommodations in the Williamsburg Area
- 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners
- Driving tour of Newport News Celebration in Lights and Tacky Light Tour of Richmond
- All admissions as described in the detailed itinerary including Jamestown Settlement and Visitor Center, Berkeley Plantation, Edgewood Plantation, Christmas Town: Busch Gardens, Colonial Williamsburg walking tour, Colonial Williamsburg's Grand Illumination, New American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, Virginia State Capitol, Virginia War Memorial, Mariner's Museum, Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens and more
- Deluxe, private motor coach throughout your tour
- Services of a professional guide throughout your tour
- Portage of one suitcase per person
- TRIPS ticket wallet and luggage tags
- All government taxes and fees

Call today to reserve your space!!!

Reservations for "**Colonial Williamsburg: Grand Illumination and 100 Miles of Lights**"

are accepted on a first come/first served basis.

An initial **\$500.00** deposit is required to hold space on this tour.

This deposit is fully refundable up to August 21, 2018. **Final payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before August 21, 2018.**

Therefore, please make sure that payment is submitted to your club director at least 10 days prior to this date.

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