



# TOP HISTORY DESTINATIONS: Williamsburg

Visit the birthplace of the nation with Virginia's historic three cities, the marked significant events in the tale of colonial America. Jamestown, Williamsburg and Yorktown reveal the first English settlement and the battle that secured independence for America. In 1606, a group known as the Virginia Company, went on a mission to establish an English settlement in the Chesapeake region of the New World, establishing the first permanent English settlement in America. This is where patriots Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson and George Washington pursued lives of public service. The belief of a free and independent country began. The Declaration of Independence signing in 1776 eventually led to a revolution that ended with the Battle of Yorktown, where the Continental Army defeated British General Cornwallis in the last engagement of the war, ending King George III's oppression over the 13 original colonies and fulfilling the promise of July 4, 1776. History abounds in this Educational Destinations adventure.

## EDUCATIONAL HISTORY OPPORTUNITIES:

- Enjoy Programming that Complements Virginia SOL and Common Core Standards
- Learn Why the English Settlers Starved While the Virginia Indians Did Not
- Take an Interactive Journey Through the History of America's 1st permanent English settlement
- Learn Survival Skills of the Pioneers and Native Americans
- Tour the Grounds of the 2nd Oldest Institution of Higher Learning in the Country, Which is Also a Cutting-Edge Research University
- Discover the History of Chesapeake Bay's Watermen from the Pre-Colonial to Modern Era
- Explore a Powhatan Indian Village and Work in Teams to Solve Problems and Activities as Students Explore the Culture of the Powhatan People.
- Explore the American Revolution and the differences among the American Militiaman, American Continental Soldier, and the British Soldier
- See Life With a Look at Union and Confederate Soldiers During the Civil War
- Discover the Relationship Between Technological Developments in Warfare and Battlefield Tactics World War I
- Visit the home of a Prominent Member of the Rockefeller Family
- Visit an Extensive Museum Exploring Global Maritime History
- Learn how Archaeologists Identify and Interpret Features, Artifacts, and Stratigraphy
- Discover How the Enslaved People of Households Struggled to Find their Own Roads to Freedom
- Learn About one of the Largest and Last Battleships Ever Built by the U.S. Navy
- Discover an African Crucifix and Other Art Objects of the African, English and Powhatan Indian Cultures
- Explore the Site of the Last Major Battle of the Revolutionary War
- Visit a Living-History Museum Presenting Part of an Historic District in the City of Williamsburg
- See Wood Working Techniques of the 18th-Century
- Walk on Ships and James Fort
- Experience a Museum Dedicated to American Writer Edgar Allan Poe
- Learn About the Holocaust and How the Nazi's Repressive, Militaristic Society Led to World War II

## HISTORY ATTRACTIONS:

- American Revolution Museum in Yorktown
- Bassett Hall
- Bruton Parish Church
- Christiana Campbell's Tavern
- College of William & Mary
- Colonial Crafts
- Governor's Palace
- Historical Reenactments
- Shirley Plantation
- Historic Jamestowne
- American Civil War Museum
- Edgar Allen Poe Museum
- James River Plantations
- Jamestown Settlement
- Nauticus
- Peyton Randolph House
- President's Park
- The Mariners' Museum
- The Watermen's Museum
- Virginia War Museum
- Williamsburg Historic District
- Wythe House
- Yorktown Battlefield
- Yorktown Victory Center

## OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

- Schooner Cruises on the York River
- Virginia Living Museum
- King's Arms Tavern
- Candlelight Ghost Tours
- New Town
- Museum of Contemporary Art
- Shields Tavern
- Busch Gardens
- Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum
- Great Wolf Lodge
- Water Country USA
- Busch Gardens Williamsburg
- Ripley's Believe It or Not! Williamsburg
- Kayaking
- Escape Rooms



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