# **Historic Triangle Attractions**



## Colonial Williamsburg

America's oldest and largest live interactive history experience. Colonial Williamsburg's 301-acre historic area brings Virginia's 18th century capitol city to life every day. Debate the issues of today with a founding father; take a carriage ride; and visit the shops and taverns where Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry and others conceived the ideas of liberty, independence and personal freedom that influenced the founding of this nation.



### **Jamestown**

While Historic Jamestowne unearths the past, Jamestown Settlement brings it to life. A veritable living history museum, Jamestown Settlement illuminates daily existence of the colonists and the confluence of the English, Powatan and African cultures that came together after their arrival in 1600's Virginia. And on the James River itself are recreations of the three ships that carried the settlers to its banks: *The Susan Constant, Godspeed* and *Discovery*.



### Yorktown

A quaint riverfront village important in American history. Visit museums offering hands on programs and exhibits, stroll along the scenic riverwalk, take a ride on the free trolley or listen to the beat of the fife and drums during one of their performances. The **Yorktown Victory Center** chronicles the history of the Revolutionary War and the last battle that secured our nation's independence from British rule.



#### College of William & Mary

Founded by Royal Charter in 1693, William & Mary is the 2nd oldest college in the country. Known as the "alma mater of a nation", William & Mary graduated three U.S. Presidents: Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe and John Tyler. It is also the only institution in the U.S. that has a Royal Charter from the British Crown and the only one that carries the names of members of the Royal Family.



#### **Merchants Square**

With its conception dating back to 1927, Merchants Square is recognized as one of the earliest, if not the first planned shopping districts in the U.S. Located next to Colonial Williamsburg's historic area, Merchants Square is an 18<sup>th</sup> century-style retail village with over 40 shops and restaurants. Visitors can experience the square's unique shopping, dining and special events offering in a unique setting of unrivaled beauty.



#### **Berkeley Plantation**

In 1691, Berkeley was purchased by Benjamin Harrison III, who established the first commercial shipyard on the James River. The plantation, occupies a beautifully landscaped hilltop site overlooking the historic James River and was home to William Henry Harrison, 9th President of the United States & Benjamin Harrison 5th, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. It was also site of the first American English speaking Thanksgiving, one year and 17 days before the pilgrims landed in Massachusetts.



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