



LOUDOUN COUNTY SENIOR TRIPS PROGRAM



Christmas in Old Virginia featuring Grand Illumination!

December 2nd - December 5th, 2022

3 Nights / 4 Days

Day One - Jamestown Settlement: A Jamestown Christmas! - December 2, 2022

- Board your motorcoach and depart for the **Jamestown Settlement**.
- Enjoy **lunch on own** at the café prior to a **GUIDED Tour** of the settlement and join in the celebration of a **Jamestown Christmas!**
- Experience early **Christmas traditions and Holiday Festivities** as the earliest settlers might have enjoyed. Jamestown Settlement commemorates the first permanent English settlement in the New World. It features full-size replicas of the three ships* that arrived in 1607, as nearly reconstructed as possible to show the size and hardships the hardy settlers had to face. The reconstructed Jamestown Fort is unique and seems to come to life with the costumed interpreters present to perform 17th century activities and interact with the crowds. Don't miss the Indian village and wonderful museum exhibits.
- Depart and check-in to your local area hotel prior to **dinner included** at the **Whaling Company** where local seafood & steaks are served in this old-school eatery designed like a New England boathouse.
- Return to the hotel for the evening. (Meals: D)

Day Two - Colonial Williamsburg & Grand Illuminations - December 3, 2022

- Enjoy **breakfast included** at your hotel this morning.
- Spend the morning in Colonial Williamsburg, visit the historic trades including the **Blacksmith and Cooper** to see how they still use 18th-century tools and methods. Tour the **homes and government buildings** and stroll through the **colonial gardens**.
- Don't forget their two world-class **Art Museums** which house the largest colonial-period archaeological collection in the United States! This tour includes the **Governor's Palace, The Capitol**, and museums.
- Notice the myriad of all natural handmade Holiday decorations from the Colonial Era – from the ornate displays of the aristocracy to the simpler displays of the hearty Colonists.
- Enjoy **free time** visiting the local attractions and **lunch on own** at one of the **Merchant's Square restaurants**.
- Return to the hotel to rest and refresh prior to a trip to **Colonial Williamsburg's Grand Illumination**, a tradition that has taken visitors' breath away for over 60 years! In the 18th century, illuminations--the firing of guns and lighting of fireworks--celebrated major events such as the birthday of a reigning sovereign, military victories, or the arrival of a new colonial governor. Join Colonial Williamsburg for this special day by strolling the **Historic Area** and viewing all the **unique decorations**.

- Enjoy **musical performances** throughout the Historic Area and **fireworks displays** from the **Capitol, the Magazine, and the Palace**.
- The **lighting of candles** in the windows of shops and homes along the Duke of Gloucester Street began in 1934 during the Colonial Williamsburg restoration. This timeless tradition continues with three simultaneous ceremonies at the **Raleigh Tavern, George Wythe House, and Randolph House**.
- Highlighted **ensembles** from the Williamsburg community will fill the air with **seasonal music** throughout the Historic Area.
- **Follow the Yule log**, hauled by wagon, from the Capitol circle to Market Square, accompanied by **music, festivity, and the community of 18th-century and present-day Williamsburg**. Make a **wish and toss a sprig of greenery** into the **bonfire**.
- **Fireworks Display** scheduled at the **Governor's Palace and Capitol Building**.
- Enjoy an **included dinner** this evening at **Anna's Brick Oven** (Meals: B, D)

Day Three - Berkeley Plantation & Christmas Town: A Busch Gardens Celebration - December 4, 2022

- Enjoy **breakfast included** at your hotel this morning prior to a **tour of Berkeley Plantation**. This picturesque plantation was the setting of the first official Thanksgiving in 1619 and is where "Taps" was composed.
- Enjoy **lunch included** at **Cul's Courthouse Grille**. The house and store face south across Courthouse Road toward the circa 1750 Charles City Courthouse. The general store provided dry goods, sundries, agricultural supplies, and tools that were necessary to support the local agricultural economy. In 2009, the store was renovated and became Cul's Courthouse Grille serving a Southern Cuisine, including many healthy options.
- Return to the hotel to rest and refresh prior to exploring **Christmas Town: A Busch Gardens Celebration**.
- Experience the park in a whole new light with **all-new attractions, dazzling shows, and one-of-a-kind gift ideas** that will make everyone say, "Now this is Christmas."
- Gaze at more than a **million twinkling lights** while enjoying **hot chocolate and fresh-baked Christmas cookies**. A complete Christmas Town experience includes a visit to **Santa's workshop** and to the parks' **45-foot tall, light-animated Christmas tree**.
- Dance and sing along to **classic holiday favorites** at Christmas Town's **family-friendly shows**. Immerse yourself in the story of the first Christmas at **Gloria!** then discover the magic of Christmas Eve performed on ice with **'Twas That Night**. Their heartwarming entertainment is just the ticket to fill you with glee this season.
- Take in the all the sights, sounds, smells, and experiences of Christmas Town, including eating and shopping around the world's most beautiful theme park.
- Some of the menus offered during the holidays include favorites like hand-carved turkey, hearty soups, and hand-made desserts. Try a cup of their signature hot chocolate (on own) to sip throughout the park.
- Enjoy **dinner on own** while at Busch Gardens. (Meals: B, L)

Day Four - American Revolution Museum at Yorktown & Mount Vernon Christmas - December 5, 2022

- Enjoy **breakfast included** at your hotel this morning prior to checking out and visiting the **American Revolution Museum at Yorktown** and enjoy a **Guided Tour**. The American Revolution Museum at Yorktown tells anew the story of the nation's founding, from the twilight of the colonial period to the dawn of the Constitution and beyond.
- Depart for a **Mount Vernon Christmas!** Mount Vernon has some of the most unique and wonderful holiday shopping of the season to be found in the DC area. Find Colonial style and American Holiday traditions for your home, friends, and family. See the beautifully decorated Mansion and grounds. **Tour the Mansion** and discover what the Washingtons, enslaved people, and hired workers ate during this season. Learn how food was grown, preserved, prepared, and served during the holiday season. Watch 18th-century demonstrations and hear stories of Christmases past from costumed characters.
- Enjoy **lunch included** while visiting the **Mount Vernon Tavern**.
- Depart for home (Meals: B, L)

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$ 924 Member / \$969 Non-Member
SINGLE OCCUPANCY: \$1194 Member / \$1239 Non-Member

Tour Includes:

Hotel Accommodations for FOUR (4) Nights
 THREE (3) Breakfasts, TWO (2) Lunches, & TWO (2) Dinners
 Admissions, tours, and guides.
 Luggage handling: 1 suitcase per person
 Round Trip Motorcoach Transportation
 Does not include optional driver and guide gratuities
 Extensive walking including uneven terrain, distances of ¼ to 1 mile. Climbing stairs
 Payable in 3 installments

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