

WILLIAMSBURG AREA | VIRGINIA

# JAMESTOWN & YORKTOWN SETTLEMENT & VICTORY CENTER



**Make Room for the Memories.**  
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# EXPERIENCE THE BEGINNING & END OF COLONIAL AMERICA IN A SINGLE DAY



An adventure of historic proportion awaits your family at Jamestown Settlement and the Yorktown Victory Center – two living-history museums that explore America's beginnings.

Conveniently located within a 30-minute drive of each other in the Williamsburg, Virginia, area, these museums transport you to colonial Virginia to see where the seeds of the nation were planted – and harvested. Here, costumed interpreters demonstrate the experiences of inhabitants of early 1600s Virginia and people caught up in the American Revolution. They not only share their stories, but also invite you to participate in their chores... explore their ships... try on their armor... cultivate their crops... and much, much more.

So get ready for some serious, hands-on fun! Just don't forget your camera. Because the history here is life size. And your memories will be even bigger.



## HELP AMERICA *win its* INDEPENDENCE

Now travel 20 miles and 174 years to Yorktown, where the siege is on! Step into a tent and try on a uniform at the Continental Army encampment and explore a re-created 1780s farm.



## ESTABLISH *a new* COLONY

Discover the colony's roots in exciting gallery exhibits, then visit a re-created Powhatan Indian village and colonial fort and climb aboard replicas of English ships to get a feel for the hardships of the journey across the Atlantic.



## TAKE HOME *the* MEMORIES

With so much to do and see, you may need a little extra room for all the memories you'll make!

## Plan your adventure today! [www.historyisfun.org](http://www.historyisfun.org)

Tickets, Packages, Group Information Available Online

**Hours of Operation:** Jamestown Settlement and the Yorktown Victory Center are open year-round 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (9 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 15-August 15) except Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Allow three to four hours for your visit to Jamestown Settlement and two to three hours for the Yorktown Victory Center.

**Special Arrangements:** Call 757-253-4838 or toll free at 888-593-4682 for information about accessibility for people with disabilities. All areas of the museums, except on board the ships, are wheelchair accessible. Strollers and wheelchairs are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Open-captioned versions of films are shown daily, and assistive listening systems are available on request. Sign language interpreters are available with a minimum of two weeks' advance notice. Licensed guide animals assisting visitors are allowed throughout the museums. The TDD phone number (hearing impaired) is 757-253-5110.

**Food & Gifts:** You'll find period replicas, educational toys and games, gift and food items, books, souvenirs, and camera supplies in the gift shops. You can purchase many items online at [www.shophistoryisfun.com](http://www.shophistoryisfun.com).

Jamestown Settlement's café offers soups, sandwiches and beverages. Box lunches are available for pre-planned group visits. Picnic tables are located at both Jamestown Settlement and the Yorktown Victory Center.





Discover  
**THE START**  
OF COLONIAL AMERICA  
— 1607 —

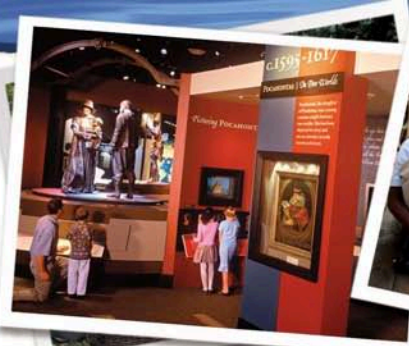
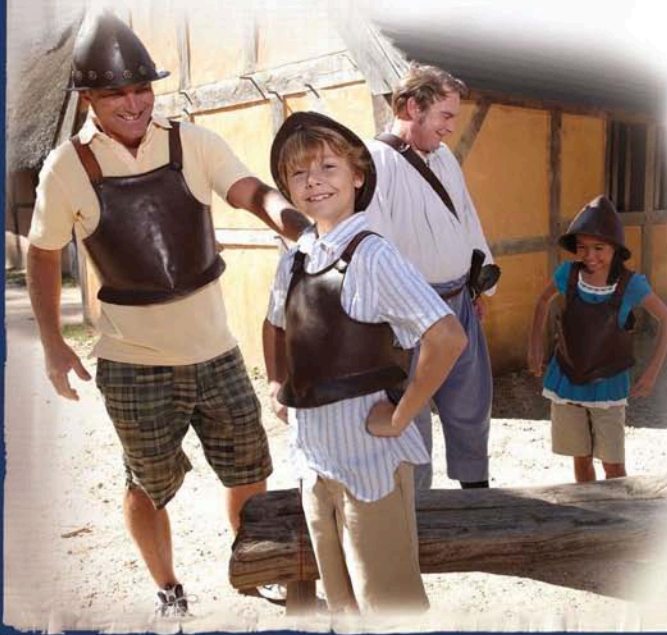
**THE FIRST PERMANENT ENGLISH SETTLEMENT**

Thirteen years before the Pilgrims landed in Massachusetts, a group of 104 English men and boys made a four-and-a-half-month voyage to the banks of the James River to form a settlement in Virginia. Their goal of making a profit from the resources of the New World for the Virginia Company's shareholders in London quickly took a back seat to pure survival as they confronted the harsh realities of life in their new home.

**DO MORE. SEE MORE. LEARN MORE.**

At Jamestown Settlement you'll learn how the settlers coped with an unfamiliar environment. Located adjacent to the original site, this expansive living-history museum offers full-scale re-creations of the colonists' fort and a Powhatan Indian village, a seasonal riverfront discovery area, and replicas of the three English ships that brought the settlers to the New World.

With gallery exhibits and outdoor activities, there's plenty to see and explore at Jamestown Settlement!



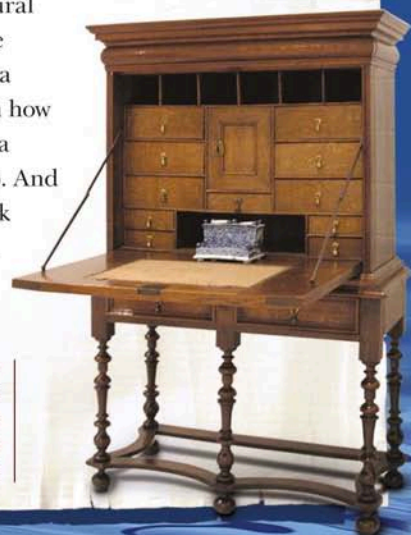
**EXPERIENCE OUR FILM AND GALLERIES**

*1607: A Nation Takes Root* sets the stage for your visit with an overview of the first two decades of America's first permanent English colony and the cultures that converged in early 1600s Virginia. A 30,000-square-foot exhibit space explores Jamestown's beginnings as a business venture, the impact of European colonization on the Powhatan Indian culture, and the origins of the first known Africans in Virginia. You'll see hundreds of artifacts from the period, among them portraits, documents, furnishings, ceremonial and decorative objects, tools, and weapons. Three-dimensional life-size structures and small theaters help bring the story to life.

**PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN HISTORY**

Jamestown Settlement's unique combination of exhibits and hands-on activities makes it the perfect destination for families. Try your hand at grinding corn. Scrape an animal hide and weave natural fibers into cordage. Squeeze into a sailor's bunk or steer a ship with a whipstaff. Learn how to navigate the seas. Watch a blacksmith work in his shop. And cover your ears as matchlock muskets fire inside the fort. History doesn't get more active than this!

You can see this writing desk — and many other objects made and used by people in the 17th century — in the galleries at Jamestown Settlement.







*Witness*  
**THE END**  
OF COLONIAL AMERICA  
— 1781 —

**WITNESS THE BIRTH OF AMERICA**

On October 19, 1781, the decisive military campaign of the American Revolution culminated with the British surrender to combined American and French forces under the command of George Washington. The Siege of Yorktown effectively ended the six-year struggle for American independence and set the stage for a new government – and nation. Located within musket range of Yorktown Battlefield, the Yorktown Victory Center covers the entire Revolutionary period, from the beginnings of colonial unrest to the formation of the new nation.

**LISTEN TO THEIR WORDS**

The “Road to Revolution,” an open-air exhibit, traces events that led to the American colonies’ split from Britain. Gallery exhibits present the Declaration of Independence as a radical document that inspired decisive action and chronicle the Revolution through eyewitness accounts of those who were there. In the

Converging on Yorktown Gallery, explore the three-week siege that ensured American independence. Finally, learn about the final steps in America’s journey to nationhood with the development of the Constitution and Bill of Rights

Wonder what life was like for a soldier in the Continental Army? *Just ask one!* Costumed interpreters at the Yorktown Victory Center demonstrate the tasks and chores of daily life in 1781. Just don't be surprised if they ask you to help!



and the impact of people from many different cultures on the creation of a new society.

**MAKE SOME HISTORY OF YOUR OWN**

Step into the boots of ordinary soldiers and witness the Revolution from their perspective at the re-created Continental Army encampment. You can try on a military coat and hat, step into soldiers’ quarters, visit the camp surgeon, and examine the quartermaster’s area to discover the importance of managing supplies. You may even be recruited to join the artillery crew as they load – and fire – a replica weapon.



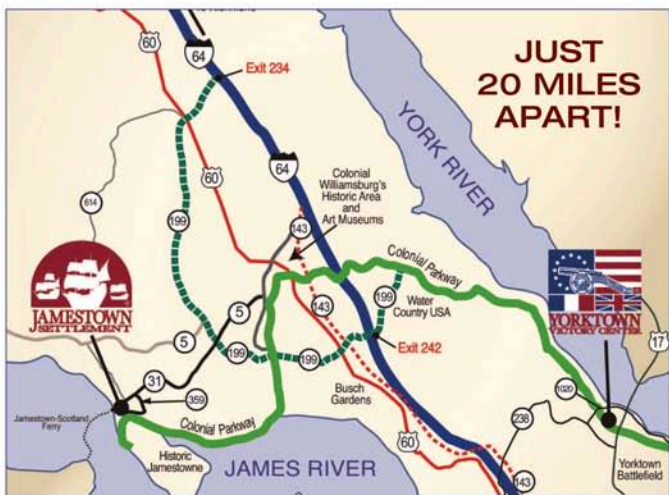
**HEAD “HOME” TO A 1780s FARM**

The Yorktown Victory Center also provides a glimpse of home life after the Revolution on a typical Tidewater Virginia farm. Your family can explore a re-created house and its separate kitchen, a tobacco barn, and fenced crop fields. While you’re there, you can weed and water the gardens, comb cotton or “break” flax into fiber, and learn how herbs were used for cooking and medicinal purposes.

Among artifacts in the exhibition galleries is a rare broadside printing of the Declaration of Independence dating to July 1776.







**Two historic time zones.  
One convenient destination.**

**Jamestown Settlement** is located on State Route 31, 10 minutes from Colonial Williamsburg and Busch Gardens. From I-64, take exit 234 or 242-A and follow signs to Jamestown Settlement. GPS: 2110 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185.

**Yorktown Victory Center** is located on State Route 1020, just blocks from Yorktown. Use exit 247 from I-64 and follow signs to the Yorktown Victory Center. GPS: 200 Water Street, Yorktown, Virginia 23690.

Virginia's Historic Triangle is easily reached via Interstates 95 and 64 and U.S. 17. Yorktown, Jamestown and Williamsburg are all linked by the scenic Colonial Parkway. You also may wish to visit the National Park Service sites, Historic Jamestowne and Yorktown Battlefield, as well as Colonial Williamsburg's Historic Area and Art Museums, Busch Gardens, and Water Country USA.

For information on area attractions, accommodations and popular vacation packages such as "America's Historic Triangle," go to [www.visitwilliamsburg.com](http://www.visitwilliamsburg.com).

**MISSION**

The Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, an educational institution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, shall foster through its living-history museums – Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown Victory Center – an awareness and understanding of the early history, settlement, and development of the United States through the convergence of American Indian, European, and African cultures and the enduring legacies bequeathed to the nation.



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