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Make History With One Ticket to Five Attractions in Jamestown, Williamsburg and Yorktown

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. – Experience something new this year in America's Historic Triangle. Engaging living-history programs and special events and exhibitions bring fresh perspectives to stories of the nation's beginnings – the 1607 founding at Jamestown of the first permanent English colony, Revolutionary times in Williamsburg, and the securing of independence at Yorktown in 1781.

The America's Historic Triangle vacation package features three premier living-history museums – **Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown Settlement** and the **Yorktown Victory Center** – and two National Park sites – **Historic Jamestowne** and **Yorktown Battlefield**, with unlimited admission to all five historical attractions and modern-day accommodations for up to seven days. Visitors can take a 23-mile journey along the scenic Colonial Parkway to reach all five attractions, and from March 17 through October 31 can park their vehicles and take a free shuttle service connecting the Jamestown, Williamsburg and Yorktown destinations.

Explore the nation's beginnings at **Historic Jamestowne**, where the 1607 site of America's first permanent English colony is preserved and interpreted. Visitors can witness archaeology-in-action at the 1607 James Fort excavation and unearthed artifacts displayed in the Archaearium, see the original 17th-century church tower on a walking tour of the historic town site, explore Visitor Center exhibits and multimedia presentations, watch costumed glassblowers at the Glasshouse, and drive the scenic Island Drive. **Jamestown Settlement** living-history museum offers daily guided tours of expansive gallery exhibits that chronicle 17th-century Virginia in the context of the Powhatan Indian, English and African cultures that converged there, and historical interpretation at outdoor re-creations of a Powhatan Indian village, 1607 English ships and a colonial fort, and a riverfront discovery area.

On May 10, **Jamestown Settlement** and **Historic Jamestowne** will jointly sponsor "Jamestown Landing Day" with sailing ships, military demonstrations, archaeology, educational programs, 17th-century music and children's entertainment to mark Jamestown's 401st anniversary. From July 15 through October 15, Jamestown Settlement will present "A New World: England's First View of America," a British Museum exhibition of the 16th-century watercolor drawings of John White, the earliest visual record by an Englishman of the flora, fauna and people of the New World. Summer events at Jamestown Settlement include "African American Heritage Day" on June 7, with storytelling, music, dance and genealogy; and "Virginia Indian Heritage Day" on July 26, with intertribal dancing and drumming and panel discussions. Family days on June 14, July 12 and August 9 feature family-centered gallery tours and craft activities. At Historic Jamestowne, July 30 history programs will recount the development of Virginia government at the First Assembly Commemoration, and on September 20, the 1676 burning of Jamestown will be symbolically re-created as part of the Bacon's Rebellion Commemoration.

In **Colonial Williamsburg's Historic Area**, citizens voice their outrage as the government takes away their rights. Businesses are accused of wartime profiteering. Enemy combatants, imprisoned for years without formal charges, are suspected of war crimes. Families are torn apart by war. These are some of the issues surrounding the American Revolution presented during the compelling interactive dramatic presentation, **Revolutionary City®** in Colonial Williamsburg's Historic Area. Momentous events of the colonial period happened in the very place where guests walk today. This is the story of our struggle to become a nation – from subjects to citizens. During the **Revolutionary City**, guests will hear the beating of the drums and the shrill call of the fifes of Colonial Williamsburg's Fifes and Drums. The Foundation's musical ambassadors celebrate their 50th anniversary in 2008 with several signature events and concerts throughout the year.

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The restored 18th-century capital is presented in the 301-acre Historic Area, which comprises 88 original buildings and hundreds of other homes, shops, public buildings and other structures that have been reconstructed, most on their original foundations. The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation operates the **Museums of Colonial Williamsburg** that have the spectacular exhibit, "Captured Colors: Four Battleflags of the American Revolution" on display and feature four rare and prized battle flags of the American Revolution that have returned to America more than 225 years after being taken to British soil as trophies of war. Guests can engage in hands-on activities with brickmakers, silversmiths, founders, wigmakers, blacksmiths, gunsmiths and carpenters. When the sun sets, guests can enjoy candlelight tours, 18th-century plays and evening programs, or dine in authentic 18th-century taverns.

At the **Yorktown Battlefield**, walk the ground and view the fields, fortifications and historic homes where America's independence was won in 1781. The site of the final major clash of the American Revolution, Yorktown Battlefield allows visitors to follow in the footsteps of General Washington and walk where this historic event took place. Visitors can drive the battlefield and encampment tour roads, visit the Moore House where surrender negotiations took place, see the site of the British surrender, and watch "The Siege at Yorktown" film at the National Park Service Visitor Center, which displays artifacts from the siege, including tents used by General Washington. Patriotic events include "Yorktown's Fourth of July Celebration" on July 4, and on October 18-19, Yorktown Day and Victory Weekend, to commemorate the 227th anniversary of America's 1781 Revolutionary War victory.

Yorktown Victory Weekend also is observed at the **Yorktown Victory Center**, a museum of the American Revolution, where gallery exhibits explore the Declaration of Independence as a "dangerous" document, the impact of the Revolution on men and women from diverse backgrounds, and events that led to the convergence of American, French and British forces at Yorktown in 1781. In an outdoor re-created Continental Army encampment, historical interpreters describe and depict the daily life of American soldiers during the last year of the war. A re-created 1780s farm shows a typical lifestyle of many Americans in the decade following the military end of the Revolution. On July 4-6, "Liberty Celebration" allows visitors to learn about the sacrifices of the nation's founders and observe tactical and military drills. Themed interpretive programs in June explore 18th-century agriculture with "Seed to Stalk," and in August, "Pastimes of Colonial Virginia."

The America's Historic Triangle Vacation Package includes unlimited visits to all five attractions during the package stay, up to seven days in length at a variety of accommodations in the Williamsburg area.

For more information about America's Historic Triangle Vacation Package, visit www.AmericasHistoricTriangle.com or call 1-800-495-8804. For information about America's Historic Triangle Ticket, visit www.historyisfun.org/Vacation-Packages.htm.

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