

Visiting Jamestown Settlement & Yorktown Victory Center

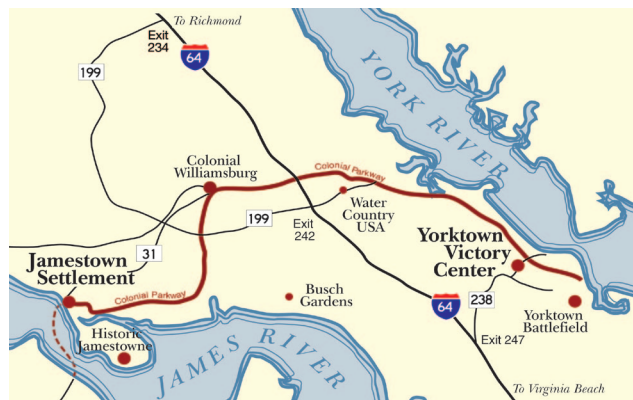
Jamestown Settlement explores the world of America's first permanent English colony. An introductory film and expansive exhibition galleries describe the Powhatan Indian, English and west central African cultures that converged in 17th-century Virginia. Outdoors, historical interpreters depict 1600s life at re-creations of a Powhatan Indian village, three 1607 ships and a colonial fort. The museum is located at State Route 31 and the Colonial Parkway, adjacent to Historic Jamestowne. (GPS: 2110 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185)



The **Yorktown Victory Center** chronicles America's struggle for independence in the 1700s, from the beginnings of colonial unrest to the formation of the new nation. Visitors can witness musket and artillery demonstrations at a re-created Continental Army encampment and help with chores at a Revolution-period farm. The museum remains in daily operation while construction is under way on a replacement – to be named American Revolution Museum at Yorktown – planned for completion in late 2016. The museum is located at Route 1020 and the Colonial Parkway in Yorktown, near Yorktown Battlefield. (GPS: 200 Water Street, Yorktown, Virginia 23690)



Museum hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily year-round (until 6 p.m. June 15 through August 15), except Christmas and New Year's days. Amenities include free parking and gift shops at both museums and a café at Jamestown Settlement. For information about special programs and current admission rates, visit www.historyisfun.org or call (888) 593-4682 toll-free.



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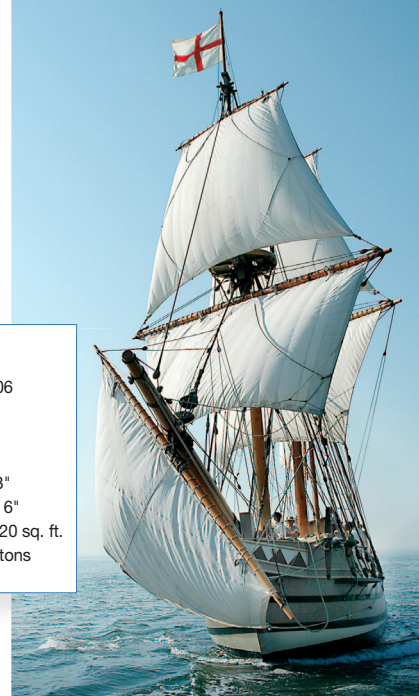
Jamestown Settlement Ships

V I R G I N I A



Susan Constant

Year Commissioned: 1991
 Sparred Length: 116'
 Length on Deck: 82'
 Beam (width): 24' 10"
 Draft: 11' 9"
 Mainmast Height: 95'
 Sail Area: 3,902 sq. ft.
 Burden Tonnage: 120 tons



Godspeed

Year Commissioned: 2006
 Sparred Length: 88'
 Length on Deck: 65'
 Beam (width): 17'
 Draft: 7' 3"
 Mainmast Height: 71' 6"
 Sail Area: 2,420 sq. ft.
 Burden Tonnage: 40 tons



Discovery

Year Commissioned: 2007
 Sparred Length: 66'
 Length on Deck: 50' 10"
 Beam (width): 14'
 Draft: 6' 6"
 Mainmast Height: 59'
 Sail Area: 1,160 sq. ft.
 Burden Tonnage: 20 tons

Re-creations of the three ships that brought America's first permanent English colonists to Virginia in 1607 are on exhibit at Jamestown Settlement, a living-history museum of 17th-century Virginia.

The original *Susan Constant*, *Godspeed* and *Discovery* set sail from London on December 20, 1606, bound for Virginia. The ships carried 105 passengers and 39 crew members on the four-month transatlantic voyage. A 17th-century source noted that a total of 71 people were aboard the *Susan Constant*, 52 aboard the *Godspeed* and 21 aboard the *Discovery*. The expedition was sponsored by the Virginia Company of London, a business venture that had been organized to form a colony in Virginia. The fleet reached the Virginia coast in late April and, after two weeks of inland waterway exploration, arrived at the selected settlement site on May 13, 1607.

At the time of the voyage, the *Susan Constant* was about one year old and was leased from Dapper, Wheatley, Colthurst and other partners. The origins of the *Godspeed* and *Discovery* are uncertain. The *Susan Constant* and *Godspeed* returned to England in June 1607, while the *Discovery* remained in Virginia and was used for Chesapeake Bay and coastal exploration.

The Jamestown Settlement re-creations have been designated "the official fleet of the Commonwealth" by the Virginia General Assembly.



While one of the ships sails periodically from Jamestown Settlement to participate in commemorative and community events and host educational programs for students, most of the time all three can be seen at the museum. Costumed historical interpreters assist visitors in exploring the ships and learning about the 1607 voyage and 17th-century shipboard activities.