



# *Historical Williamsburg - A Colonial Christmas!*

*Yorktown, Jamestown, Berkeley and Edgewood Plantations,*

*The Grand Illumination, Busch Gardens Christmas Town, The Virginia State Capitol, and much more*

*December 1 - 6, 2022 6 Days and 5 Nights*

## **Join TRIPS as we embrace the Christmas Spirit in Colonial Williamsburg!**

The Christmas season officially begins in Colonial Williamsburg with the Grand Illumination, a spectacular evening when candles twinkle in the windows of Historic Area homes and buildings and the heavens explode with pyrotechnics!

From the millions of twinkling lights you'll see on Christmas trees to the 100 Miles of light that will delight you, there is no better way to get in the spirit! You'll find that Virginia loves their light displays, from the traditional to the unusual and yep, the down-right tacky! That's right, Richmond has their own Tacky Light Tour, and they are rightfully proud of it! Tour Plantations and Mansions that are decorated as they might have been hundreds of years ago right down to the elegantly dressed dining room table! Enjoy Christmas Town: A Busch Gardens Celebration complete with hot chocolate and fresh-baked cookies. There is no better way to get into the spirit of the season that joining TRIPS as we enjoy a Williamsburg Christmas!

### **Itinerary**

#### **December 1, 2022 - Your Journey Begins!**

Board your flight today bound for **Virginia** where you'll be met by your TRIPS guide and board your private motor coach to **Williamsburg**. You'll check in to the **Embassy Suites Hotel** to refresh and unwind. Then get into the nostalgic holiday mood as you enjoy your **Welcome Dinner** at one of Williamsburg's famous taverns, where the spirit of Colonial America at Christmas time is sure to fill your senses!

Overnight: Williamsburg - Embassy Suites

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#### **December 2, 2022 - Plantations and Celebration in Lights!**

After your hotel breakfast, your day begins with a tour of **Berkeley Plantation**, located along the James River. This picturesque plantation was the setting of the first official Thanksgiving in 1619 and is where "Taps" was composed. Five terraced gardens, leading from the house to the James River, were dug by hand before the War of Independence. Inside the mansion, handsome woodwork and arches were installed by Benjamin Harrison VI in 1790 at the direction of Thomas Jefferson. Good Housekeeping magazine suggests: "If you only have time for one plantation, Berkeley should be at the top of your list." Guides in period costumes conduct tours of the original **1726 mansion** and the museum collection includes Civil War artifacts as well as a unique collection of paintings by artist Sydney King. Following your included lunch at nearby **Cul's Courthouse Grille**, you'll tour **Edgewood Plantation**, once a part of Berkeley Plantation. Edgewood was the **ancestral home** of US Presidents **William Henry and Benjamin Harrison**, with an exquisite 7,000 square foot mansion that dates to 1849. Return to your hotel to relax awhile, then enjoy the **Celebration in Lights**, a **two-mile drive** through spectacular light displays in **Newport News**. See whales, angels and hundreds of

characters decorated using hundreds of thousands of lights. It's magical! Cap off your evening deliciously with dinner at the **Whaling Company** in Williamsburg, a favorite old-school eatery featuring local seafood and steaks, and designed to resemble a New England boathouse.

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#### **December 3, 2022 - Get in the spirit at Christmas Town!**

Enjoy breakfast, and embark on a **walking tour of Colonial Williamsburg** decorated for Christmas! From the first candle placed in windows in 1936 to the Grand Illumination celebration that takes place every year, the holiday spirit of Colonial Williamsburg continues to glow brightly! Miles of pine roping, truckloads of greenery and bushels of fresh fruit combine to give Colonial Williamsburg its much-imitated but never-duplicated charm and elegance. Your tour includes the **Governor's Palace** and the **Capitol**, and after lunch on your own in Colonial Williamsburg you'll have free time to soak in that wonderful Christmas spirit before returning to your hotel mid-afternoon. After relaxing a bit, you're off to **Christmas Town: A Busch Gardens Celebration**. Enjoy their all new attractions, dazzling shows and one-of-a-kind gift ideas for that special person! You'll be captivated by the **million twinkling lights** while enjoying **hot chocolate and fresh fresh-baked cookies**. Complete your Christmas Town experience with a visit to Santa's workshop and the park's 45-foot tall, light-animated Christmas tree! Enjoy dinner on your own this evening while exploring **Busch Gardens**.

Overnight: Williamsburg - Embassy Suites

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#### **December 4, 2022 - The Grand Illumination!**

After breakfast at your hotel, board your motor coach to join in the celebration of a **Jamestown Christmas!** Celebrate Christmas

traditions and holiday festivities just as the earliest English settlers in America might have enjoyed, while seeing full-size replicas of the three ships that arrived in 1607! Enjoy lunch on your own in the Jamestown Visitor Center. Return to the hotel to relax a bit before you join in **Colonial Williamsburg's Grand Illumination!** This fabulous tradition has taken visitors' breath away for over 60 years, and we're sure you'll be just as awed! The celebration includes **fireworks**, musical entertainment, dancing, caroling and dramatic presentations. Colonial Williamsburg becomes alight with holiday glitter and the warmth of the season. **Nothing quite matches the excitement, sights, smells, sounds and grandeur of the Christmas season in Colonial Williamsburg!** It's breathtaking! It's glorious! It's enchanted! Return to the hotel this evening and enjoy your delicious **Prime Rib Buffet Dinner** at the hotel restaurant.

Overnight: Williamsburg - Embassy Suites (B/D)

**December 5, 2022 - Yorktown and Tacky Light Tour!**

Following breakfast, you'll tour the **New American Revolution Museum** at **Yorktown** for fresh perspectives on the nation's founding, from the twilight of the colonial era to the dawn of the Constitution and beyond. Lunch then awaits you at Richmond's multifaceted entertainment and dining showplace, **Tobacco Company**. From there, it's onto the **Virginia War Memorial**, the Commonwealth of Virginia's monument honoring the memory of Virginia's men and women who demonstrated their desire to serve and fight to defend our way of life.

Afterward, visit the second oldest statehouse in the country still in continuous use, **Virginia State Capitol** where you'll walk in the footsteps of several Founding Fathers and leaders of the United States. Dinner will be served at **Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens** while you admire the brilliant lights reflecting off a large Japanese-style lily pond, displaying lush seasonal foliage with creative lighting at their **Gardenfest of Lights!** Then you'll embark on a fun-filled **Tacky Light Tour** of Richmond! See holiday lighting traditions from by-gone days as well as today's brilliant and occasionally over-the-top Christmas season displays. One house even won first prize recently on the TV show "Christmas Lights Fight!" It's colorful, dazzling, beautiful, zany and fun!

Overnight: Williamsburg - Embassy Suites (B/L/D)

**December 6, 2022 - Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow!**

After breakfast, check out then tour the Newport News **Mariner's Museum**. Its collection totals about 32,000 artifacts, equally divided between works of art and three-dimensional objects. The museum's scope is international and includes miniature ship models, scrimshaw, maritime paintings, decorative arts, carved figureheads, working steam engines and the world's only known existing Kratz-built steam calliope! Enjoy a farewell lunch at **The Chamberlin** which was built in 1927 and once invited the wealthy and well-heeled to soak in the stunning views and cool breezes of Chesapeake Bay, before heading to the airport for your flight home. **Enchanted memories of your Colonial Christmas in Williamsburg will last a lifetime!** (B/L)

\*\*Please note that itineraries are subject to change.

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**\$3,848.00**

per person / double occupancy



Single Supplement is an additional \$798.00

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### Inclusions

- Roundtrip airport transfers including gratuities
- Roundtrip airfare to Virginia (checked baggage fees are not included)
- Breakfast daily at your hotel
- 5 nights accommodations at Embassy Suites Hotel in Williamsburg
- 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners
- Driving tour of Newport News Celebration in Lights and Tacky Light Tour of Richmond
- All admissions as described in the detailed itinerary including Jamestown Settlement and Visitor Center, Berkeley Plantation, Edgewood Plantation, Christmas Town: Busch Gardens, Colonial Williamsburg walking tour, Colonial Williamsburg's Grand Illumination, New American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, Virginia State Capitol, Virginia War Memorial, Mariner's Museum, Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens and more
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- Services of a professional guide throughout your tour
- Portage of one suitcase per person
- TRIPS ticket wallet and luggage tags
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