

### **A Patriotic Christmas:**

# From Constitution Hall to Colonial Williamsburg (TMC1940)

### **DECEMBER 7-14, 2026**

#### **INCLUDES:**

- Roundtrip motorcoach transportation from Buffalo, Rochester, or Syracuse
- 7-nights hotel accommodations
- 14 meals: 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 5 dinners
- Tour the Daughters of the American Revolution Museum in Constitution Hall
- Tour the Larz Anderson House
- **Driving tour of Embassy Row**
- View of the National Cathedral
- Discover Christmas at Hillwood Estate including guided tour of the mansion
- Free time for shopping and exploring at the annual Penn Quarter Christmas Market featuring more than 150 regional artisans, crafters, and festive treats.
- Illuminated driving tour of the National Monuments
- View the National Christmas Tree
- View the Washington Monument and Jefferson Memorial
- Visit the National Archives
- Explore the holiday celebrations at the United States Botanic Garden
- Visit the Museum of American History
- **Tour Christ Church**
- Tour Gadsby's Tavern & Museum
- View George Washington's Masonic Temple & National Memorial
- Explore George Washington's Mount Vernon
- Participate in a Wreath Laying Ceremony at George Washington's gravesite
- Experience a guided tour of the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown
- Guided tour at Jamestown Settlement
- Enjoy free time to explore Busch Gardens Christmas Town at leisure
- Partake in a Colonial Williamsburg Guided Tour including the Capitol, where Virginia patriots developed principles of self-government, individual liberty, and responsible leadership, and the Governor's Palace reflecting the period of Lord Dunmore's residence, the last English governor of the Virginia colony.
- Free time to explore and shop in Colonial Williamsburg's Merchants Square
- Experience Grand Illumination a tradition that has taken visitors' breath away for over 60 years. Enjoy musical performances on multiple stages throughout the Historic Area and fireworks displays from the Capitol, the Magazine, and the Palace.
- Visit Historic Kenmore, a Georgian-style brick mansion built by George Washington's sister plus the Mary Washington House where the President-to-be went to receive his mother's blessing before attending his inauguration in 1789.
- Visit the Rising Sun Tavern and George Washington's Ferry Farm



- Baggage handling (1 piece per person)
- Services of a AAA Group Travel Tour Host
- Services and Gratuities for a Professional Motorcoach Driver
- All applicable taxes, fees, and included meal gratuities

#### **ACTIVITY LEVEL: 3**

**ACTIVE:** moderate pace; good mobility needed; stairs and prolonged standing for more than 2 hours at a time; some longer days involving early mornings and/or late evenings; some walking on varied terrain. This Activity Level is not recommended for travelers with mobility issues such as someone who uses a cane, walker, or wheelchair.

#### **HOTEL(S):**

Hampton Inn Alexandria Old Town - Alexandria, VA (4 nights) Embassy Suites Williamsburg – Williamsburg, VA (3 nights)

#### **PRICING:**

Double	\$2,999
Single	\$3,619
Triple	\$2,799
Quad	\$2,699
Optional Pre-Paid AAA Group Travel Tour Host Gratuity	\$32

Rates and inclusions are per person based on occupancy and include AAA Member Discount. \$750 per person deposit due at time of booking. Final payment due September 15, 2026.

**NOTE:** This tour is booked as the above inclusions state. It is possible due to unforeseen circumstances that some inclusions may change in future months. Should that happen, AAA Group Travel will take all necessary steps to find a suitable replacement for the tour.

#### **PICK-UP LOCATIONS:**

Buffalo	Rochester	Syracuse
AAA Administrative Office	RIT Inn & Conference Center	Syracuse Doubletree Hotel
100 International Dr.	5257 West Henrietta Rd.	6301 State Route 298
Williamsville	Henrietta	East Syracuse

#### **CANCELLATION POLICY:**

AAA recommends the purchase of Allianz Global Assistance products to protect your trip investment. Day of Deposit to 8-1-2026 / \$150 Admin Fee Per Person 8-2-2026 to 9-15-2026 / Loss of Deposit Per Person 9-16-2026 to Day of Departure / 100% Non-Refundable Per Person



### **TENTATIVE ITINERARY**

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#### Monday, December 7, 2026

Early morning boarding begins at AAA Travel & Insurance Center, 100 International Dr, Williamsville, NY.

Early morning boarding begins at RIT Inn & Conference Center, 5257 W Henrietta Rd, Henrietta, NY. A brief rest stop will be made.

Early morning boarding begins at a **NEW LOCATION as of March 1, 2025**: Syracuse DoubleTree Hotel, 6301 State Route 298, East Syracuse, NY (Carrier Circle). Rest and meal stops will be made en route at your own expense.

Enjoy an included **welcome dinner** at The Point D.C., an award-winning waterfront restaurant known for its fresh coastal cuisine and stunning views of the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers.

Check-in for your **three-night stay** at the Hampton Inn and Suites Alexandria Old Town Area South. **Baggage handling** is included.

#### Tuesday, December 8, 2026

Enjoy included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure before picking up your Local Guide...

Tour the **Daughters of the American Revolution Museum** in Constitution Hall.

Tour the Larz Anderson House, headquarters of the Society of the Cincinnati and a National Historic Landmark.

Enjoy a scenic drive along festively lit Embassy Row and view the magnificent National Cathedral.

Take a guided tour of the **Hillwood Estate**, home of former cereal heiress, Marjorie Merriweather Post. The mansion will showcase glittering holiday décor and features one of the most comprehensive collections of 18th and 19th century imperial art. Enjoy an included classic **lunch** at the Merriweather Café on site during your visit.

Enjoy free time to shop and explore the annual **Penn Quarter Christmas Market**, a unique and festive shopping "village" in the heart of Downtown DC, featuring more than 150 regional artisans, crafters, and festive treats. Enjoy dinner on your own in Penn Quarter.

Enjoy an **Illuminated Monument Driving Tour** of Washington's monuments and memorials, including a stop at the **National Christmas Tree and the Pathway of Peace**.

#### Wednesday, December 9, 2026

Enjoy included hotel breakfast at your leisure.

Visit the Washington Monument and the Jefferson Memorial, honoring two of America's great leaders.

Visit the **National Archives**, where the original Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, and Bill of Rights are on display for the first time in modern history.

Visit the **United States Botanic Garden**, a living plant museum. Explore the holiday celebrations including the poinsettias displayed for the season.

Visit the **Smithsonian National Museum of American History**, featuring Revolutionary War treasures and iconic exhibits. Enjoy lunch on your own while visiting the Museum.

Visit Christ Church and the Georgian-style Gadsby's Tavern & Museum, in Alexandria, VA.

Enjoy an included **dinner** at Gadsby's Tavern, where George Washington and other Founding Fathers once dined, complete with a visit from "Martha Washington."

Drive by George Washington's Masonic Temple & National Memorial, the original site for the national capitol building.



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#### Thursday, December 10, 2026

Enjoy included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure before check-out.

Visit **Mount Vernon**, the beloved estate of George Washington. Tour the mansion, explore the grounds, and experience a **Wreath Laying Ceremony**.

Enjoy an included Grist Mill buffet lunch in the Mount Vernon tavern.

Check-in for your three-night stay at the Embassy Suites Williamsburg, VA. Baggage handling is included.

Enjoy cocktails and snacks at the hotel's evening **cocktail reception**.

Enjoy an included **dinner** at a Colonial Tavern.

#### Friday, December 11, 2026

Enjoy included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure.

Take a **guided tour of the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown**, where immersive galleries and costumed interpreters bring to life military and domestic life of the 1780s.

Take a **guided tour at Jamestown Settlement**. Decked out for the holidays, Jamestown commemorates the first permanent English settlement in the New World. See full-size replicas of the three ships that landed on its shores in 1607. Enjoy lunch on your own at the Jamestown Settlement Café during your visit.

Enjoy free time to explore **Busch Gardens Christmas Town** at your leisure, have dinner on your own, and be immersed in this one-of-a-kind winter wonderland. Discover the reason for the season with the Christmas Town Express, Santa's Workshop, and more. Festive treats, holiday shopping, and special photo opportunities complete this grand holiday tradition.

#### Saturday, December 12, 2026

Enjoy included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure.

Meet your colonial guides and embark on a **Colonial Williamsburg Guided Tour**, visiting the **Capitol** and **Governor's Palace** with stories of patriot leaders and colonial life. Enjoy lunch on your own and free time exploring **Colonial Williamsburg Merchants Square**, the shopping hub of downtown Colonial Williamsburg.

Experience **Grand Illumination**, the 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. Enjoy musical performances on multiple stages throughout the Historic Area and fireworks displays from the Capitol, the Magazine, and the Palace.

Enjoy an included **prime rib buffet dinner** at the hotel.

#### Sunday, December 13, 2026

Enjoy included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure before check-out.

Visit **Historic Kenmore**, a Georgian-style brick mansion built by George Washington's sister, Betty Washington Lewis, and her husband, Fielding Lewis, reflecting their pre-Revolutionary War wealth and gentry status.

Visit **Mary Washington House**. It is said that the President-to-be came to this home to receive his mother's blessing before attending his inauguration in 1789.



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Enjoy lunch on your own in Fredericksburg.

Visit the Rising Sun Tavern, built by Charles Washington, George Washington's younger brother, around 1760.

Visit George Washington's Ferry Farm, Washington's boyhood home, where his formative years are brought to life.

Enjoy an included dinner at the Fish Market in Old Town, famous for fresh seafood in a historic warehouse setting.

Check-in for your one-night stay at the Hampton Inn and Suites Alexandria Old Town Area South. Baggage handling is included.

#### Monday, December 14, 2026

Enjoy included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure before check-out.

Depart for home. Rest/meal stops will be made en route at your expense.

Return to Syracuse in the evening.

Return to Henrietta in the late evening.

Return to Williamsville in the late evening.

Timing, itinerary, inclusions, and order of events are subject to change without notice.

Effective April 21, 2025, New York State requires any person on a charter bus in New York State to be restrained by a safety belt while in motion. Failure to comply will result in fines imposed on the person not in compliance. NY State Assembly Bill 2023-A8557.