

Williamsburg Grand Illumination



December 4 – 7, 2026

4 Days, 6 Meals

Starting from: \$1,079 per person

Booking Deadline: October 5, 2026

Low booking deposit of: \$300 per person



Step back in time as this historic area comes alive with dazzling fireworks, glowing cressets, and the warm charm of an 18th century holiday celebration. Stroll down Duke of Gloucester Street as live music fills the air, yuletide traditions unfold, and thousands gather to witness one of Williamsburg's most beloved winter spectacles.

Daily Itinerary

Friday, December 4, 2026 - Depart Central Pennsylvania for Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia

Board your comfortable motorcoach this morning as we depart Central Pennsylvania for Williamsburg, Virginia with a fast-food lunch and comfort stops en route. Upon arrival, check into the hotel with time to freshen up before a complimentary cocktail reception in the hotel lobby. This evening, enjoy a welcome group dinner with your fellow travelers at Captain George's Seafood Restaurant. *Hotel: Embassy Suites by Hilton* (Cocktail Reception, Dinner)

*Early morning departure. Exact timing will be confirmed closer to departure.

Saturday, December 5, 2026 - Colonial Williamsburg

After breakfast, meet with your local guide as you depart for a guided tour of **Colonial Williamsburg including the Governor's Palace**. Next enjoy free time for lunch on your own and shopping in **Merchant's Square**. Afterwards you'll enjoy Colonial Williamsburg's **Grand Illumination Festivities** throughout the historic area. Festivities begin with Colonial Williamsburg Fifes & Drums Processions, the Ringing of the Bells, and the lighting of Duke of Gloucester Street. There are 18th century holiday musical performances, carolers, and other activities throughout the Historic Area as well as the lighting of candles in the windows of buildings

Following the festivities you'll enjoy a dinner provided at **Sal's by Victor Restaurant**, the local's favorite for Italian fare.*

**Please note we will have a later dinner this evening at approximately 8:15pm due to the festivities.*

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Sunday, December 6, 2026 - Jamestown Settlement and the Battleship Wisconsin

Following breakfast, join your local guide for a guided tour of **Jamestown Settlement**. Next, enjoy lunch on your own at the **Jamestown Settlement Café** and free time to visit the indoor museum or browse the gift shops. Afterwards, this is your time to explore two **Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg** – the **DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum** and the **Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum**. Enjoy European-style shopping at the **Williamsburg Christmas Market**, an outdoor market, featuring German-inspired food, beverages, crafts, and vendors offering handmade gifts!

Afterwards, step aboard the **Battleship Wisconsin** for the **Norfolk Winterfest** decked out in over 2 million lights, and enjoy live entertainment, festive bites and drinks, and holiday shopping along the waterfront.

Tonight, you'll have a buffet dinner at **Rocco's Smokehouse** before departing back to your hotel for the evening.

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Monday, December 7, 2026 - American Revolution Museum at Yorktown and Depart Home to Central Pennsylvania

After breakfast meet with your local guide and tour the **American Revolution Museum at Yorktown**. In an outdoor re-created Continental Army encampment, historical interpreters depict the daily life of a soldier and a re-created 1780s farm provides a look at how many Americans lived in the early years of our nation. Following your tour, grab lunch on your own at the **Yorktown Riverfront** before departing for home.

Relax aboard the motorcoach with comfort and meal stops along the way. Arrive back in Central Pennsylvania with memories of your historic holiday festivities. (Breakfast)

Itinerary and hotels are subject to change at any time without notification and/or compensation.

Highlights

- Guided Tours of Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown Settlement
- Grand Illumination Festivities
- Merchant's Square
- Art Museums and the Williamsburg Christmas Market
- Norfolk Winterfest on the Battleship *Wisconsin*
- Tour of the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown

Included Benefits

- Free parking with roundtrip motorcoach transportation
- Three night hotel accommodations
- Baggage handling (1 bag per person)

- Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners
- Welcome Cocktail Reception
- All tours and admissions as listed per itinerary
- Local Guide Service
- All taxes and gratuities
- Services of an AAA Discoveries Journey Manager

General Info

Payment

Rates per person:

Double Occupancy: \$1,079

Single Occupancy: \$1,379

Triple Occupancy: \$979

Quad Occupancy: \$939

All non-members must add \$60 to the above rate. Rates are subject to availability at time of booking and include taxes, fees and fuel surcharges which are subject to change. All pricing and included features are based on a minimum of 30 full-fare passengers. Desired pick-up location is not guaranteed until passenger minimums are met.

Payment Schedule

A \$300 Deposit per person is due at the time of booking to confirm your reservation. Final Payment is due to AAA by **Oct 5, 2026**.

Cancellation / Penalties

From August 31st – October 5th, 2026 – Loss of \$300 per person deposit

After October 5th, 2026 – Non-refundable

Tour Activity Level: 3

Moderate- Good mobility is required for this trip. Climbing stairs and standing for 2-3 hours at a time, as well as walking on uneven terrain may be necessary. Portions of the itinerary may include higher altitudes. The itinerary may involve longer days up to 12-14 hours in length. This activity level is not recommended for travelers with significant mobility concerns.

Travel Assistance

For personal comfort, group participants who need assistance are required to have a traveling companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the needed assistance.

GRP8126

Frequently Asked Questions

How Many Bags Can I Bring?

1 suitcase per person will be allowed for the trip. You may also bring a small carry-on bag.

What Will The Weather Be Like?

Temperatures for Williamsburg in December average in the mid 30s to 50s through out the days and evenings. Casual clothes and comfortable walking shoes are recommended; be prepared for potential inclement weather.

Do I Need Travel Insurance?

For your protection AAA highly recommends travel insurance. Pre-existing medical conditions may be waived with proper coverage only if travel insurance is purchased within 14 days of initial deposit. Other conditions may apply; ask your Travel Advisor. AAA recommends Allianz Insurance.

What is an AAA Discoveries Journey Manager?

A Discoveries Journey Manager travels with you on your entire journey. They are there to ensure your trip runs smoothly so you can sit back and relax. They are constantly working behind the scenes, whether it be at airport check-in or cruise disembarkation, they have you covered!

For reservations or more information please contact your AAA Central Penn Travel Advisor at 1-888-743-2844 or visit AAA.com.