

**This file contains museum descriptions and directions for Jamestown Settlement and the Yorktown Victory Center for use on tourism Web sites for the purpose of informing guests about the two museums.**

### **Museum Descriptions**

Through gallery exhibits and living history in re-created settings, Jamestown Settlement and the Yorktown Victory Center present the story of the nation's beginnings, from the arrival of the first permanent English colonists in 1607 to the American Revolution and the adoption of the Constitution and Bill of Rights almost two centuries later.

Jamestown Settlement's exhibition galleries and film chronicle 17th-century Virginia in the context of its Powhatan Indian, English and west central African cultures and examine the impact of the Jamestown settlement. Outdoors, costumed interpreters demonstrate daily activities of the 1600s in re-creations of a Powhatan Indian village, three 1607 English ships and a colonial fort, and a seasonal riverfront discovery area.

The Yorktown Victory Center, a museum of the American Revolution, gallery exhibits chronicle America's struggle for independence, from the beginnings of colonial unrest to the formation of the new national government with the Constitution and Bill of Rights. In outdoor re-creations of a Continental Army encampment and 1780s farm, historical interpreters depict daily life of American soldiers and farming families.

The two museums are operated by the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (9 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 15 to August 15) daily year-round, except Christmas and New Year's days. Information is available at (757) 253-4838 or toll-free (888) 593-4582 and on the Web at [www.historyisfun.org](http://www.historyisfun.org).

### **Driving Directions**

Jamestown, Williamsburg and Yorktown form "Virginia's Historic Triangle," all linked by the scenic Colonial Parkway, and are easily reached via interstates 95 and 64 and U.S. Route 17.

**Jamestown Settlement** is located on Route 31 South, adjacent to Historic Jamestowne, just 10 minutes from the restored area of Williamsburg, Va. From Richmond, take I-64 east to Exit 234 (Lightfoot). Turn right onto Route 199. Follow Route 199 for eight miles and turn right at the second traffic light onto Jamestown Road (Route 31). From Hampton Roads, take I-64 west to Exit 242A. Follow Route 199 for five miles. Turn left at the fourth traffic light onto Jamestown Road. Drive four miles on Jamestown Road, and turn left at the Jamestown Settlement sign, onto Route 359. Turn right into the museum parking lot. Parking is free at Jamestown Settlement.

The **Yorktown Victory Center** is located on Route 1020, at the edge of Yorktown and near Yorktown Battlefield, just 20 minutes from the restored area of Williamsburg, Va. From Richmond, take I-64 east to Exit 247. Turn left onto Route 143. Turn left at the first traffic light onto Route 238. From Hampton Roads, take I-64 west to Exit 247. Turn right onto Route 238 toward Yorktown. Follow Route 238 for three miles, and then bear to left onto Route 1020. The Yorktown Victory Center is one mile on the right. Parking is free at the Yorktown Victory Center.

The travel time between the two museums is approximately 30 minutes.