

# Williamsburg Colonial Christmas 2011

## Adventure Memo

### Greetings from the WAI Travel Team,

We are excited to offer a unique historical program this Christmas season and hope you'll join us for a Williamsburg Colonial Christmas in 2011!

This new Christmas Adventure features:

- ◆ Walks in Jamestown, Yorktown, Richmond, and two special event day and night walks in Colonial Williamsburg
- ◆ 5-night hotel stay near the heart of Colonial Williamsburg, with convenient complimentary access to the town's re-created 18<sup>th</sup> century atmosphere
- ◆ Historic Jamestowne and Jamestown Settlement – England's first permanent settlement in the New World
- ◆ Yorktown Battleground and Victory Center – site of the final major clash of the American Revolution
- ◆ Richmond – the heart of the Confederacy during the Civil War
- ◆ Shirley Plantation – "Home for the Holidays" tour at Virginia's oldest plantation, established in 1613
- ◆ One-of-a-kind dining experience at a Williamsburg historic tavern

### How do I lock in my place on this Adventure?

Contact us to register with a \$500 payment as soon as possible - check out the Registration Form and General Tour Conditions for more details. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis!

### How should I arrange transportation for this Adventure?

This Adventure begins and ends in Williamsburg/Newport News, Virginia. Airfare to and from the start points is not included in the package price. More details about flight arrangements and travel agent contact information will be provided in the *Adventure Advice* flyer which will be mailed to you after you register for the Adventure. **Please do not book your airfare prior to receiving the Adventure Advice flyer!**

### Travel Insurance

Walking Adventures has negotiated with an insurance carrier to provide travel insurance in the form of a Preferred Benefits™ policy. We are pleased to make this package available and believe that it will provide travelers with an important element of security at a reasonable price. (See the back of the General Tour Conditions sheet for more detailed information.)

IMPORTANT: The insurance policy includes time-sensitive coverage provisions for some benefits, including pre-existing conditions and trip cancellation coverage for any reason (with additional fee), provided you purchase the insurance within 14 days of your registration. Should you choose to add the cost of your airline tickets to your insurance policy, contact our office within 14 days after you purchase your airfare.

### What Happens Next?

Upon registering for this Adventure, you will receive a welcome letter. A little later, the *Adventure Advice* flyer will follow with important information about steps to take in the months before your trip. This memo marks the official release to purchase your airfare for the Adventure. Please do not buy your airline tickets until you receive this flyer. The final payment for the program is due 90 days before departure, and you will receive a final billing about 2 weeks prior to that point, along with a fact-sheet of additional information about the Adventure to help you get prepared! Then, about 3 weeks before departure, you will receive a final packet with all the details of the program, including hotel names and contact information, a list of fellow travelers, and a more detailed daily schedule.

We hope you'll join us to experience Christmastime amidst the lights and sparkle of historic Colonial Williamsburg! It promises to be an educational, inspiring, and festive Adventure.

### Insurance – What if I need to place a claim?

Jumping through hoops to get results from large, bureaucratic organizations can be enough to try the patience of Job! Travel insurance companies, unfortunately, are not immune to bureaucracy. Ambiguity and forms-overload often seems to outweigh reason and simplicity. Ultimately, however, travelers are paid and the *Preferred Benefits* policy we recommend works! Though it is easy to view insurance as a necessary evil, we have seen the benefits of travel insurance time and again. We believe it is worth the cost...and hoop-jumping required!



*More than a vacation...it's an Adventure!*