



Colonial Christmas



Saturday after Thanksgiving through January 1st

Day # 1

Morning

Late arrive in Fredericksburg – *lunch on own*

Afternoon

Arrive in Newport News, VA

“Star of Wonder” Planetarium Show



"Star of Wonder" traces the steps of the magi by recreating the skies over Bethlehem from 2000 years ago. Both educational and entertaining this planetarium show at the Virginia Living Museum uses scientific data, religious history, beautiful imagery and traditional music to explore the mystery that has puzzled astronomers and theologians for centuries. The production offers several possible explanations for the famous star-like object that, according to historical records, led the wise men and shepherds to the place of Christ's birth.

Antebellum Holiday Tour of Lee Hall Mansion

Lee Hall Mansion is the only large antebellum plantation house remaining on the lower Virginia Peninsula. Completed in 1859, Lee Hall Mansion was home to affluent planter Richard Decatur Lee (of the York County Lee family), his wife Martha, and their children. Only three years after the house's completion, the Lees fled their home as the Peninsula became one of the first battlegrounds of the Civil War. The elegance of Christmas past is presented by a variety of historical characters from the 1860s during this holiday event which takes place each December and explores the lives of the Lee family during the holiday season. Stories, refreshments, and period music are a part of this festive occasion.



Evening

Wine and Cheese Reception at Boxwood Inn
Dickens Christmas Dinner with entertainment
Holiday Lights in Newport News Park

Day # 2

Morning

Guided tour of **Colonial Williamsburg** – specially on Colonial Christmas customs

Afternoon

Free time to explore and have lunch
Depart for Virginia Beach

Evening

Dinner at a local restaurant
Drive on the **Boardwalk to see the fabulous light display**



The first Christmas Card

Day # 3

Morning

Stratford Hall Plantation tour

Robert E Lee's boyhood home Stratford Hall is one of the great houses of American history. Its magnificent setting on a high bluff above the Potomac River and its bold architectural style set it apart from any other colonial house, but its highest distinction is the family of patriots who lived there. The Plantation is still managed as a farm today on 1670 of its original acres.



Lunch included at Plantation

Afternoon

Ingleside Winery tour and Tasting

Ingleside Vineyards is one of the oldest and largest wineries in Virginia. It is part of a 3,000 acre estate which has been owned by the Flemer family for over one hundred years. Charles H. Flemer purchased Ingleside in 1890 and today one of his great-great grandsons is proprietor of Ingleside Vineyards.

