

Historic Garden Week

April Each year

Guests will step through the gates of some **Virginia's most beautiful gardens**, homes and historic landmarks during "**America's Largest Open House.**" Historic Garden Week tours present a rich mosaic of some of the country's finest properties at the peak of Virginia's springtime color. Sponsored by The Garden Club of Virginia, guests will **explore Richmond, both private and public gardens.** The group will be touring three **plantations along the James River**, with special private tours of the gardens as well as dining on the grounds of Berkeley Plantation.



Begin one day at the **White House of the Confederacy** which will be open early just for this group. Following the tour you will be invited to have **coffee and sweets** as you stroll through the same garden Jefferson Davis strolled. Private home gardens will round out this day, as your personal guide will take you to many of these home gardens. Some homes may also be open for touring.

Special tours of Colonial Williamsburg gardens can be arranged and will be given by the foundation's horticulturist. The group will move on to Norfolk just in time for the **Azalea Festival**, a yearly event. **Norfolk Botanical Gardens** should be in full bloom when the group arrives for their **private tour of the gardens.**

A farewell dinner can begin with a **wine and cheese reception at the Red Maple Inn.** Sip on wine at the resident horticulturist takes you on a tour of their private gardens. Delight in a wonderful dinner here following the reception.

Historic Garden Week, entering its 73rd season, is the oldest and largest statewide house and garden tour event in the nation. Add this to your 2005 tour season.



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