

Join the ERA for a visit to Colonial Williamsburg, VA on Thursday, November 4, 2010



Colonial Williamsburg

The ERA convention attendees will step back more than 220 years to the eve of the American Revolution and will have a guided tour of Colonial Williamsburg. Ample time is scheduled to have a guided tour of Williamsburg and also extra time to explore the area on your own, plus do some shopping before we gather in the evening for dinner at one of the local establishments before returning to the Marriott in Norfolk. This event is a great time to see and experience the history of our nation back in colonial times.

Some History: From 1699 to 1780, Williamsburg was the political and cultural center of Britain's largest colony in the New World. Colonial Williamsburg is the nation's largest living history museum encompassing 301 acres including some 500 buildings, homes, stores and taverns reconstructed and restored to their 18th-century appearances; tradesmen practicing 30 historic trades and domestic crafts; historical interpreters and character actors; and 90 acres of gardens and greens, and now featuring the live action drama, Revolutionary City™. Some highlights are: the Governor's Palace; the Capitol; the Museums of Colonial Williamsburg (DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum and Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum) and Bassett Hall.

Enjoy a Dinner Cruise with the ERA on the Spirit of Norfolk, Friday, November 5, 2010



After the Exhibits on Friday afternoon, the convention activities continue with cocktails, dinner and a cruise on the Spirit of Norfolk. The Spirit of Norfolk is spaciouly designed with two climate-controlled interior decks, outdoor strolling decks at the bow and stern, and the largest outdoor patio deck in Norfolk. It is a handicap accessible and Coast Guard approved vessel for up to 450passengers.

The Spirit departs from The Waterside Festival Marketplace in Downtown Norfolk. Sailing routes may vary, but generally cruises the Elizabeth River and Hampton Roads Harbor past the Norfolk skyline and the Norfolk Naval Base where you can see the mighty ships and aircraft carriers of the Atlantic Fleet when they are in port.

No cruise of Norfolk is complete without a view from the deck of the Spirit of Norfolk. And while you're enjoying all the highlights, you can dine, network and have a great time with other attendees of the ERA convention. This is sure to be one of the highlights of the 2010 convention.