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## **Explore Williamsburg's History, Culture and Attractions During a Visit to Kingsmill Resort**

(Williamsburg, Va., 2012) When planning your escape to Kingsmill Resort, experience the history, beauty and excitement that the Williamsburg area has to offer. Step back in time and relive the days of Colonial Virginia, feel the rush of adrenaline on thrilling roller coasters and explore a variety of shops and boutiques. Enjoy diverse entertainment from exciting amusement parks to living American history that plays out before your very eyes. Guests visiting Kingsmill can enjoy complimentary shuttle service to Busch Gardens, Water Country USA and Colonial Williamsburg.

**BUSCH GARDENS** Voted the world's "Most Beautiful Park" for 21 years in a row, Busch Gardens combines 17th-century charm with 21st-century technology to create the ultimate family experience. This year, Busch Gardens is launching Verbolten, an exciting new indoor-outdoor roller coaster. Busch Gardens also offers guests a line-up of events, concerts, and Mach Tower, Busch Garden's highest ride at the park. And the fun doesn't stop there. Summer, fall and winter are packed full of excitement with nighttime shows, "Howl-O-Scream," celebrating all things Halloween and "Christmas Town," the holiday spectacular that transforms the European-themed park into a winter wonderland.

**WATER COUNTRY USA** As the mid-Atlantic's largest water park, Water Country USA offers 43 acres of pools, children's play areas, lazy rivers and water rides. Grab your suit and jump in to the coolest kind of summertime fun. Water Country USA is a flashback to the surfin' safari days of the '50s and '60s with splish-splashin' slides, a way-out wave pool, and hours of fun in the summer sun. More than 30 water rides and attractions, all sorts of live entertainment and hoppin' restaurants.

### **WILLIAMSBURG HISTORICAL ATTRACTIONS**

History comes to life in **Colonial Williamsburg** through thousands of archaeologists, researchers, historians, historical interpreters—and even you. Become part of "The

Revolutionary City” adventure and witness the collapse of the royal government and join the debate over the Declaration of Independence. the two-hour daily event reflects Williamsburg’s role in one of America’s defining periods.

**Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown Victory Center** are two living history museums that engage visitors in nearly two centuries of our nation's history - from the founding of America's first permanent English settlement in 1607 to the decisive Revolutionary War victory in 1781 and implementation of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. In 2007, Jamestown Settlement celebrated its 400th anniversary with several permanent exhibits, a new introductory film and revitalized living-history areas. Together, they resented the story of 17th-century Virginia and its Powhatan Indian, English and western central African cultural origins.

### **WILLIAMSBURG SHOPPING**

**Merchant’s Square** is a shopping area adjacent to the Colonial Williamsburg historic area and includes 30 shops and services offering fine dining, bookstores, and apparel shops.

**Premium Outlets Williamsburg** is a designer outlet center featuring more than 90 stores including Nike, Eddie Bauer, Ann Taylor, J. Crew, Nine West and more.

**Williamsburg Outlet Mall** features more than 60 shops. This mall offers shoes, gifts, accessories, housewares, linens, sportswear, and much more.

**Williamsburg Pottery Factory**, originally founded in 1938, the Pottery is now a 200-acre complex welcoming more than 4 million visitors annually. Find everything from china, crystal, plants, carpets, kitchenware, candles to pottery, glass, and sporting goods.

**New Town Williamsburg** New Town is 365 acres of shopping, restaurants, entertainment, offices and homes. In New Town you’ll find an extensive outdoor shopping mall, fine restaurants and quick eating, a 12-screen movie theater, banks and financial services, salons and gyms.

**Go Ape Treetop Adventure Course** Challenge your family to swing from the trees, navigate aerial obstacles and zip across the sky in Freedom Park. Go Ape’s expert instructors will guide you through a two to three hour outdoor adventure, aiming for a “tree-mendous” guest experience every time.

**Williamsburg Premium Outlets** Whether you want to get a jump on your holiday shopping or just find the best values for your family, you can save 25 – 65% every day at Williamsburg Premium Outlets. This collection of 135 swoon-worthy stores includes Coach, DKNY, J.Crew, Michael Kors, Nautica, Nike, Polo Ralph Lauren and more.

### **Williamsburg Tasting Trail**

**Williamsburg Winery:** The largest winery in Virginia, the Williamsburg Winery offers tours and tastings of its award-winning wines, a vineyard on its 300 acres and two excellent dining venues, the Gabriel Archer Tavern and Café Provençal. The winery offers a Tour and Tasting with Dinner Experience that includes a tasting of seven vintages plus a three-course dinner at Café Provençal.

The Colonial Wine Trail: The Colonial Wine Trail features four of Virginia's best wineries, including the Williamsburg Winery, and all within a one-hour drive of Williamsburg. No matter where you start or finish your wine trail adventure, you are sure to enjoy great wines, great food and lots of fun along the way.

Alewerks Brewing Company: Williamsburg's first microbrewery, Alewerks is a direct-fired brick-clad Peter Austin brew house. It offers brewery tours and tastings in its tap house and outdoor terrace, where 10 beers are on tap and a cask ale is served weekly. It makes small batches of beers like a mesquite-smoked brown ale and a Belgian-style dubbel as well as seasonal flavors like pumpkin spice.

The Virginia Beer Company: The Virginia Beer Co. is a new craft brewery, taproom and beer garden that opened in the spring of 2016. Virginia Beer focuses on a small, high-quality core lineup and rotating limited-edition beers using a custom-designed pump system. Its location offers an indoor tasting room as well as an outdoor beer garden including a weekly featured food truck.

Brass Cannon Brewing Co.: The Brass Cannon Brewing Co will offer kegs, growlers and draft selections in a brand new tasting room just down the street from AleWerks. In addition to its five brews, it offers four rotating seasonal selections.

Silver Hand Meadery: The area's first meadery opened in early 2016 to offer this ancient honey-based fermented drink, entirely produced on the premises. The Silver Hand Meadery offers tastings and light-food pairings with the mead production completely visible to patrons.

Copper Fox Distillery: Copper Fox is opening a new facility in Williamsburg this summer to feature a new line of spirits. It currently produces handcrafted whiskey from scratch, including the first applewood-aged whiskey in the world. Copper Fox focuses "on the flavoring of the malt using selected smoldering fruitwoods and hand-cut toasted fruitwood that add a range of natural flavors in the maturation process."

Williamsburg Distillery: This craft micro-distillery offers "American Heritage" spirits using 18th-century recipes and techniques: bourbon and gin using Virginia grains, and rum using organic, non-GMO grade-A molasses – just as they would have been made in the early 1700s. Its Williamsburg Bourbon is the only bourbon in the world made with Indian corn. The distillery will be part living-history museum.

*Kingsmill Resort is an AAA FourDiamond property and a member of the Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide – a global association of the world's finest independent luxury hotels. Kingsmill Resort is located in Williamsburg, Va., between Richmond and Norfolk, and is easily accessible via I64. Situated along the historic James River, Kingsmill Resort is conveniently located minutes away from Colonial Williamsburg, adjacent to Busch Gardens, with easy access to Water Country USA, Jamestown and Yorktown. For media information and complimentary images, visit [www.kingsmillnews.com](http://www.kingsmillnews.com). Follow Kingsmill on [Twitter](#) and on [Facebook](#).*

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