Colonial Williamsburg’s Visitor Center has undergone a transformation for its role as the official regional welcome center for the Historic Triangle in connection with the commemoration of America’s 400th Anniversary. Information about the historic sites of Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown are available at the center, as well as information about additional regional attractions, including beaches, theme parks and museums. Ticketing for all three locations, transportation information and lodging reservations services also are provided.

New or modified signs have been installed on routes leading to the Visitor Center and signs in the parking lots further identify the regional center as the official welcome center for the 400th anniversary events. New prominently located interior displays provide regional information as soon as guests enter the Visitor Center.

In keeping with the theme of three points of a triangle, three-sided, 14-foot high maple kiosks representing each of the three Historic Triangle locations present images, historical background and contemporary visitation information for each site. Constantly changing lenticular panels and video monitors visually activate the kiosks, while brochures in racks on the kiosks provide additional information about visiting the historic sites.

Colonial Williamsburg is the official representative of Jamestown 2007 for coordinating reservations and ticket sales, and its hotels and conference facilities are the official lodging. In 2006, a dramatic renovation, restoration and expansion of the Williamsburg Lodge and Conference Center
was completed, providing 323 guest rooms, an all-new conference center with 45,000 square feet of flexible meeting and banquet spaces including the Virginia Room, a 12,000-square-foot ballroom with a pre-function area with floor-to-ceiling windows with sweeping views of the Colonial Parkway. The Conference Center will host the final major event of the 18-month commemoration period, a worldwide forum on democracy in September of 2007.

A new 20,000-square-foot full-service spa and wellness center complements the Lodge and the recently renovated and award-winning Williamsburg Inn, named by Condé Nast Traveler to the magazine’s Gold List of elite hotels for the discriminating traveler. The 45-hole Golden Horseshoe Golf Club completes the resort facilities.

To bring to life the series of major events and scenes that occupied Williamsburg in revolutionary times, in the spring of 2006 the Foundation launched the Revolutionary City program as part of its Education for Citizenship initiative, emphasizing the fundamental importance of citizen participation in a functioning democracy. The Revolutionary City program completes the timeline of events between the landing at Jamestown in 1607 and the Continental Army’s victory at Yorktown in 1781. The Revolutionary City portrays the years 1774 – 1781 when the townspeople of Williamsburg progressed from subjects to citizens amidst momentous, world-changing events. It is a uniquely American story, presented where the events actually happened.

The newly renovated Museums of Colonial Williamsburg feature a new Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum and the DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum. Together, these museums display one of the world’s leading collections of American folk art – first begun by Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, wife of Colonial Williamsburg’s founding benefactor John D. Rockefeller Jr. – that includes well-known works such as “Peaceable Kingdom” by Edward Hicks and “Baby in Red Chair” by an unknown artist, and British-American decorative arts dating from the 18th and 19th centuries such as a portrait of George Washington by Charles Willson Peale and a High Chest on Chest by renowned Philadelphia cabinetmaker Thomas Affleck.

The commemoration of America’s 400th Anniversary of the 1607 founding of Jamestown officially began in May of 2006 with the maiden voyage of the newly built replica of the Godspeed, which sailed up the east coast of the United States with stops in Alexandria, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Newport, R.I. Colonial Williamsburg was with Godspeed dockside as a
participant in the Landing Party Festival featuring the signature Colonial Williamsburg Fifes and Drums, live musical performances, family entertainment, and historical and cultural displays. The focus of the voyage was the legacy of the Historic Triangle – the continuum of history from Jamestown to Williamsburg to Yorktown that laid the foundation of the new American republic. Founding Colony Sponsors Verizon and Norfolk Southern Corporation also accompanied the *Godspeed* tour.

Established in 1926, the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation is the not-for-profit educational institution that preserves and operates the restored 18th-century Revolutionary capital of Virginia. Williamsburg is located 150 miles south of Washington, D.C., off Interstate 64. For more information or reservations, call toll-free 1-800-HISTORY or visit Colonial Williamsburg on the Internet at [www.ColonialWilliamsburg.com](http://www.ColonialWilliamsburg.com).

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