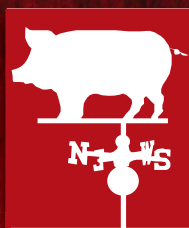


GROUP TOUR ITINERARIES



smithfield isle of wight

hams, history, hospitality & he *art*

Established in 1634 as one of the original 8 shires of the Virginia Colony, with its quaint towns of Windsor and Smithfield (*home of the world-famous Smithfield Ham*), Isle of Wight County is rich in history. Located on the banks of the Pagan River, the town of Smithfield was incorporated in 1752 by Arthur Smith IV. Soon four plants devoted to the art of curing the world famous Smithfield Ham put Smithfield on the map as "the ham capital of the world." Today, the town is home to the corporate headquarters of the world's largest meat-processing industry - Smithfield Foods. The picturesque, small town is also quickly becoming known as one of Tidewater Virginia's most popular arts & culture destinations and Colonial Williamsburg's favorite day trip destination.

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ITINERARY IDEAS

"The History of the World Famous Smithfield Ham - Colonial Times to the Present"

Discover how an industry can shape a town from its earliest settlement - through a standing order from Queen Victoria - to its world-wide influence today.

"The Contribution of African Americans"

Visit a civil war fort built mainly by slaves and freed slaves, and a one-room schoolhouse built in 1932 as part of a program to educate African Americans throughout the south.

"Celebrate Rich Agricultural Traditions"

From a tour of a smokehouse, to a visit to the Isle of Wight Museum, home of the world's oldest ham, experience a rural community's roots - firsthand.

"The Role of Smithfield & Isle of Wight in the Civil War"

Strategically located on the James River, the area hosts civil war sites including two earthen-works forts, and a gilded eagle taken from a Union gunboat during the "Battle of Smithfield."

"Hams, History, Hospitality & HeART"

Experience all the area has to offer including its rich history, its southern charms and its new role as an exciting cultural arts destination. Group art classes available with notice at the Arts Center.

"The Natural Beauty of Smithfield & Isle of Wight"

Enjoy all the rivers, marshes and parks of the area offer: nature walks, canoeing, kayaking, birding, boating, biking, fishing, geocaching, sailing & a brand new riverside park located in downtown Smithfield.

Guided tours are also available with advance notice.

Meet your Tour Guides

Miss Kathy Mountjoy Born & raised in Smithfield & Isle of Wight ("...except for a brief 35 year hiatus in Richmond."), Miss Kathy will accompany your group dressed in Victorian attire & give you the real story of our seemingly sleepy little town's history. Stroll through time with Miss Kathy past stately Victorian mansions & hear personal stories of those who lived there. Or visit one of our local cemeteries (St. Luke's or Ivy Hill) with Miss Kathy as she dishes about those who would prefer that their stories remain buried with them. But as Miss Kathy always says "If your life can't serve as a good example, let it serve as a horrible warning."

Collin Fletcher Norman Think Smithfield is just a quiet little southern town? Think again. Listen to the tales of gambling town officials, the adventures of high-sea sailing privateers, sagas of forbidden romances, and folk lore of haunted households. A Smithfield native, Collin has spent years compiling some of Smithfield's more interesting articles and mythos, and has become a wealth of knowledge when it comes to the quirky and bizarre of Smithfield's defunct citizens. As Collin will tell you with a cheshire grin, "If these folks didn't want to be immortalized in history, they should have been quieter about it in life."



Miss Kathy



Collin



Smithfield is the #1 day-trip destination from Williamsburg and centrally located in Hampton Roads Virginia. Norfolk International Airport (36 miles), Newport News/ Williamsburg International Airport (27 miles) and the Newport News Amtrak Station (14 miles) are all within easy driving distance. And we're completely accessible by water too!