HISTORIC
ST. MARY'S CITY

GROUP TOUR CATALOG



PHYSICAL ADDRESS

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Historic St. Mary's City is a National Historic Landmark with a uniquely well-preserved archaeological record of more than 10,000 years of human occupation – including archaeological artifacts left by native peoples and European colonists. Today, the site is home to a living history museum that engages both students and the general public in educational programs through novel and exciting ways, encouraging people of all ages to connect the past with their contemporary lives.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Guided tours have been designed for all ages, this includes adults as well as youth groups.

A guided walking tour typically takes between two to four hours and can include visits to any or all of our indoor or outdoor exhibits. Tours can be tailored to meet your group's needs.





ACCESSIBILITY

Historic St. Mary's City is committed to complying with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regarding access for all. If there is anyone in your group who may need special assistance, please contact the Public Programs office prior to your tour.
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Email hsmcc.groups@maryland.gov



RESERVATIONS

Group tours can be reserved through either a phone call or email to HSMC Public Programs office.

Tours are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. It is recommended tours be scheduled at least four weeks in advance.

RESERVATION REQUEST

TOUR REQUEST FORMS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE

www.hsmcdigshistory.org/the-experience/plan-a-tour/

CALL TO RESERVE

TOURS MAY BE SCHEDULED BY CALLING THE PUBLIC PROGRAMS OFFICE

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DOWNLOAD THE FORM

Our reservation request form allows you to choose 3 possible dates.

Fill out the form and email to hsmcc.groups@maryland.gov

GROUP TOUR RATES

Guided Tour $13/person
(15 person minimum)

Guided Tour (Youth).....$7/youth

Self-Guided Tour $8/person
(10 person minimum)

General Admission
(all groups under 10 people are self-guided):
Adults $15
Seniors $10

- **For group tours, bus drivers and the tour leader are free.**
- **If groups under 10 people would like to receive a guided tour, they must pay for any additional tickets to meet the requirement of 10.**



TOUR OPTIONS

STATE & CHURCH

Approximately 2 hours
Discover remarkable facts about Maryland's founding as groups explore the re-created colonial settlement.
Visit the State House, Brick Chapel, Town Center, and museum shop.
Appropriate for age 13 and older





REDISCOVERING THE PAST

Approximately 3.5 hours
Tour the Visitor Center, St. John's Site Museum, Town Center, and Brick Chapel to discover how historians and archaeologists piece together stories of the past.
Appropriate for age 13 and older

EXPLORING THE PAST

Approximately 2 hours
Learn of colonial Maryland history throughout the 1600s, comparing and contrasting different groups of people living in Maryland at the time of and after the point of contact, religious and political history at Maryland’s first capital, the tobacco economy, distinctions between indentured servants and enslaved peoples, and the development of the institution of slavery throughout this period.
Appropriate for 14 and older

HISTORIC HIGHLIGHTS

Approximately 3.5 hours
Explore Historic St. Mary's City's four living history areas (Godiah Spray Tobacco Plantation, *Maryland Dove*, Town Center, and Woodland Indian Hamlet) and learn about one of the best preserved archaeological sites.
Appropriate for all ages



PUSS IN BOOTS

Approximately 1 hour
Tag along with Puss, the cat! Learn colonial objects and vocabulary during this immersive storytelling tour.
Appropriate for ages 4 & 5

COMING TO AMERICA

Approximately 2 hours
Pack your bags and travel back in time as an early colonist. Using hands-on activities, students will discover the journey and arrival of the many people who came to Maryland in search of a better life. Learn colonial games, the importance of simple machinery to help sailors do their jobs, and much more!
Appropriate for ages 6 to 8

CREATE YOUR OWN TOUR!

HSMC Public Programs will work with you to help curate your tour experience.
To add an exhibit to a guided tour or create your own please call 301-994-4371 / 4372 or email hsmcc.groups@maryland.gov.



Woodland Indian Hamlet
A series of structures representing what may have been a small village of the Yaocomaco, the tribe living in the area in 1634.



Town Center
Reconstructed buildings on their original foundations. Guests can discover the stories and people of the city, from innkeeper or storehouse owner to the first female printer in the southern colonies.

Godiah Spray Tobacco Plantation
A recreated tobacco farm that shows everyday life, livestock, and objects from the 1600s.



Waterfront
Features a representation of a 17th-century cargo ship. Visitors may step on board and learn about navigational tools, life at sea, and maritime technologies. More info on *Maryland Dove* can be found on www.MarylandDove.org

St. John's Site Museum
This indoor site (with unexcavated remains left for public viewing) tells the story of a structure, and it's change of use over time.



Brick Chapel (ca. 1667)
Sitting on its original foundation, the chapel stands as a symbol of religious freedom.

St. Mary's Fort
With the archaeological remains discovered in 2019, St. Mary's Fort of 1634 is an ongoing excavation, with the potential to unearth new information about Maryland's pre-colonial and early colonial past.



Struggle for Freedom Exhibit
Housed inside a duplex quarter built in the 1840s, the exhibit tells the story of three generations, through enslavement, emancipation and the struggle of a tenant farmer in the early 20th century.

MUSEUM MAP

LIVING HISTORY EXHIBITS

Woodland Indian Hamlet

Tobacco Plantation

Town Center

Waterfront

ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS

Brick Chapel

State House

St. John's Site Museum

Struggle for Freedom Exhibit

