

ADULT & SENIOR GROUPS GUIDE FOR TOURS



We are excited that you've chosen to bring your group to Historic St. Mary's City! This packet will help you to organize your trip.

Additional information can be found on our website by clicking on the "Programs & Tours" tab.

PHYSICAL ADDRESS

Visitor Center
18751 Hogaboom Lane
St. Mary's City, MD 20686

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Planning & Reserving Your Tour

MAKING YOUR RESERVATION REQUEST

Tours are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis, so it is recommended that tours be scheduled at least four weeks in advance. Be aware that special programs & events take place on certain weekends (for more information on this, please check out our Calendar of Events located on our website). Our online reservation request form allows you to choose 3 possible dates. Once our reservation request has been made, you will receive an email confirming the details of your tour.

PAYMENT

We do not require deposits to reserve a field trip. Payment is required in full on the date of your tour, unless prior arrangements have been made. Please purchase admission for your entire group with one payment. We accept cash, check, and credit card (Discover, MasterCard, or Visa). Checks should be made payable to "Historic St. Mary's City." An accurate count of participants is required upon check-in. There is a \$20.00 minimum refund.

CANCELLATION & CHANGES

To cancel or make changes to your reservation, call 240-895-4979. In the event a refund is needed, Historic St. Mary's City will only issue refunds of \$20.00 or more.

ADMISSION RATES

Guided Tour \$13.00/person
(10 people to get special rate)

Self-Guided Tour \$8.00/person
(10 people to get special rate)

General Admission (for all groups under 10 people - self-guided):

- **Adults \$10.00/person**
- **Seniors \$9.00/person**

For group tours, bus drivers and the tour leader are admitted. Groups under 10 people, who would like to receive a guided tour, must pay for additional tickets to meet the requirement of 10 admissions (i.e. if 7 people are in the group, they must pay for 3 additional tickets to receive the guided rate).

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About The Tour Itself

TOUR OVERVIEW

Guided tours are led by a knowledgeable guide. Groups will learn about Maryland's first capital as they travel through our site. Tours may vary depending on the length of the tour and the interest of the group. Our staff will coordinate with the tour leader to design a tour that best fits the interests and needs of your group.

Self-guided tours allow your group to visit as much or as little of the museum as you desire. There is ample signage throughout, and interpretive staff at each site can answer any questions you may have.

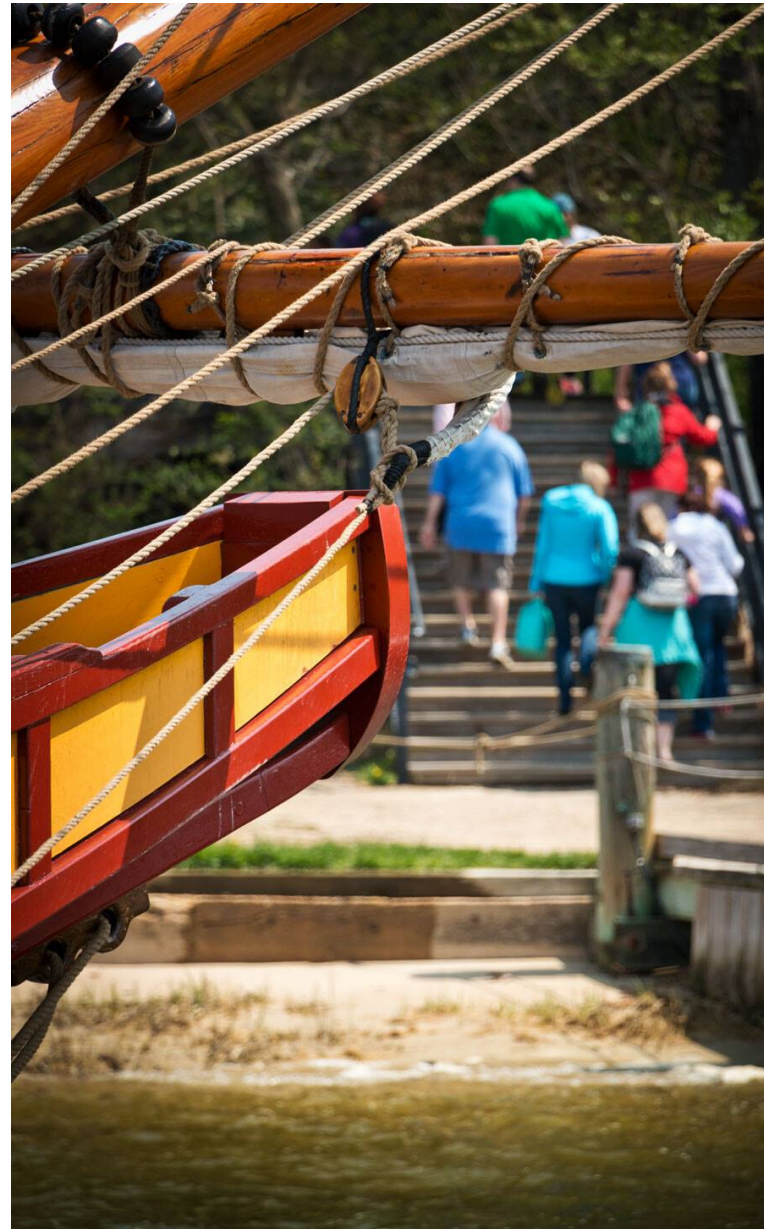
CAPACITY

Please be aware that there may be other groups and ongoing programs/events happening when you come for your tour. If you would like to see when our programs and events are scheduled, please check out our Calendar of Events which is located on our website.

Larger groups may need to be divided into separate groups, as there is limited space in some of our buildings. You will be informed of this during the booking process.

TOUR LENGTH

Tour length varies depending on how much time you have to devote to a tour, what you want to see, or if you have selected a specific tour package.



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What Will You See?

STATE & CHURCH TOUR

Approximately 2 hours

Discover remarkable facts about Maryland's founding as groups explore the re-created colonial settlement. Visit the State House of 1676, Brick Chapel (c.a. 1667), Town Center, and gift shop.



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Visit the reconstructed brick State House, rebuilt in 1934. Learn about Maryland's colonial government and the first capital before it was moved to Annapolis.



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TOWN CENTER

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REDISCOVERING THE PAST TOUR

Approximately 3.5 hours

Tour the Visitor Center, St. John's Site Museum, Town Center, and Brick Chapel (c.a. 1667) with an eye towards discovering how historians and archaeologists piece together stories of the past.



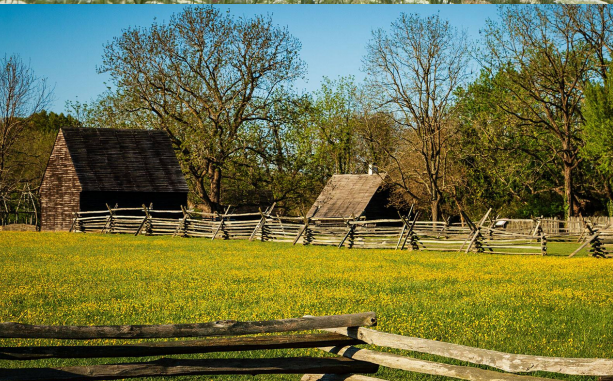
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HISTORIC HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

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.



WOODLAND INDIAN HAMLET

Learn about the Yaocomaco people, the way they lived, and what their relationship with the colonists was like during the first year of contact.



GODIAH SPRAY TOBACCO PLANTATION

Visit with members of the Spray family and experience what daily life was like in 1667 on a tobacco plantation. Religious toleration, and the Chesapeake tobacco trade economy are explored throughout the site.



TOWN CENTER

Visit the center of town and explore the reconstructed buildings and roads that are placed on their original 17th-century locations. Talk with costume Interpreters and learn the history and archaeology of Maryland's first capital.



WATERFRONT

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STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM EXHIBIT

Located at the broome quarter, this exhibit discusses the lives of the individuals who lived here from slavery to emancipation, the post-slavery era, and into the mid 20th century.

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Preparing For Your Tour

PREPARING FOR WEATHER

We are an outdoor living history museum, which means that visitors will be spending most of their day outdoors. Please check the weather, and have attendees dress appropriately. Tours proceed rain or shine. Please be aware, extreme weather conditions may necessitate the closing of the *Maryland Dove*.

SHOPPING

The Shop at Farthing's Ordinary offers a wide selection of souvenirs and home goods inspired by history and nature.

ON-SITE DINING

Enso Kitchen

Tuesday-Friday, 11am-3pm
sells sandwiches, cookies, and artisan breads.

Groups are also welcome to bring lunches. Covered picnic tables are available.

Groups can also set up **catering** through St. Mary's College of Maryland's *Bon Appetite* by calling David Sansotta at: (240) 895-3963.

ACCESSIBILITY

The majority of the sites at Historic St. Mary's City are wheelchair and stroller accessible. Visitors with differing abilities may have difficulty boarding the *Maryland Dove*, entering the main house at the Godiah Spray Tobacco Plantation, and accessing the second floor of the State House. In these circumstances, print text and images will be provided.

Historic St. Mary's City offers a **social narrative** of our tour to be sent prior to a group's arrival to help ease the experience. People-movers or special access points for groups with mobility issues can be pre-arranged. Contact 240-895-4979 for more information.

VEHICLE USE

Your vehicles will be needed the entire time to transport your group between historical sites. If you are contracting with bus companies, it is important that your drivers understand this necessity. When on site, your guide(s) will direct you between locations.

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Tour Day

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Please arrive around 15 minutes before your scheduled tour time so your group can use the restroom before the tour begins.

Upon your arrival, you will be met by your guide(s). The lead guide will instruct you where to check-in, and will walk you through the day's schedule.

DELAYED ARRIVAL?

If you are anticipating a late arrival, please call 240-895-4979. **Delays of 20 minutes or more may result in a shortened tour.**

BUSES & PARKING

Your guides will instruct bus drivers where to go throughout the day and where to park. Vehicles will be needed throughout the entire day to move groups between our living history sites.

Groups coming in individual cars are recommended to carpool due to limited parking and ease of travel while on tour.



CHECK-IN

Please print the **Arrival Form** attached to your confirmation email from the Public Programs Office. Have this form filled out and bring it with you upon checking-in at the Visitor Center. If you do not have this form, another one will be provided upon your arrival.

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Directions

From Annapolis

Follow Maryland Route 2 south until it merges with Maryland Route 4. Then follow Route 4 for about 20 miles and cross the large bridge at Solomons, to the first traffic light, at the intersection of Maryland Route 235 and Route 4. To avoid congestion at Lexington Park, continue on Route 4 for 6 miles until it ends at the intersection of Route 5. Turn left onto Rt.5, travel south about 14 miles. Upon entering St. Mary's City, you will travel past the river, college, and reconstructed Brick Chapel. Turn right onto Rosecroft, and first right onto Hogaboom Lane. Park in the Visitor Center's parking lot.

From Washington, D.C.

Follow Pennsylvania Avenue (Maryland Route 4) southeast from the Capitol Beltway for about 60 miles. At Solomons, continue across large bridge over the Patuxent River, to the first traffic light at the intersection of Route 4 and Route 235. To avoid congestion at Lexington Park, continue on Route 4 for 6 miles until it ends at the intersection of Route 5. Turn left onto Route 5, travel south about 14 miles. Upon entering St. Mary's City, you will travel past the river, college, and reconstructed Brick Chapel. Turn right onto Rosecroft, and first right onto Hogaboom Lane. Park in the Visitor's Center parking lot.

From Baltimore, MD

Follow Interstate 97 South towards the Bay Bridge until it ends at U.S. Routes 50 and 301. Follow Route 301 South towards Richmond. Take exit for Maryland Route 4 South, towards Prince Frederick. Continue on to Solomons, continue across large bridge over the Patuxent River, to traffic light at intersection of Route 4 and Route 235. To avoid congestion at Lexington Park, continue on Route 4 for 6 miles until it ends at the intersection of Route 5. Turn left onto Route 5, travel south about 14 miles. Upon entering St. Mary's City, you will travel past the river, college, and reconstructed Brick Chapel. Turn right onto Rosecroft, and first right onto Hogaboom Lane. Park in the Visitor's Center parking lot.

Approximate travel time: 2 hours

From Northern Virginia

Take the Beltway over the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and to Route 5 South. Follow Route 5 through Leonardtown and continue for approximately 20 miles until you reach St. Mary's City. Upon entering St. Mary's City, you will travel past the river, college, and reconstructed Brick Chapel. Turn right onto Rosecroft, and first right onto Hogaboom Lane. Park in the Visitor Center's parking lot.

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Museum Map

LIVING HISTORY SITES

Woodland Indian Hamlet (1634)

Godiah Spray Tobacco Plantation (1667)

Town Center (1660s-1680s)

Waterfront (1680s-1690s)

ADDITIONAL SITES

Reconstructed Brick Chapel of 1667

Reconstructed State House of 1676

St. John's Site Museum

Struggle for Freedom Exhibit

