

MARS
Tours & Travel

Stars, Stripes, and Spectacle

THE INTERNATIONAL TATTOO

April 2026

Special 250th Edition "Revolutionary Tattoo" programming with special events throughout!

4-Day, 5-Day, 6-Day, and 7-Day Tour Options Available

April 17-21, 2026 | April 17-22, 2026 | April 17-23, 2026 | April 18-21, 2026

April 2026 marks a once-in-a-lifetime moment to honor history, patriotism, and world-class performance. Choose from 4, 5, 6, or 7-day tours – each designed to immerse your group in Virginia's colonial heritage, coastal beauty, and the unforgettable Virginia International Tattoo Festival.

This special 250th edition features international military bands, precision drill teams, and stirring performances you won't see anywhere else. Plus, enjoy MARS-exclusive experiences like our Revolutionary Reception with George Washington, Patrick Henry, and a lively evening with The Rhondels – complete with dinner, hors d'oeuvres, and dancing.

Experience the pageantry, tradition, and celebration – your way!


Which Tour is Right for Your Group?

- **4-Day Tour (April 18-21, 2026)** – A quick getaway featuring Colonial Williamsburg or Jamestown, special Yorktown program, the epic Virginia International Tattoo, & the "Revolutionary Reception" & Dinner Dance.
- **5-Day Tour (April 17-21, 2026)** – Adds a day in Richmond, a visit to St. John's Church, and Patrick Henry's speech "Give Me Liberty" performed live.
- **6-Day Tour (April 17-22, 2026)** – Extends the experience with an in-depth look at Virginia's naval history, including the USS Wisconsin.
- **7-Day Tour (April 17-23, 2026)** – The ultimate journey for a 250th Celebration includes Jefferson's Monticello, Michie Tavern, Madison's Montpelier or Monroe's Highland / Ash Lawn, and a deeper dive into Virginia's founding fathers.



🔑 All Tours Include:

- ✓ Deluxe accommodations with baggage handling
- ✓ All breakfasts, most dinners, and select lunches
- ✓ Admission to all attractions listed in your chosen itinerary
- ✓ Premium reserved seating for the International Tattoo
- ✓ 250th Special Edition Revolutionary Reception & Dinner Dance
- ✓ Professional tour director & local guides

 **Reserve Your Spot Today!** Limited space available – book early to secure your preferred tour!

takeafuntrip.com

540-869-1864

info@takeafuntrip.com



Sample Itinerary

Day 1: April 17, 2026 – Historic Richmond (5-, 6-, & 7-day tours)

Begin in Richmond with visits to St. John's Church, where Patrick Henry declared "Give me liberty or give me death!", and the Virginia State Capitol, designed by Thomas Jefferson. After a taste of Revolutionary history, travel to Hampton for dinner and hotel check-in.

Day 2: April 18, 2026 – Colonial Williamsburg & Jamestown (all tours)

Step back in time with a guided tour of Colonial Williamsburg, including the Capitol and Governor's Palace. Enjoy lunch at Merchant's Square before exploring Jamestown Settlement's ships, fort, and living history. Conclude with dinner and an overnight stay.

Day 3: April 19, 2026 – The Virginia International Tattoo (all tours)

After breakfast, enjoy our exclusive Tattoo Luncheon with live preview performances, followed by Hullabaloo, an outdoor festival of international bands and drill teams. The evening's highlight is your premium seat at the Virginia International Tattoo. Stay oceanfront in Virginia Beach with free time on the boardwalk.

Day 4: April 20, 2026 – Yorktown & Revolutionary Celebration (5-, 6-, & 7-day tours | 4-day departs)

Relive the Revolution at the Yorktown Museum with immersive exhibits and costumed demonstrations, plus a musket and cannon firing. Tonight, enjoy our MARS-exclusive Revolutionary Reception & Dinner with founding fathers, music, dancing, and celebration.

Day 5: April 21, 2026 – Naval & Maritime Heritage (6- & 7-day tours | 5-day departs)

Discover Norfolk's maritime legacy at Nauticus, the USS Wisconsin, and the Naval Museum. After lunch on your own at Waterside, visit the MacArthur Memorial and Chrysler Museum of Art before returning to Virginia Beach for an evening at leisure.

Day 6: April 22, 2026 – Monticello & Michie Tavern (7-day tour | 6-day departs)

Travel to Charlottesville for a colonial-style lunch at historic Michie Tavern, then tour Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's mountaintop home. Dinner and overnight in Charlottesville.

Day 7: April 23, 2026 – UVA & Highland (7-day tour only)

Tour the University of Virginia, then visit James Monroe's Highland (or Madison's Montpelier). Conclude with lunch at Charlottesville's Downtown Pedestrian Mall before heading home.

