

Revolutionary Women of Virginia & DC

During the Revolutionary War, the women of Alexandria, Yorktown, Williamsburg, Richmond, and Washington, D.C. played crucial roles on the homefront. Whether contributing to the war effort through nursing, espionage, or managing businesses in the absence of men, the women of these historic locales demonstrated unwavering strength, resourcefulness, and a commitment to the revolutionary cause.

Their stories remain integral to the rich tapestry of the American Revolutionary War.

SAMPLE ITINERARY



DAY ONE -

Arrive in **Washington, DC**, where your first stop will be at the **Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office Museum**. Clara Barton's passionate quest to find missing soldiers established her as one of the earliest advocates for the POW/MIA community. Her humanitarian zeal created a precedent for government agencies and non-profit organizations who carry on this honorable work today.

Visit the **Daughters of the American Revolution Museum**, (DAR Museum). The organization is a lineage based service organization for women who are direct descendants of persons involved in the United States struggle for independence.

Explore the **Sewall-Belmont House**, now the **National Woman's Party at the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument**. It is one of the oldest houses on Capitol Hill, and the headquarters of the historic National Woman's Party. This National Historic Landmark for 43 years was the Washington home of the NWP's founder, Alice Paul, radical suffragist leader, author of the Equal Rights Amendment and lifelong activist for women's rights.

Check-in to your local MARS Partner Property Virginia hotel.

This evening, enjoy a **Colonial Feast Welcome Dinner** at a local, famous Colonial Tavern, complete with a visit from Martha Washington herself!

DAY TWO -

Enjoy **breakfast included** at the hotel.

Be transported back in time and explore **Mount Vernon**, the estate of Martha Washington, and her husband, our 1st President.

Enjoy **lunch on your own with free time** to wander along the cobblestone streets of Old Town Alexandria.

Meet your **Colonial Guide** who will take you on an in-depth journey of the colonial port town and the impact of the Colonial Women of Alexandria. You'll see:

- **Gadsby's Tavern & Museum**, a center of political, social, and cultural life in Alexandria. Nearly all of the founders of American Independence enjoyed the warm tavern hospitality.
- **Christ Church**, a beautiful example of Georgian church architecture, dating from 1773. Silver plaques mark the pews of George Washington, who served as a vestryman, and of Robert E. Lee.

While in Old Town Alexandria, visit the **Torpedo Factory**, the nation's longest continually operating public art center in a converted industrial space.

Enjoy **dinner included** at a local favorite well-known for its fantastic location in Old Town, as well as its tasty, fresh, and locally sourced fare.

Return to your hotel to rest & relax after your eventful day of adventure.



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DAY THREE -

Enjoy **breakfast** at your hotel prior to checking out.

Experience the **Lucy Barns Museum**, examining the 91-year history of the former Lorton Prison Complex, including the events of 1917 which changed the course of the women's suffrage movement in the United States.

Enjoy **lunch on own with free time to shop & explore** in the unique harbor town of Occoquan before continuing on to **Fredericksburg, VA**.

Visit **Kenmore**, the home of Betty Washington Lewis (George Washington's sister) who, during the Revolutionary War, loaned money to the state of Virginia to build and support a gun factory.

Tour the **Mary Washington House**, a historic home purchased by George Washington in 1772 for his mother, Mary.

Visit **Ferry Farm**, where young George Washington spent his formative years and became an extraordinary man after moving to the area in 1738 at the age of 6. The Washingtons called this place the Home Farm but it later became known as Ferry Farm because people crossed the Rappahannock River on a ferry from the farm to the town of Fredericksburg.

Feast this evening at a historic tavern serving colonial fare and located where, in December 1862, a major battle was fought. The restaurant houses artifacts & history within its walls.

Continue to **Richmond, VA**, and **check-in** to your local area hotel.

DAY FOUR -

Enjoy **breakfast** at your hotel prior to **checking out**.

Embark on a **City Tour of Richmond** and see the **VA Women's Monument -Voices from the Garden**, completed in spring 2022. The group of figures is surrounded by the names of over 100 other influential Virginian women on a Wall of Honor. Many of those women once walked the paths of the Richmond Region.

Visit the **Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site**. Maggie Lena Walker devoted her life to civil rights advancement, economic empowerment, and educational opportunities for Jim Crow-era African Americans and women. As a bank president, newspaper editor, and fraternal leader, Walker served as an inspiration of pride and progress. Today, Walker's home is preserved as a tribute to her enduring legacy of vision, courage, and determination.

Depart for **Jamestown, VA** to learn about the real story of Pocahontas!

Check-in to your local hotel, before enjoying a delightful **dinner included** at famous local tavern. Christiana Campbell was a tavern-keeper in Williamsburg from 1755 until the late 1770s. Campbell, who was raised in Williamsburg, opened her tavern to support herself and her two daughters after her husband died in 1752. For more than twenty years she ran one of Williamsburg's most successful businesses. On the eve of the American Revolution (1775-1783), the colony's leaders periodically met at Campbell's tavern to discuss their connections with England & whether they should seek independence.

DAY FIVE -

Enjoy **breakfast included** at the hotel this morning prior to **checking out**.

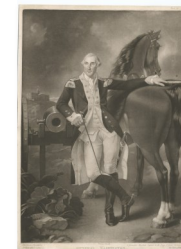
Embark on a **Women at Work Tour** at **Colonial Williamsburg** and hear the surprising history of women's labor, and skills in the 18th Century town of Williamsburg.



While visiting, you'll have the chance for some **free time to explore** at your leisure, enjoy **lunch on own**, and do a little shopping and interacting with the knowledgeable and colonial-attired staff.

Step back in time at the **American Revolution Museum at Yorktown** to hear stories of the many women who contributed during this pivotal moment in American history.

Depart for home.



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