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VIRGINIA TO AMERICA 2019 Commemoration Guide & Official Schedule of Events

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WE ARE Virginia

VIRGINIA HAS LONG BEEN RECOGNIZED AS THE BIRTHPLACE OF AMERICA

Virginia is for history lovers

Throughout 2019, Virginia's 2019 Commemoration, American Evolution™ will commemorate the 400th anniversary of key historical events that occurred in Virginia in 1619 that continue to influence our history today.

- First Representative Legislative Assembly in the New World
- First Recorded Africans to English North America
- Recruitment of English Women in Significant Numbers
- First Official English Thanksgiving in North America
- Entrepreneurial and Innovative Spirit of the Virginia Colony

With over 300 partners from across Virginia, American Evolution is implementing a series of signature events, special exhibitions and programs that explore the themes of democracy, diversity and opportunity and our 400-year shared history.

Visit Virginia during the 2019 Commemoration and explore, first hand, the story of Virginia to America.

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EXPLORE 400 YEARS OF AMERICAN HISTORY

HISTORY ANYWHERE, ANYTIME VIRGINIA HISTORY TRAILS APP

Curated just for you, over 400 stories representing 20 topics will help you explore the known, untold and under-told stories of Virginia history.

Awarded a Gold Medal by the Best Mobile App Awards, the Virginia History Trails App is a useful resource as you travel across Virginia. Download the FREE Virginia History Trails app today and start your own journey across Virginia, where history lives.



SHARE YOUR AMERICAN EVOLUTION STORY AESTORIES.COM

Life experiences are the stories that define us. Virginia welcomes all Americans to share authentic stories that reflect upon your family's history and ancestry, as well as our collective history. AESTORIES.COM provides a unique opportunity to collect and preserve stories as well as foster conversations about the full American experience.

TAKE PART IN EVENTS ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH

VISIT SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS AND PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAMS STATEWIDE

Numerous historic sites and institutions across the Commonwealth of Virginia play host to events, exhibitions and programs that bring history to life. During the Commemoration, we'll highlight seasonal opportunities to visit Virginia and participate in the Commemoration first hand.

January – May, 2019 CELEBRATE VIRGINIA'S CHANGEMAKERS

Visit Virginia, the home to America's original changemakers, as the 2019 Commemoration highlights and honors Virginians past and present who impacted the Commonwealth – and the nation.

June – October, 2019 AMERICA: MADE IN VIRGINIA

Virginia's history of leadership across the themes of the Commemoration – democracy, diversity and opportunity – have helped to define America today. Make plans to visit 400th anniversary signature events, historical sites, museums and community-inspired programs all summer long.

November, 2019 VIRGINIA HOMECOMING

Virginians like to say that in 1619, all of America was Virginia! So come home to Virginia throughout November to experience the month-long Customs, Cultures and Cuisine Festival. Dozens of local, regional and statewide events will draw upon the history of Virginia to create a contemporary experience for all ages.

ENGAGE IN OUR DYNAMIC EDUCATION PROGRAMMING

2019 COMMEMORATION SCHOOLS

The 2019 Commemoration Schools initiative provides an opportunity for students, teachers and school communities to join in a series of projects, programs and contests all year long. Higher education institutions across Virginia have also planned special commemoration programming.

Visit the education section of AmericanEvolution2019.com to find events, programs, curriculum and resources.



EXPERIENCE OUR SERIES OF SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS

Do you want to learn more about Virginia's role in the creation of the United States and dig deeper into the issues that have shaped us? American Evolution, in partnership with leading Virginia institutions, has developed a world-class series of special exhibitions for the 2019 Commemoration.

November 10, 2018 – January 5, 2020

TENACITY: WOMEN IN JAMESTOWN AND EARLY VIRGINIA

JAMESTOWN SETTLEMENT
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

December 10, 2018 – December 7, 2019

NEW VIRGINIANS: 1619 – 2019 AND BEYOND
LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA | RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

January 25 – December 31, 2019

THE GREAT CHARTER AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY: FOUNDING A LEGACY IN 1619

VIRGINIA STATE CAPITOL
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Opening April 15, 2019

HISTORIC JAMESTOWN: DEMOCRACY
AND DIVERSITY
HISTORIC JAMESTOWN
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

June 8 – November 17, 2019

COSMOLOGIES FROM THE TREE OF LIFE: ART
FROM THE AFRICAN AMERICAN SOUTH
VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

June 19, 2019 – January 5, 2020

DETERMINED: THE 400-YEAR STRUGGLE FOR
BLACK EQUALITY
VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND CULTURE
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

LOOK INSIDE FOR EXCITING EVENTS HAPPENING ALL YEAR

Fall/Winter
2018-2019

Opening November 10, 2018

TENACITY: WOMEN IN JAMESTOWN AND EARLY VIRGINIA
SPECIAL EXHIBITION
JAMESTOWN SETTLEMENT
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA



Opening December 10, 2018

NEW VIRGINIANS: 1619-2019 AND BEYOND
SPECIAL EXHIBITION
LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Opening January 25, 2019

THE GREAT CHARTER AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY: FOUNDING A LEGACY IN 1619
SPECIAL EXHIBITION
VIRGINIA STATE CAPITOL
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Beginning January, 2019

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PUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM

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Spring
2019

March 19 – 21, 2019

FAITH JOURNEYS IN THE BLACK EXPERIENCE 1619-2019
VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Opening April 15, 2019

HISTORIC JAMESTOWNE: DEMOCRACY AND DIVERSITY
NEW PERMANENT EXHIBITIONS
HISTORIC JAMESTOWNE
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

May 3 – 5, 2019

DANCE THEATRE OF HARLEM WORLD PREMIERE BALLET
Presented by Sentara Healthcare and Optima Health
CHRYSLER HALL
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA



May 21 – 23, 2019

PRESIDENTIAL IDEAS FESTIVAL
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

April 11 – 13, 2019

AMERICAN EVOLUTION INNOVATORS CUP
TOM TOM FOUNDERS FESTIVAL
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA



April 25 – 28, 2019

VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO
SCOPE ARENA
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

May 20 – 24, 2019

GLOBAL PATHFINDER SUMMIT
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA AND PRESIDENTIAL HOMES
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA



May 28, 2019

DANCE THEATRE OF HARLEM BALLET
KENNEDY CENTER
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Summer
2019

Opening June 8, 2019

COSMOLOGIES FROM THE TREE OF LIFE: ART FROM THE AFRICAN AMERICAN SOUTH
SPECIAL EXHIBITION
VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

July 30, 2019

400th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST REPRESENTATIVE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
HISTORIC JAMESTOWNE AND JAMESTOWN SETTLEMENT
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA



July 31 – August 1, 2019

INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON THE FUTURE OF REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY
WILLIAM & MARY
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

August 23 – 25, 2019

AFRICAN ARRIVAL AND VISITOR & EDUCATION CENTER DEDICATION
FORT MONROE
HAMPTON, VIRGINIA



Customs, Culture, and Cuisine Festival

November 1 – 30, 2019 | Presented by TowneBank

September 14, 2019

DANCE THEATRE OF HARLEM BALLET
Presented by Virginia Tech/ Carilion Clinic Partnership
MOSS CENTER, VIRGINIA TECH
BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA

October 14 – 15, 2019

WOMEN'S ACHIEVE SUMMIT
RICHMOND CONVENTION CENTER
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

November 2, 2019

SAMPLING THE CENTURIES: VIRGINIA'S FOOD FIRSTS
VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

November 10 – 12, 2019

FANFARE TO THE MILITARY & DEMOCRACY
SANDLER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

September 25-28, 2019

1619: MAKING OF AMERICA SUMMIT
NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA



November 3, 2019

VIRGINIA THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL
BERKELEY PLANTATION
CHARLES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA



November 14 – 17, 2019

POCAHONTAS REFRAMED: NATIVE AMERICAN STORYTELLERS FILM FESTIVAL
BYRD THEATRE
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA



October 14, 2019

"VOICES FROM THE GARDEN" VIRGINIA WOMEN'S MONUMENT DEDICATION
CAPITOL SQUARE
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Mid-November, 2019

EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION AND FREEDOM MONUMENT DEDICATION
BROWN'S ISLAND
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

November 5 – 9, 2019

10th BIENNIAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF THE WORLDWIDE AFRICAN DIASPORA (ASWAD) CONFERENCE
WILLIAM & MARY
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

November 1 – 30, 2019

SHARE THE SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING HUNGER RELIEF CAMPAIGN
STATEWIDE