



Colonial Williamsburg



INDEPENDENCE DAY
CELEBRATION
July 4, 2021

BEST FIREWORKS VIEWING LOCATIONS

Palace Green, Market Square, and the East Lawn of the Art Museums

THROUGHOUT THE DAY

GO FOURTH & EXPLORE! - You're invited to explore the Historic Area and the stories of the 18th-century colonial capital of Virginia. Learn about the diverse population who lived and worked here in our iconic guided sites and trade shops, and visit the newly relocated American Indian Encampment at the intersection of Botetourt and Nicholson Streets (1:30-4:30 p.m.). Admission tickets for historic buildings, trades, museums, and select programming available at The Lumber House Ticketing Office on Duke of Gloucester Street, all CW ticketing locations, or at colonialwilliamsburg.org/tickets.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA



"LIGHT AND LIBERTY GO TOGETHER."

— THOMAS JEFFERSON, 1795 —



ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE



9:30 AM	MORNING READING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE - Thomas Jefferson begins a day of celebration and reflection. With members of the CW Fifes & Drums. At the Capitol West Balcony.
10:15 AM	A SALUTE TO THE STATES - A special muster in commemoration of the 245th anniversary of the birth of our nation and salute to the original 13 states. With members of the CW Fifes & Drums. On Market Square.
11:00 AM, 1:30 PM	CONCERT OF CELEBRATION - Come hear the Jug Broke Theatre Company play the music of the season! A 20-minute audio festival of 18th-century songs and tunes! At the Play House Stage. Admission ticket required.
11:00 AM, 1:30 PM	VISIT A NATION BUILDER - Thomas Jefferson reflects on the events of the day. At the Charlton Stage. Admission ticket required.
12:00 NOON	NOON READING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE - Residents of 18th-century Williamsburg read the Declaration of Independence from the steps and surrounding area of the Colonial Courthouse. With members of the CW Fifes & Drums.
12:30 PM	INDEPENDENCE DAY AUCTION - Bid on select items from CW stores as well as one-of-a-kind auction items found nowhere else, including the specially engraved bell used to announce the auction! On Market Square.
2:45 PM	VISIT A NATION BUILDER - Patrick Henry reflects on the events of the day. At the Charlton Stage. Admission ticket required.
3:00 PM	I HEAR AMERICA SINGING - Join Brian Forsman and Lynn and Barry Trott for a celebration of American popular music for Independence Day, featuring banjo, fiddle, mandolin, guitar and bass. At the Hennage Auditorium. Admission ticket required.
4:00 PM	CREATED EQUAL - A highly-acclaimed museum theatre exploration of African American perspectives on the Declaration of Independence, the revolutions it inspired, and the ongoing struggle for equality and freedom in America. At the Charlton Stage. Admission ticket required.
4:00 PM	FAMILY FUN - Live music and entertainment throughout the afternoon and evening, with ice cream and refreshments available for purchase. Fan-favorite band Good Shot Judy headlines a music concert from 7 - 9 p.m. Presented by Culture Fix and the City of Williamsburg. On the Lawn of the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg.
8:30 PM, 10:30 PM	HONOR & REFLECTION - The final night of a contemplative multimedia installation at the sight of the ongoing excavation of the historic First Baptist Church's first permanent location on South Nassau Street.
9:20 PM	LIGHTS OF FREEDOM: FIREWORKS DISPLAY - Celebrate <i>The Lights of Freedom</i> , a heart-pounding, 20-minute finale to Colonial Williamsburg's Independence Day festivities. With gratitude to the City of Williamsburg for its support. Best fireworks viewing locations: Palace Green, Market Square, and the East Lawn of the Art Museums.

