

Richmond Ideal for Conventions

HISTORICAL SHRINES of world-wide interest, excellent transportation service, splendid modern hotels, and every facility available for successful meetings have made Richmond one of the outstanding convention centers of America. Delegates attending conventions here have a wide choice of selecting their entertainment programs. Some enjoy trips to Williamsburg, Jamestown, Yorktown, historic Hampton Roads and Fort Monroe, the beautiful Skyline Drive, the battlefields surrounding the city and the many diversified industrial plants, while others participate in their favorite sport or seek diversions in the many forms of entertainment to be had.

Proximity to the centers of the population, coupled with other numerous advantages, has resulted in record-breaking attendance at meetings here.

In Richmond, Capital of the Old South, an industrial, commercial, educational and financial center of the new, nothing is left undone to make every convention meeting in this city successful and enjoyable.



RICHMOND TODAY!

POPULATION of approximately 360,000 in the metropolitan area with an average increase 7,000 per year since 1940.

INDUSTRIAL RANK of 5th in the nation in relative gain in net value of manufactured products from 1929 to 1947.

CIGARETTE CAPITAL of the Nation, with annual output of more than 110 billion cigarettes—enough to reach the moon and back 10 times, or encircle the earth 180 times.

PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIES in order of employment rank: cigarettes and other tobacco products, chemical products including rayon and cellophane, food and kindred products, furniture and wood products, metals and metal products, apparel and textile products, paper and paper products, printing and publishing.

TRADE CENTER of the South Atlantic region, ranking 35th in retail sales, 29th in wholesale sales, among principal cities of the Nation.

FINANCIAL CENTER and headquarters of the 5th Federal Reserve District; 11 other banks and trust companies; home office of 32 insurance companies.

TRANSPORTATION GATEWAY with 6 trunk-line railroads, 5 air lines, 6 inter-city

bus lines, 50 motor freight carriers, and water freight service on the James River.

BALANCED ECONOMY with employment widely diversified and strong consumer goods industries result in unusual economic stability and resistance to fluctuations in the national business cycle.

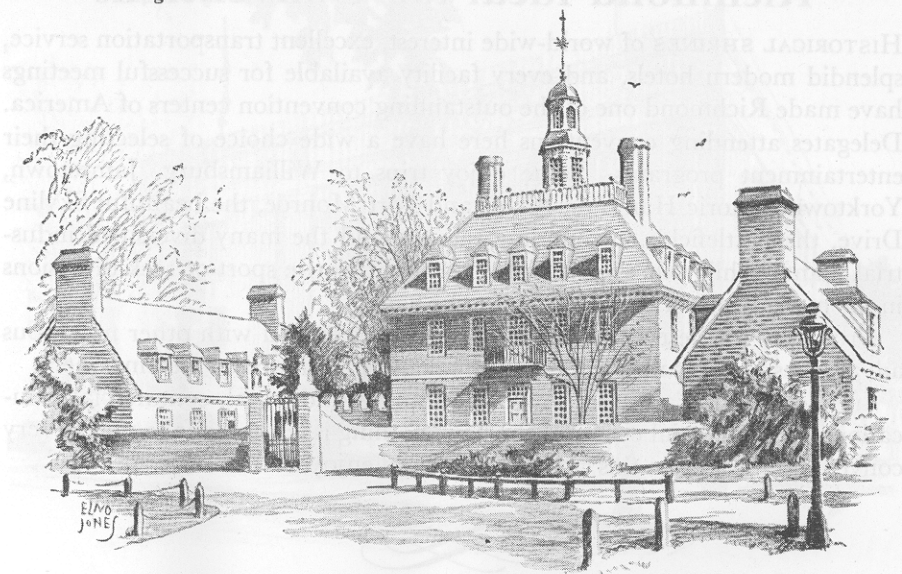
RECREATIONAL: 1 public and 5 private golf courses, 30 theatres, a stadium for athletics, municipal swimming pool, a Civic Center for opera, large conventions, etc., seating 5,000; 18 parks and 43 playgrounds.

CLIMATE: Equable climate with average temperature, 57.9 degrees F.; mean annual rainfall, 42.02 inches.

EDUCATIONAL: University of Richmond, Medical College of Virginia, Richmond Professional Institute of College of William and Mary, Union Theological Seminary, Presbyterian Training School, Virginia Union University (Colored), 16 private and 14 parochial schools, 4 business colleges, 52 public school buildings, state and municipal libraries, numerous museums, etc.

MEDICAL CENTER: Institutions and specialists of wide renown. Medical College of Virginia—with schools of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and nursing; 17 hospitals with 3,527 beds.

*The Governor's Palace
at Williamsburg*



The Williamsburg-Yorktown-Jamestown Area

Only an hour's drive southeast of Richmond on Route 60 is the most historic area to be found anywhere in America.

Here is Williamsburg, the former center of English culture in the new world, almost completely restored to its eighteenth century appearance. Here you will see the historic Colonial Capitol, The Governor's Palace and its beautiful grounds, the famous Raleigh Tavern, the Public Gaol, the famed Sir Christopher Wren Building of the College of William and Mary and many other colonial structures restored through the beneficence of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Seven miles from Williamsburg is Jamestown Island where in 1607 the first permanent settlement of English speaking people in the New World was established. A ruined tower of an early Colonial church still stands here, and many interesting relics are on display in the grounds which are under the supervision of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities.

Yorktown is only fifteen miles from Williamsburg. This famous little town which saw a great nation come into being bears a great heritage. It was here that proud Lord Cornwallis was forced to surrender to General George Washington and his continental forces in 1781. The original fortifications erected during the great siege of Yorktown have been restored. Historic


buildings and relics of the Revolution make Yorktown a spot which every American citizen should visit.

Less than an hour's drive from the Colonial Williamsburg area is Hampton Roads, an important channel through which the waters of three rivers pass into the Chesapeake Bay. Fort Monroe, on Old Point Comfort, and Fort Wool, on an island in the channel, defend the entrance from the Bay. It was in Hampton Roads that the first battle between iron-clad vessels, the *Monitor* and the *Merrimac*, took place on March 9, 1862. President Lincoln, Secretary Seward and Confederate commissioners held their "Hampton Roads Conference" on a steamer near Fort Monroe on February 3, 1865.


Be sure to visit Williamsburg, Jamestown, Yorktown and the Hampton Roads area during your visit to Richmond, for nowhere else may you cover as much historic and hallowed ground in a single day. This famous area may be reached quickly and conveniently. Ask for information which will facilitate your trip there.




Jamestown Tower




HOTEL JOHN MARSHALL
FIFTH & FRANKLIN
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
400 ROOMS 400 BATHS




HOTEL RICHMOND
OVERLOOKING CAPITOL SQUARE
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
300 ROOMS



HOTEL WILLIAM BYRD
OPPOSITE BROAD STREET STATION
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
200 ROOMS



HOTEL KING CARTER
EIGHTH & BROAD
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
250 ROOMS



HOTEL CHAMBERLIN
OLD POINT COMFORT
FORT MONROE, VIRGINIA
300 ROOMS 300 BATHS

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