Colonial Virginia
Williamsburg, Richmond, Charlottesville, and Alexandria
with Professor John B. Boles
May 22 - 28, 2016
Tour Synopsis

From the first contacts between settlers and natives to Thomas Jefferson’s narrow escape from British troops, the story of colonial-era Virginia is a dramatic one, filled with fascinating characters and lovely places. Learning about that unique time and place greatly helps one understand the strengths and defects of the nascent United States, elements that still shape our country today. Thus Rice is proud to announce this custom designed study tour crisscrossing old Virginia to learn more about America’s revolutionary roots.

Spend a week with renowned historian and popular Rice study leader John Boles retracing the life and times of our Founding Fathers in Colonial Virginia. Begin with Virginia’s earliest colonial settlements in Jamestown and Williamsburg, enjoying special access to heritage sites and historic buildings. Learn about the dramatic conclusion of the Revolutionary War at the Yorktown battlefield, and spend a day exploring beautiful Colonial-era plantation homes and landscapes along the James River. A stop in Richmond allows you to explore the Thomas Jefferson-designed state capital and relive Patrick Henry’s “Give me liberty, or give me death!” speech. In the Appalachian foothills, the world of Thomas Jefferson comes even more fully to life with a private tour at his iconic Monticello, and a personalized look at his elegant University of Virginia campus. The itinerary concludes with a tour of the quaint tree-lined streets of Old Town Alexandria and a customized in-depth tour of George Washington’s Mount Vernon plantation.

With Dr. Boles’ lectures and frequent commentary throughout the itinerary, this program is a once-in-a-lifetime chance for those interested in America’s colonial history to learn about the politics, society, economics, and culture of 18th-century Virginia, visiting one beautiful historical site after another. The tour will focus on political and military history, but also other issues that were critical to early America: slavery, immigration, tobacco and agriculture.

For anyone interested in America’s earliest days, this tour should not be missed! Professor Boles’ trips often sell out quickly, so please enroll early to guarantee your place on this one-of-a-kind journey!

Travel with Professor John B. Boles

John B. Boles, the William P. Hobby Professor of History at Rice and editor, 1983–2013, of the Journal of Southern History, has written widely on various aspects of southern history and the history of Rice University; he has been very active in training graduate students; and he has been a frequent lecturer both for the Glasscock School of Continuing Studies and for many alumni travel programs. He has won two Brown teaching awards, two graduate student association teaching awards, and the Meritorious Service Award, the Distinguished Alumni Award, and the Gold Medal of the Association of Rice Alumni.
Sunday, May 22: Arrive in Richmond, Historic Jamestowne
*Williamsburg Lodge (D)*

- Arrive and board a group transfer from Richmond International Airport to Historic Jamestowne. The program begins with an introductory walking tour of Historic Jamestowne, known as the birthplace of America.
- Explore the original site of the 1607 James Fort as archaeologists uncover the remains of this first settlement. To date, more than 2 million artifacts have been excavated from the fort site.
- Continue to Williamsburg Lodge for check-in.
- Join fellow travelers for a festive welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

Monday, May 23: Colonial Williamsburg and Yorktown Battlefield
*Williamsburg Lodge (B, L)*

- Spend the majority of the day exploring the Revolutionary City of Colonial Williamsburg. Visits include the Governor’s Palace, the James Geddy House, and many trade shops.
- Enjoy lunch at the King’s Arms Tavern, a rustic reproduction tavern where you will be greeted by a server in 18th century fashion.
- This afternoon visit Yorktown Battlefield and explore the site of the last major battle of the Revolutionary War.
- Return to Williamsburg for an independent evening.

Tuesday, May 24: Colonial Plantations
*Williamsburg Lodge (B, L)*

- Listen to a lecture by Professor John Boles.
- Set out along the James River for Berkeley Plantation, site of the first official Thanksgiving in America, and home to a magnificent collection of 18th century antiques. Follow a costumed guide and learn about Virginia’s most historic mansion.
- Continue to Belle Aire Plantation, one of the finest examples of architectural transition between the 17th and 18th centuries in the United States.
- Enjoy lunch with the group in nearby Charles City.
- Spend the afternoon at Westover Plantation, one of the grandest and most beautiful of the colonial plantations and
a premier example of Georgian architecture in America.

• Return to Williamsburg for an evening at leisure.

**Wednesday, May 25: Richmond**
*Omni Charlottesville (B, L, D)*

- Check out of the hotel and transfer to Richmond. Take a guided tour of Virginia’s State Capitol building, a living landmark to American self-government since 1788.
- Enjoy lunch with the group in downtown Richmond.
- Take a guided tour of Virginia’s Governor’s Mansion, which served as the center of state leadership when Richmond was the capital of the Confederate States of America. The mansion has been restored and is furnished with early 20th century antiques.
- Continue on to Charlottesville and check into the Omni Charlottesville.
- Enjoy dinner with the group this evening.

**Thursday, May 26: Charlottesville**
*Omni Charlottesville (B, L)*

- Listen to a lecture by Professor John Boles.
- Drive to Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello and spend the morning exploring America’s most prominent Palladian estate and extensive gardens.
- Gain an intimate look at the extraordinary house Thomas Jefferson built and furnished for himself and his family. See the furnishings, art, books, gadgets, and other objects that reveal Jefferson’s unique mind.
- Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.
- This afternoon, take a guided tour of the famous Rotunda and Lawn of the University of Virginia, designed by Jefferson himself and visible from Monticello.
- Dinner is independent this evening.

**Friday, May 27: Alexandria**
*Hotel Monaco (B, L, D)*

- Check out of the hotel and transfer to Montpelier, home to James Madison, Father of the Constitution and Architect of the Bill of Rights.
- Stroll through the mansion and hear about Madison the man; the Constitution and Bill of Rights; Slavery, Madison’s worst regret; and Dolley Madison, America’s “first” First Lady.
- Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.
• Continue to Old Town Alexandria.
• After check-in at the Hotel Monaco, set out on a walking tour of historic Old Town.
• Join the group for a festive farewell dinner.

Saturday, May 28: Mount Vernon and Departures

• Check-out of the hotel and transfer to George Washington’s Mount Vernon.
• During a tour of the mansion, hear about how George Washington personally supervised multiple renovations of the property and selected architectural features that expressed his dedication to democratic governance.
• Continue on a walking tour of the grounds.
• Take a group transfer to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport for independent departures late this afternoon.
**Williamsburg Lodge**
*Williamsburg*

The Williamsburg Lodge was opened by Colonial Williamsburg in 1939 to provide comfortable accommodations for travelers to the Historic Area. From its original blue stone floors to the cypress accents and reproduction folk art, in every cozy nook and spacious expanse, the Lodge tells the story of its Virginia setting and the history of the town Rockefeller restored.

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**Omni Charlottesville Hotel**
*Charlottesville*

This luxury hotel, featuring a stunning, seven-story glassed-in atrium containing a lobby, is lush with greenery. Adjacent to the historic downtown Pedestrian Mall, the Omni Charlottesville Hotel blends the area’s unique history with modern luxury at an unbeatable location.

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**Hotel Monaco**
*Old Town Alexandria*

Colorful and inviting, Hotel Monaco Alexandria welcomes you into the heart of Old Town. When it comes to hotels in Alexandria VA, The Monaco is one of the top-rated, and certainly the most unique and stylish. This boutique landmark hotel is centered amidst the historic charm and lively culture of Alexandria, Virginia.
TRIP INFORMATION

Dates:
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Cost:
Land package: ..................$3,475
Single supplement: .............$795

*Tour Price is per person based on double occupancy, with a minimum of 20 paying participants. Land prices are calculated as of April 2015 and are subject to change.

Deposit & Final Payment:
A deposit of $1,000 per paying participant will be required to guarantee participation in the program. This may be paid by check, or by Visa or MasterCard. Final payment will be invoiced and is due on February 11, 2016. Final payment must be made by check payable to International Seminar Design, Inc. Registrations will be accepted beyond February 11, 2016 on a space-available basis with payment in full by check.

Air Arrangements:
Airfare is not included in the package cost.

Travel Insurance:
For more information on Travel Insurance, please contact Rice Alumni at 713-34-TRIPS (87477).

Terms & Conditions
ISDI and Rice Alumni reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason including insufficient numbers of participants, as well as the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour at any time. If bookings fall below the minimum required, passengers will be advised of additional costs or itinerary alterations before departure date. All cancellations must be received in writing by ISDI, and charges are calculated as of the day notification is received in writing by ISDI. If a tour member cancels, the following scale of charges is incurred: There is a non-refundable administrative fee of $500 per person. The costs associated with any tickets purchased for planned activities (as indicated in the itinerary) are non-refundable. Written cancellation received by ISDI on or before February 11, 2016: full refund minus $500 per person administrative fee. Written cancellation received by ISDI on or between February 12, 2016 and April 7, 2016: full refund of any recoverable land costs, less fifty percent of tour cost per person cancellation charge (includes administrative fee). Cancellations received on or after April 8, 2016: no refund. After the tour has commenced, it is not possible to issue any refunds. No refunds for any unused portion of the tour including, but not limited to, occasional missed meals or any missed sightseeing tours. Costs for promotion, staff, and other group expenses are not refundable. In the case of cancellation, substitutions are not acceptable. The tour cost is non-transferable and no substitutions are allowed. A package of cancellation, baggage, and medical insurance is strongly recommended.

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FULL NAME - PARTICIPANT 1

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The undersigned has read the tour itinerary and recognizes and accepts any risks therein. The undersigned also understands and hereby agrees for and on behalf of his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth in the terms and conditions listed in this brochure and to release and hold harmless Rice Alumni and International Seminar Design, Inc (ISDI) and any of their officers, trustees, agents, licenses, or representatives, from any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death or for the loss of and/or damage to his/her property however occurring during any portion of, or in relation to, this tour.

EACH PARTICIPANT MUST SIGN:

SIGNATURE - PARTICIPANT 1 DATE

SIGNATURE - PARTICIPANT 2 DATE

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