



Fall into Williamsburg

Fall is one of the best times to visit Williamsburg. From outdoor markets and culinary festivals to events that celebrate art, music, Halloween, and history, there are endless experiences for visitors to have throughout the region.

Markets

On October 8, [Williamsburg Premium Outlets](#) welcomes 60 artists and craftsmen from around the region. Spend the day shopping the outlet stores for name brand deals and the marketplace for those perfect one-of-a-kind, handmade items, art pieces, and the newest books by local authors. [Yorktown Market Days Fall Festival](#) takes place October 14. Visitors can shop at more than 40 vendors selling seasonal favorites, while they enjoy free, family-oriented activities like hayrides, face painting, a hay maze, a petting zoo featuring miniature animals, and pumpkin painting! On November 18, shoppers at [Yorktown Market Days Harvest Festival](#) buy turkeys, farm-fresh produce, seasonal treats, and unique holiday pieces from local artists, while children enjoy a live animal show, petting zoo, log carving demonstration, balloon art, inflatable axe throwing, and pie eating contests. From September 20-October 21, visitors to [Sweethaven Lavender Farm](#) can enjoy live music and hayrides, while they shop for pumpkins, sunflowers, zinnias, gourds, and decorative corn.

Art

Art lovers will marvel at the amazing art on display at the 12th Annual [Yorktown Art Stroll](#) on Sunday, September 24 in and around the Freight Shed at Riverwalk Landing. Visitors will find oil, acrylic, and watercolor paintings; glass; drawings; photography; jewelry; pottery; fiber art; handmade soap; and woodwork. Now in its 55th year, Williamsburg's premier fine art and music festival, [An Occasion for the Arts](#), returns October 6-8. During the three-day festival, nearly 150 artisans from across 22 states come to Williamsburg to showcase their art.

History

On September 16, the [American Revolution Museum at Yorktown](#) welcomes "Outlander" author Diana Gabaldon as a special guest for an exclusive presentation and book signing. [Jamestown Settlement](#) welcomes two guests as part of its Director's Series – David Givens, Jamestown Rediscovery's Director of Archeology on September 20, and African- American and Jewish culinary historian and food writer Michael W. Twitty on October 18. On October 19, [Yorktown Day](#) commemorates the 1781 Siege of Yorktown and the Revolutionary War victory that paved the way for America and freedom.

Festivals

The Annual Oktoberfest celebration takes place on September 23 at [Precarious Beer Hall](#), where attendees sip on seasonal and regional beers, try traditional foods, and listen to live entertainment! On October 7, the [Yorktown Wine Festival](#) provides a grand tasting of wines from Virginia and beyond. In a nod to Yorktown sister cities, Zweibrücken and Port-Vendres, attendees sample Rieslings and Gewürztraminers from Germany and indulge in Champagne from France while enjoying live music, food from local restaurants, and the work of talented artisans.

Music

As the temperatures cool down, the [Rhythms on the Riverwalk Concert Series](#) at Riverwalk Landing in Yorktown heats up every Thursday from September 7-28, and October 5-12. Concertgoers enjoy jazz, big band, and country artists for free. On Wednesdays from September 13-October 4, [New Town Tunes Concert Series](#) is held outdoors at Sullivan Square, with food available for purchase at various restaurants, food trucks, and breweries.

Halloween

September 8 through October 31, [Busch Gardens® Howl-O-Scream®](#) returns giving victims something to scream about with all-new scares and screams to the extreme with five newly reimagined haunted houses, leaving no tale of terror left unturned. And from September 24 through October 30, visitors celebrate not-too-spooky family fun during the day at [The Count's Spooktacular](#) located in the Sesame Street® Forest of Fun™ in Busch Gardens®.