

SCHOOL TOUR INFORMATION

*Thank you for planning a group tour to Historic St. Mary's City!
To make your trip more enjoyable, please read the following information carefully.*

Timeliness

Please call 240-895-4979 or 4980 if you anticipate a late arrival. Delays of 20 minutes or more may result in a shortened tour.

Arrival

Plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of your tour. This will allow for ample check-in time and a rest room break before your tour begins. Before arriving, please complete the "Arrival Information Sheet," as this will assist you with payment as you check in.

Cancellations

If you must cancel, please contact the Group Tours Office as soon as possible by calling 240-895-4979. We will make every effort to schedule a new date for your visit.

Payment

Please purchase admission for your entire group, adults included, with one payment. We accept cash, check, and credit card (Discover, MasterCard, or Visa). Checks are payable to "Historic St. Mary's City." An accurate count of participants is required upon check-in. We cannot guarantee discounted rates for groups who wish to pay individually. There is a \$20 minimum refund. Refunds can only be handled during check-in.

GPS/Mailing Address

Please note that HSMC's GPS address is 18751 Hogaboom Lane in Lexington Park, MD 20653. Our mailing address is Post Office Box 39, St. Mary's City, MD 20686.

Vehicle Use

Your vehicles will be needed the entire time at HSMC to transport the group between historical sites. If you are contracting with bus companies, it is important that your drivers understand this necessity.

Accessibility

The majority of the sites at Historic St. Mary's City are wheelchair and stroller accessible. Visitors with physical handicaps may have difficulty boarding the *Maryland Dove*, entering the main house at the Godiah Spray Tobacco Plantation, and accessing the second floor of the State House. In these circumstances, print text and images will be provided.

Dining

Outdoor picnic tables are available for your use on a first-come, first-served basis. Groups are also welcome to bring blankets and picnic on the lawn near the picnic tables. Indoor picnic facilities are not available, so please plan accordingly. Boxed lunches are also available for an additional fee. Please contact the Group Tours Office for more details.

Weather

Tours at Historic St. Mary's City proceed rain or shine and take place in an outdoor setting. Participants should wear walking shoes and dress for all kinds of weather. Please be aware that extreme weather conditions may necessitate the closing of the *Maryland Dove*.

St. John's Site Museum

If visiting St. John's Site on a tour bus, please note this additional direction when entering and exiting. While visitors are in the museum, the motor coach must be turned off in agreement with the local college.

Museum Store

The Shop at Farthing's Ordinary has an assortment of snacks, souvenirs, books, and decorative items for sale. Don't forget to factor in time during your tour to visit the Shop. Student groups on a tight schedule are encouraged to use the Goody Bag program. Please see the enclosed Goody Bag flyer for more information.

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WHAT TO EXPECT

School Groups

School groups visiting our site will have a day of fun and learning as they experience one of our exciting tour options. Tours typically last approximately two hours. Don't forget to factor in time for your group to visit our gift shop! We encourage teachers to customize the tour to fit the needs of their group. Please visit our website for more information and pre and post-visit materials.

Youth Organizations

Scouts, clubs, camps, and parks and recreation groups can watch history come alive as they tour Maryland's first capital! Tours often include visits to the following:

- The *Maryland Dove*
- The Godiah Spray Tobacco Plantation
- Town Center
- The Woodland Indian Hamlet



*We look forward
to seeing your group on site!*

MUSEUM ETIQUETTE

Please help us maintain our unique, historical site by following these few rules.

- The farm animals and the natural environment are part of the historic scene. Please ensure that group members do not touch or feed the animals or remove plants, rocks, or other items from the site.
- Please keep your cell phone off or in silent mode during the tour.
- We ask that visitors refrain from taking food, candy, gum, lit cigarettes, or soft drinks into the interpretive areas.
- Please be considerate of other visitors.
- Remember to take your trash home with you!

Thank you in advance!

*Learn more about the museum
and St. Mary's City history at
www.stmaryscity.org.*

GOING GREEN

HSMC is going green! Joining other state parks and museums, we ask all visitors to take their trash home with them as part of our leave no trace initiative. We suggest students transport food in reusable containers for easy clean-up. School groups should come equipped to pack up and remove their trash.

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