TIME TRAVELERS: A FREE WEEKEND OF RICHMOND HISTORY
FEATURING TEN HISTORIC HOUSES OF GREATER RICHMOND

Richmond’s most renowned historic homes and museums will once again offer visitors a “passport” to time-travel during a special admission-free weekend on Saturday and Sunday, March 21 and 22. Tourists and locals alike are invited to discover the City’s treasures, spanning 400 years of fascinating history and including the homes of John Marshall, Jefferson Davis, John Wickham, Major James Dooley and other important Virginians. Ten participating sites – Agecroft Hall, Dabbs House Museum, The John Marshall House, Maymont, Meadow Farm Museum, The Edgar Allan Poe Museum, Virginia House, White House of the Confederacy, The 1812 John Wickham House and Wilton House Museum – will offer complimentary admission to visitors who show a Time Travelers Passport, available via download from any website of participating attractions (see below). This special offer equates to savings of more than $55 per person. (Some restrictions may apply.)

Agecroft Hall
Agecroft Hall, home to Richmond’s Tudor house, was first built in England in the 1500s, then transported across the Atlantic and rebuilt in Richmond in the 1920s. Today it is a museum furnished with art and artifacts from 17th century England. Visitors are encouraged to take a guided tour, stroll the manicured gardens overlooking the James River, explore the architectural exhibit, and shop in the museum store. Reservations for free, guided Time Traveler passport tours are strongly encouraged. Full length, fee-based tours are also available on the hour for $5 to $8. Agecroft Hall will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 12:30 to 5 p.m. on Sunday and is located just west of Carytown at 4305 Sulgrave Road in Richmond. For more information, call (804) 353-4241 or visit www.agecrofthall.org.

Dabbs House Museum
The Dabbs House, built in rural eastern Henrico in 1820, gained attention as Confederate General Robert E. Lee’s field headquarters during the summer of 1862. The museum provides a place to learn about the history of the house from its use as a residence for the Dabbs family to its tenure as Henrico’s police headquarters from 1941 to 2005. Visitors can tour the 1862 field headquarters, browse the exhibit galleries and gift shop, and view a video on the history of the house. On September 17, 2010, Henrico County opened its first Tourist Information Center, which is located inside the Dabbs House Museum and provides visitors with resources on many other Richmond area attractions. This facility is owned by the County of Henrico Division of Recreation and Parks. Dabbs House Museum will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday and is located at 3812 Nine Mile Road in eastern Henrico. For more information, call (804) 652-3406 or visit www.dabbshouse.henricorecandparks.com.

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The John Marshall House
The John Marshall House was the Richmond home of "the Great Chief Justice" from 1790 to 1835. The longest serving Chief Justice to date, Marshall was known as definer of the Constitution and shaper of the modern United States Supreme Court. Listed on the National and Virginia historic registers, the House has undergone remarkably few changes since Marshall's lifetime, containing many original Marshall family pieces and the largest collection of Richmond made Federal furnishings. Guided Time Travelers tours of Marshall's “Court End” home will remove guests from the bustling 21st century urban center of downtown Richmond, into a time when the river city was just beginning to flourish as the new Capital of Virginia and the Court End neighborhood was the choicest location in which to live. Visitors to the site can enjoy a guided tour of the house with a remarkable collection of original furnishings, take a stroll through the colorful garden, visit the museum shop, or even play a round of quoits (John Marshall's favorite game). The John Marshall House will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 12 to 5 p.m. on Sunday and is located at 818 East Marshall Street in Richmond. For more information, call (804) 648-7998 or visit www.preservationvirginia.org/visit.

Maymont
Maymont, a 100-acre American estate, was the home of New South business leader James Dooley and his wife Sallie from 1893 through 1925. Maymont Mansion honors Women’s History Month and Time Travelers Weekend with family-friendly tours and special activities from the past. Guests will marvel at the 21 restored rooms that offer an unusually complete depiction of upstairs-downstairs life in the Gilded Age. The opulent upstairs interiors, where Mrs. Dooley's hospitality shone, are adorned with Tiffany stained glass, frescoed ceilings and other sumptuous detailing and filled with original furnishings and artwork. Downstairs service rooms tell the story of household tasks and technology and the challenges for women working in domestic service in a Gilded Age mansion. The surrounding landscape features Italian and Japanese gardens, magnificent trees, and a carriage display as well as Virginia wildlife exhibits, a Children's Farm and The Robins Nature & Visitor Center. Maymont Mansion will be open 12 to 5 p.m on Saturday and Sunday and is located at 1700 Hampton Street in the heart of Richmond. (Grounds are open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) For more information, call (804) 358-7166, ext. 310 or visit www.maymont.org.

Meadow Farm Museum
Meadow Farm, one of the last remaining 19th century farms in Henrico County, is now an 1860 living historical farm focusing on middle-class rural life just before the upheaval of the Civil War. Costumed interpreters provide insights into the lives of Dr. John Mosby Sheppard, the owner of Meadow Farm, and his family. Daily and seasonal activities are portrayed in the farmhouse, barn, doctor’s office, blacksmith’s forge, kitchen, fields and pastures. The Museum also offers a schedule of special events, living history programs, and volunteer opportunities throughout the year. The Meadow Farm Museum Orientation Center features a reception area for visitors, two exhibit galleries and a gift shop. This facility is owned and operated by the County of Henrico Division of Recreation and Parks. Meadow Farm Museum will be open 12 to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday and is located at 3400 Mountain Road in old Glen Allen. (Grounds are open from dawn to dusk.) For more information, call (804) 501-2130 or visit www.henricorecandparks.com.

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The Edgar Allan Poe Museum
Opened in 1922, the Edgar Allan Poe Museum in Richmond boasts the world's finest collection of Edgar Allan Poe's manuscripts, letters, first editions, memorabilia and personal belongings. As Virginia's only literary museum, the Poe Museum provides a retreat into early nineteenth century Richmond where the author of “The Raven” and “The Tell-Tale Heart” lived and worked. The museum explores Poe’s life and career through exhibitions, guided and self-guided tours, and is proud to feature the lovely Enchanted Garden, a partner of the Richmond Garden Trail. All museum tours begin in the mid-eighteenth century Old Stone House, Richmond’s oldest residential structure. The Poe Museum will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday and is located at 1914 East Main Street in Richmond. For more information, call (804) 648-5523 or visit www.poemuseum.org.

Virginia House
Formerly a 16th-century English manor, Virginia House was dismantled and relocated to Richmond in 1925. It was the home of Ambassador and Mrs. Alexander Weddell from 1928 to 1948. Virginia House—now a museum owned and operated by the Virginia Historical Society—is preserved much the same as it was when the Weddells resided there. The house features English and Spanish antiques, silk draperies, Oriental carpets, and fine silver and china. The eight acres of grounds overlooking the James River, designed by landscape architect Charles Gillette, showcase close to 1,000 types of flowers and ornamental plants. Virginia House will be open Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. and is located at 4301 Sulgrave Road. For more information, call (804) 353-4251 or visit www.vahistorical.org.

White House of the Confederacy (Museum of the Confederacy)
The house was home to Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America, and his family from August 1861 until the evacuation of Richmond on April 2, 1865. It served as the political and social epicenter of wartime Richmond. The White House currently holds a large number of furnishings and artifacts that were in the house with the Davis family. All of the remaining items are original to the period, except for the textiles which are reproductions based on original fabrics or period patterns. All tours are guided. The White House of the Confederacy will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday and is located at 1201 East Clay Street in Richmond. For more information, call (855) 649-1861 or visit www.acwm.org. Please note: Time Travelers Passport Holders will only receive free admission to the house tour. The Museum of the Confederacy entrance fee is $10 and will not be free for the promotional weekend.

The 1812 John Wickham House (The Valentine)
The John Wickham House, built in 1812, is a spectacular example of 19th-century Federal architecture and displays some of the country’s finest examples of interior decorative painting. Listed as a National Historic Landmark, the Wickham House, built by John Wickham, illustrates the lives of one of Richmond’s most prominent families. The Wickham House was purchased by Mann Valentine, Jr., and in 1898 became the first home of the Valentine Museum. It is managed and operated by The Valentine. The 1812 John Wickham House will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 12 to 5 p.m. on Sunday and is located at 1015 East Clay Street in Richmond. For more information, call (804) 649-0711 or visit www.thevalentine.org.

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**Wilton House Museum**

Overlooking a placid stretch of the James River, Wilton House has been welcoming guests since constructed in the 1750s as the centerpiece of a sprawling tobacco plantation by the prominent Randolph Family of Virginia. Here, friends, relations, and weary travelers such as Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and the Marquise de Lafayette were welcomed. An impressive example of 18th-century Georgian Style architecture, Wilton House boasts its original and richly detailed paneling and an exquisite collection of fine and decorative arts from the Colonial and early Federal eras. When development threatened Wilton House in the 1930s, The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the Commonwealth of Virginia purchased and restored the property. Wilton House Museum will be open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 4:30 p.m. pm on Sunday and is located at 215 South Wilton Road in Richmond. For more information, call (804) 282-5936 or visit www.wiltonhousemuseum.org.

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