

THE REAL HOUSEWIVES OF OLD NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA *Civil War Itinerary*



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As the largest, wealthiest and most populous State in the Confederacy, Virginia was key to fueling the South's efforts. And, it was the efforts of the real housewives of old Newport News that made the difference.

DAY ONE

Arrive and tour **Lee Hall Mansion**.

Imagine yourself married to one of the wealthiest men in Warwick County, just finished building your new home, pregnant and the Confederate Army has commandeered your home. As you leave your home, you wonder if you will ever return. This is the true story of Martha Lee and when you tour her home, Lee Hall Mansion, you'll see how Brig. Gen. John Bankhead Magruder used this beautiful property as headquarters during the 1862 Peninsula Campaign.

Board your motorcoach and depart for **Endview Plantation**.

In the 1850s, Endview was purchased by Dr. Humphrey Harwood Curtis. The home was used briefly as a Confederate hospital in the spring of 1862 and was then occupied by Union forces until 1864. When you visit this home, hear how Maria Curtis, Dr. Curtis' wife, was presented a silver cup in gratitude of her kind treatment as she nursed the wounded and sick.

Arrive at the **Boxwood Inn** and enjoy "dinnertainment", Southern style!

This evening you'll discover the taste of the South with your themed dinner at the Boxwood Inn. This historic 100+ year-old bed and breakfast was built in 1896 and served as the Warwick County (now Newport News) Hall of Records, a general store, a post office and a hotel for soldiers during both World Wars. Enjoy entertainment this evening by the Doorway Singers.

DAY TWO

Depart for **The Mariners' Museum and the USS Monitor Center**.

Designated by Congress as America's National Maritime Museum, The Mariners' Museum offers a captivating look at centuries of seafaring adventures. The dramatic USS *Monitor* Center brings to life the "Battle of the Ironclads" and offers visitors the chance to walk the deck of a full-scale *Monitor* replica. Other treasures await you at this maritime gem. The world-class collection includes 35,000 maritime paintings, artifacts, figure heads, ship models, decorative arts and small craft from around the world.

Depart for lunch and tour of the **Virginia Living Museum**.

Enjoy lunch on your own at their "Wild Side Café". Then learn more about the plants and animals soldiers and civilians encountered as the war brought them to Virginia. More battles were fought in Virginia than any other state during the Civil War. The geographic regions that figured strategically in the war and many of the plants and animals mentioned by soldiers and civilians are featured in the Virginia Living Museum's indoor and outdoor exhibits.

Board your motorcoach and depart for dinner at the **First Ladies Tea Parlor**.

Arrive and enjoy a causal walk on Styron Square or do some shopping at exclusive stores located throughout Port Warwick. Then enjoy a delightful dinner at the First Ladies Tea Parlor.

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