Lightwood Historic Williamsburg Home, 1760s
Time Traveler's Delight

Summary

Circa 1760
Williamsburg Vacations Rentals Vacation Rental Homes Vacation Home Historic Williamsburg Vacation Rental Pet Friendly Pets Allowed

Description

Lightwood is an elegant eighteenth-century plantation house, nestled in an ancient beech forest in rural Surry County, Virginia, and is one of America's most beautiful and unique historic vacation rentals. The estate comprises over one hundred acres of woods, meadows and streams, and is part of the land given by Chief Powhatan to Pocahontas and John Rolfe as a wedding gift. Lightwood House was the center of a prosperous tobacco plantation and the home of a Revolutionary War soldier and his family. Built in four different periods, circa 1760 to 1795, Lightwood House is completely restored and features exceptional, detailed woodwork and authentic furnishings, yet also offers all modern conveniences, including a jetted tub, satellite TV, and WIFI.

Children love Lightwood House, with its many nooks and crannies to explore. While the house has many antiques, the furniture is sturdy (one could almost dance a jig on the dining room table without doing any harm) and we have never had a problem with damage by enthusiastic little ones. So please don't worry about turning kids loose in the house, as long as obvious and normal precautions are taken (like no ball games inside etc.) Recent additions to Lightwood include four long case "Grandfather" clocks, two of which are over 300 years old. The bells are silenced when guests are there, and they can easily be stopped if the ticking bothers anyone.
While the surroundings are completely rural and secluded, the house is only one-and-a-half miles from the town of Surry, where basic essentials are available, and three-and-a-half miles to the 24-hour, 18-minute, free car ferry ride to Jamestown and Williamsburg. From the ferry dock on the other side of the James River, Jamestown is one-half mile, and Colonial Williamsburg six miles away.

The house has five bedrooms and two large bathrooms (the downstairs bathroom features a marble walk-in shower and six-foot whirlpool bathtub), a living room, dining room that seats up to ten comfortably, large classical entrance hall, fully equipped kitchen, laundry room, four fireplaces (three with gas logs or stoves), and back porch, for a total of 2400 square feet. Upstairs there are two larger bedrooms, each with a queen-size canopy bed, one double bed in a smaller room, and two twin beds in an attic room adjoining one of the queen bedrooms. Downstairs there is a small bedroom with a double bed.

The house is furnished with antiques from the seventeenth-, eighteenth- and early-nineteenth centuries. A picket-fenced back yard with period outbuildings, including a smokehouse used to smoke the hams for the coronation feast of King Edward VII, completes the scene. Two miles of nature trails meander through the woods and meadows of Lightwood Forest, and offer a close look at local wildlife, which includes deer, turkeys, foxes, turtles, hawks, owls, woodpeckers, and bald eagles. Lightwood offers a private setting and a truly unique and exciting opportunity to step back into another time, all the while enjoying the comforts of the twenty-first century. This spectacular estate truly is a place of beauty, peace, and tranquility.

WEDDINGS AND EVENTS:
Friday noon through Sunday noon, up to 150 guests; ten guests may stay overnight at the house Friday and Saturday nights. Includes wedding ceremony area and space for a 40 x 80 tent for receptions, dinners, and dancing. $3500. Treasure hunts are also offered at Lightwood for children under eight years old and for adults who are still young at heart! Follow the clues through the woods to find the hidden Faerie treasure buried long ago. January-December, $250.

AREA ATTRACTIONS:
The historic museums of Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown are only a short drive and free, 24-hour, 20-minute car ferry ride away. All three attractions are connected by the beautiful Colonial Parkway, which begins at Jamestown where the ferry docks, follows the banks of the James and York Rivers, passes through Williamsburg and ends at Yorktown and the Chesapeake Bay. Many important historic Civil War sites are within an hour's drive, in the Richmond/Petersburg area.

River-front beaches can be found in Surry at Chippokes Plantation State Park, at Jamestown on the James River, and at Yorktown on the York River leading to the Chesapeake Bay. Virginia Beach itself is only a little over an hour's drive away. Williamsburg is also the home of Busch Gardens and Water Country USA theme parks. Surry County attractions include Bacon's Castle--America's finest seventeenth-century manor house; Smith's Fort Plantation, the site of Captain John Smith's fort of 1609 as well as a lovely 1760s brick house; and Chippokes Plantation State Park, with historic buildings, Olympic-sized pool, and riverfront beach. Boat rentals are available at the Chickahominy River County Park in Williamsburg/James City County.

The historic waterfront town of Smithfield, and seventeenth-century Saint Luke's Church, is a 20-minute drive away. Well-known James River plantations, open to the public, are an easy 45-minute drive and can be found along Historic Route 5, which winds through Charles City County. Richmond is over an hour's drive, and Washington D.C., can be reached in around three hours (depending on NOVA/I-95 traffic conditions

Additional Property Information
Fireplaces, Free U.S. Long Distance Phone Calls, WIFI, satellite TV, Central Air and Heat, VCR, DVD player and DVDs, Hot Water Kettle, Coffee Maker, Keurig, French Press, Large Crockpot, Pots, Pans, Utensils, basic Condiments,
Comforters, Bed Linens, Towels, Washcloths, Basic Soaps, Paper Towels, Bathroom Tissue, Two Canopy Beds (Queen Sized), Two Double Beds and Two Twin Beds, Walking Trails, Booster Seat, High Chair, Children's Playground (Outside Toys, Swings, Slide, and Play Tower), Children's Indoor Toy Closet, Children's Books.

Accommodation, Features

House

Bedroom(s): 5 ( 10 Sleeps )
Double: 2, Queen: 2, Twin / Single: 2

Bathroom(s): 2
Combination Tub / Shower: 1, Jetted Tub: 1, Walk-in Shower: 1

Suitability

- Long term rentals: No
- Pet Friendly: Yes, pets welcome
- Smoking: No smoking
- Children: Yes, great for kids
- Wheelchair Accessible: No
- Seniors: Not suitable

Themes

Away From It All, Family, Historic, Romantic, Rustic, Tourist Attractions

Location Type

Romantic, Rural or Farm

Popular Amenities

Air Conditioning, Catering Available, Clothes Dryer, Deck / Patio, Dining Area, Fireplace, Linens Provided, Telephone, Towels Provided, Washing Machine, Wireless Internet

Indoor Features

Blender, Child Highchair, Coffee Maker, Cooking Utensils, Dishes & Utensils, Dishwasher, Freezer, Hair Dryer, Heating, Internet, Iron & Board, Jetted Bath Tub, Kitchen, Living Room, Microwave, Oven, Pantry Items, Refrigerator, Stove, Toaster

Outdoor Features

Deck / Patio, Fire Pit, Kayak / Canoe, Lawn / Garden, Outdoor Furniture, Outdoor Gas Grill

Activities

Activities & Adventure:


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No rates available

**Policies**

**Check in:** 16:00, **Check out:** 10:00

Pet friendly. Up to two well behaved dogs are welcome.

**Additional Info**

Both bathrooms are spacious. The upstairs bath has a tub/shower arrangement. The downstairs bath has a six-foot jetted tub as well as a separate walk-in marble-tiled shower, with a built-in marble bench. Towels and washcloths are provided as well as basic soaps.

Queen-size beds (2): Two large bedrooms upstairs with a Queen-size bed in each room. Double beds (2): One small bedroom upstairs with a Double bed, and one small bedroom downstairs with a Double bed. Twin or Single beds (2): There is one Attic room with two Twin beds. The Attic room adjoins one of the Queen bedrooms. In order to get to the upstairs bathroom from the Attic room, one needs to go through the Queen bedroom. The rooms act as a kind of family suite.

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