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Background

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Annapolis Tours® by Watermark® Where History Comes Alive

(Annapolis, MD) -- Annapolis Tours by Watermark offers the original Annapolis colonial walking tours. With period-dressed guides and historical interpreters, guests have a glimpse of the past in this Maryland capital city.

Walking tours are a specialty of Annapolis Tours by Watermark. From colonial times through the Civil War period, from Historic Ghost Walk to African American Heritage Tours, our experienced and highly trained guides bring history to life and fun to history with stories, home and building tours and items to see and touch.

The Four Centuries Walking Tour, originally "Three Centuries Walking Tour" when it first came to life in 1975, is a 2 hour and 15 minute stroll through the streets of Annapolis. This tour also includes the U.S. Naval Academy and the Maryland State House as well as other historic buildings as they are available to the public. A favorite among school groups, especially 4th grade Maryland history classes, this informative and interesting tour of Annapolis is pleasant, friendly and entertaining with Watermark's historic interpreters.

All the Annapolis Tours by Watermark tours are accompanied by authentic, period-dressed guides. The African-American Heritage Tour focuses on the rich and authentic journey of African Americans in Annapolis and is offered to the public in February. The Civil War and War of 1812 tours are 2-hour tours available to private groups anytime. The Civil War in Annapolis tour highlights the unique position of Annapolis between the North and the South. War of 1812 in Annapolis, offered during the War of 1812 Bicentennial celebration, was developed in partnership with the United States Naval Academy.

The Historic Ghost Walk takes on a slightly different flavor with eerie, but fact-based tales of the scarier side of Annapolis. From sick beds to window spirits, Historic Ghost Walk brings 90-minutes of drama to Annapolis at twilight in this engaging spirit quest.

Annapolis Tours by Watermark offers specialty tours to the general public not posted on the regular tour schedule. Guests can request customized tours that include everything from shopping to housing, gastronomy to art. Step-on guides for larger groups and arm-chair tours for those not able to walk the tour are also available. "The breadth of knowledge and experience of our guide team is unparalleled," says Debbie Gosselin, President of Watermark.

From the Alex Haley Statue at City Dock to the Dome at the State House, the shops on Main Street to historic homes on East Street, Annapolis Tours by Watermark is the most exciting way to discover Maryland history and folklore and feel history come alive in Annapolis.

About Watermark

Watermark immerses people in the history, culture and fun of the Chesapeake area more completely than any other tour or charter company. Whether you want to learn or just enjoy, no one else offers so many ways to experience this special place, both by land and by water. Watermark® an Annapolis-based, locally owned and operated business, has been creating authentic experiences since 1972. Watermark sub-brands include Annapolis Tours® by Watermark®, offering the original Annapolis colonial tours; Cruises on the Bay™ by Watermark®, and Wedding on the Bay™ by Watermark®, offer flawless events on pristine yachts; Destination Education™ by Watermark®, gives teachers the most engaging way to immerse their students in history. For a complete list of walking tours, sightseeing cruises, yacht charters and services offered by Watermark visit www.cruisesonthebay.com.

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