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Dear Members of the ILR,

Welcome to the fourth edition of virtual traveling! As we move forward with the Covid vaccinations, and we start to see the light at the end of the tunnel, we still need to remain diligent over the next few months. With that in mind, we would like to share with you additional opportunities to visit exciting new places virtually as well as allow you to learn new things, enjoy some amazing scenery, and possibly even begin planning a real trip in the near future. Enjoy!

Travel Through Websites

Only in Your State—onlyinyourstate.com) --This website will help you explore all the exciting things there are to do right here in our lovely state or the state of your choice! From restaurants to beautiful inns, from hikes to water falls to endless historical sites, the possibilities are endless!

Amazon Prime—View videos of legendary cities if you subscribe to Amazon Prime!

Stratford Hall—www.stratfordhall.org) --An upcoming Zoom program will be on Saturday, May 29, from 7-9 p.m. (suggested donation \$8) called “Hidden in the Walls: Secrets of the Enslaved Community at Stratford Hall

Also on their website is a series of past presentations which have been captured on YouTube Videos. The series is entitled “Colonial Foodways and Culture.” The following topics are included:

- Colonial Milling & Brewing
- African American Foodways Cooking Demonstration
- Tobacco Pipes & Culture in the Colonial Era
- Food, Politics & Colonial Women
- Colonial Maps, Trade & the Atlantic World
- The Lees & Liquor
- Colonial Christmas Cuisine
- Colonial Chocolate in the Atlantic World

AAA—AAA will be hosting a series of virtual travel shows so you can learn more about the destinations waiting for you when you're ready to travel. Space is limited.

AAA.com/travelshowqr

Winchester Mystery House—(<https://www.winchestermysteryhouse.com>) This San Jose mansion was purchased in 1886 by Sarah Winchester, who inherited a fortune from her gun magnate husband. A popular if unsubstantiated rumor holds that the design of the house was meant to confuse the spirits of those shot by Winchester rifles. You can tour this mansion through a 41-minute video available on Vimeo (\$5.99 to rent, \$13.99 to buy) with interactive 3D tour (\$8.99) that includes areas not usually shown.

Mark Twain House—This 1874 mansion in Hartford, Connecticut, was the home to Samuel Clemens (aka Mark Twain) and his family beginning in 1874. Clemens described the style of his house as “eclectic.” Highlights of this free virtual tour include the library, the conservatory, and the billiard room, which doubled as a writing room. Visit marktwainhouse.org.

Additional Home Tours—There is a 3D tour of Alice Austen's house (aliceausten.org), a video tour of one of Georgia O'Keefe's homes (okeeffemuseum.org), a live feed from Winslow Homer's studio (portlandmuseum.org/homer#), and a remote tour of Edgar Allan Poe's Baltimore house (poeinbaltimore.org).

AARP—(aarp.org/virtual-community-center) Free Interactive online events and classes designed for learning, self-improvement, and fun!

Examples of Recent Events: Tuesday Explorers: Wright Brothers—First Flight; Virtual U Lecture: America's Greatest Idea: National Parks; Savoring Sicily: 2,000 years of History in 100 Iconic Dishes—Food Historian Lecture Series with Francine Segan

Visit Williamsburg—(www.visitwilliamsburg.com)—Select “Explore the Area.” Scroll down to “Visitors Favorites” and select Colonial Williamsburg. Click on “Visit Website.” Scroll down to “Research & Education,” then scroll down and select “Virtual Tours.” There are virtual tours available for Architectural Preservation, the Capitol, Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg, and Governor's Palace. Another option is to select “Livestream on Facebook.” Each week, you can meet the people who bring history to life and discover how your life today compares to those of the diverse community members of 18th century Williamsburg. You can join interpreters live every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday on Facebook at 2 p.m. Tuesdays programs are “#Trades,” Wednesdays programs are “Exploring Our World,” and Thursdays programs are “Live! From History.”