

Step onto a Canal Boat— and step back in time.

Established in 1785 with the fervent support of George Washington, the James River Company began constructing the first towpath canal system in North America—enabling boat traffic to bypass the river's falls and creating vital economic and travel links from Richmond to Lynchburg and beyond.

Now you can explore these same waters, learning about the canal's rich heritage while getting a one-of-a-kind view of Virginia's capital

city as it continues to flourish along the banks of the James. Your 40-minute, guided cruise brings history to life like never before as you learn how the canals gave rise to the many warehouses and markets of

Shockoe Bottom—and how industrialization and the arrival of the railroad changed Richmond and its unique canal system forever.



2010 Season

April 2 – May 2

Fri. & Sat.: Noon – 7PM
Sun.: Noon – 5PM

May 6 – May 30

Thurs. – Sat.: Noon – 7PM
Sun.: Noon – 5PM

June 2 – August 29

Wed. – Sat.: Noon – 7PM
Sun.: Noon – 5PM

All tours are weather dependent

September 2 – 26

Thurs. – Sat.: Noon – 7PM
Sun.: Noon – 5PM

October 1 – November 14

Fri. & Sat.: Noon – 7PM
Sun.: Noon – 5PM

Canal Boat Cruise Pricing

Adults: \$5.00
Children (5 – 12 years old): \$4.00
Seniors (65 years and up): \$4.00
Children 4 and under: FREE

All boats are handicap accessible.

Private Charter Pricing

1-hour Charter: \$95.00
Non-profit educational groups and seniors: \$85.00
A 15% gratuity for your guide is recommended.

Parking

Parking is available in the many lots and decks in nearby Shockoe Slip. Street parking is also available on Canal and Cary Streets.

For more information, call our ticket kiosk 804.649.2800



CANAL CRUISES >

Washington's Vision, Come to Life.

Work on Virginia's canal system began in Richmond, circumventing the seven-mile falls of the James River through a series of wooden locks that linked the lower and upper James. By 1840, the canal was complete from Richmond to Lynchburg—

and tobacco, wheat, and many passengers filled the hundreds of boats that transversed the waters. But the arrival of the railroad in the 1880s made the canals largely obsolete. By the turn of the century they were abandoned, and fell into disrepair. Today, Richmond's canals have been restored and flat-bottomed boats again travel alongside the James in the city's revitalized River District. Your journey begins at the Turning Basin at the base of Virginia Street, where you'll be greeted by your captain and ushered aboard a covered, 35-passenger canal boat.

meet at the famed "Triple Crossing"—the intersection of three key transportation routes. It's an unforgettable experience in an unforgettable city.

Charter a Private Cruise for Your Group.

Canal Boat Cruises are perfect for groups—and private charters are available for day or night with two weeks notice.

Groups may also dine on the boat. Caterers are available, or you may bring your own food. For more information call 804.788.6466 or visit venturerichmond.com.



See all Richmond's River District Has to Offer.

When your cruise is over, there's still more to do! A 1¼ mile Canal Walk winds through downtown along the banks of the Haxall Canal, the river and the Kanawha Canal—giving you unprecedented access to the authentic history, dining and shopping experienced available in the city's thriving River District. You can walk to the American Civil War Center at Tredegar Iron Works, explore scenic Brown's Island, and climb the Flood Wall for more incredible city views.



Cruise Through Richmond's Past and Present.

A unique and interactive outdoor family experience, River District Canal Cruises offer unmatched views of Richmond's vibrant downtown, as well as the natural beauty of the James River. During your 40-minute journey, your captain will entertain you with

tales of the city's waterways and dynamic history, while you'll see canal wildlife... centuries-old brick warehouses... cobblestone streets... sophisticated new lofts and office buildings rising into the sky... and the iron railroad trestles and soaring highways that

