



CICV Counselor Tour Frequently Asked Questions

Which Virginia private colleges are featured on the 2024 Tour?

Randolph College, Bridgewater College, Mary Baldwin University, Sweet Briar College, Liberty University, Averett University, Hampden-Sydney College, University of Lynchburg

How much does the tour cost?

An \$80 registration fee plus transportation to and from Lynchburg, Virginia will be your only expenses. If airport scheduling requires you to arrive a day early or depart a day later, you will be responsible for all arrangements and costs associated with hotels, meals, cabs, etc.

When does the tour begin?

The estimated itinerary for this tour is that registration will open at 10:00 am on Wednesday, April 24th with the first tour commencing at 11:00 am.

This tour is very popular with counselors. Space is limited to the first 50 registered participants.

Please do not make airline reservations until you have received written confirmation from CICV indicating that you have been registered for the tour!!!

When does the tour end?

Participants will be returned to Randolph College by approximately 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 27th. Please keep this in mind when you book a return trip home!

How long will we spend on each campus?

You will spend approximately three (3) hours at each college.

Please be advised that the days will be fun, informative and **LONG!** This is unavoidable in order to accommodate eight college tours in four days.

I only want to participate in part of the tour. Is that allowed?

Registrations will only be honored for those registrants who attend the entire tour.

Please only register for the tour if you can participate in the entire tour (April 24 – April 27).

Where will we stay each night?

You will stay in local hotels in, not in college dormitories. We will send the hotel names to registered and confirmed tour participants as we get closer to the tour dates.

Unless you specifically request a single room or a particular roommate in advance, you will be matched up with another tour participant of the same gender who will remain your roommate for the duration of the tour.

If you prefer a single room, an additional \$250 per person will be required beyond the \$80 registration fee.

If you prefer a single room, it is best to register as soon as possible because there may be a limited number of single rooms available. You must note on your registration form that you would like to have a single room and your payment must be received with your registration payment. Anyone who does not provide proof of COVID vaccination will not be eligible to room share and will be required to pay for a single room.

How will we be transported from one college to another?

CICV uses a commercial charter bus and driver.

Will meals be provided?

Meals will be provided by the colleges and/or The Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia (CICV). There will also be snacks and beverages provided on the bus. Please feel free to pack your own snacks if you have allergies or specific preferences.

I have special dietary needs. Will they be met on this tour?

You will be able to indicate any special dietary needs on your registration form. Our colleges do an excellent job accommodating most dietary issues.

If I drive, where will I leave my car?

You will be parking your car in a designated secure location at Randolph College which is the designated start/end location for the 2024 tour. CICV will provide parking directions to registrants as we move closer to the tour dates.

Please note that if you carpool to the tour and your driver becomes ill or it is unavoidably necessary for them to leave the tour prior to its conclusion, you will be responsible for arranging transportation back to your home base.

Can a spouse or friend come with me? What about children?

To participate in the tour, you must be a high school counselor working with college-bound students, an independent counselor with membership in NACAC, HECA or IECA, a transfer coordinator at a two-year college, or employed by a community-based college access organization. **Non-counselor spouses, friends, children or pets cannot be accommodated on the tour.**

What should I pack/wear?

Pack as lightly as you can. You will be responsible for carrying your own luggage.

Casual dress is appropriate. **Please bring comfortable shoes. You will be doing a lot of walking on our college campuses and some are hillier than others.**

Virginia weather can be unpredictable in spring. Please ensure you check online for the forecasted weather prior to packing.

Virginia Private College Tour and COVID-19

Participants who wish to share accommodations with an assigned roommate must show proof of COVID-19 vaccination and booster. Please provide a copy of your vaccination card along with your registration no later than April 12, 2024. Participants are expected to comply with the COVID protocols as set forth on each campus.

Whom do I contact for additional information?

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