



#### **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Orange County Offers a Country Holiday Experience**

Day of Historic Inns Holiday Tours is Centerpiece of Holiday Celebrations

Orange, VA - Orange County is celebrating 250 Years of Virginia holiday history with a variety of special events that combine country charm with world-class accommodations. From the joy and openness of Christmas Tree lightings and local parades to candlelight holiday festivities at Montpelier, the historic home of James Madison, spending time in Orange is a great option for a holiday getaway.

The centerpiece of holiday festivities in Orange is the Historic Inns of Orange Holiday Tour on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Four of the award winning inns and bed and breakfasts for which Orange County is known will be especially decorated with dazzling displays and open for tours from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. This special weekend also includes the Town of Orange Christmas parade and the Memorial Tree Lighting.

"Folks from the nearby metro areas like Richmond and DC will find they only need to travel a short distance for a beautiful holiday experience," said Leigh Mawyer, tourism manager at Orange County Department of Tourism. "And with such a great concentration of award-winning inns, nationally-recognized for service and style, it really is a great way to enjoy the season."

Orange County is located 72 miles from the state capital, Richmond; 75 miles from Northern Virginia; 87 miles from the nation's capital, Washington, D.C.; and only 25 miles from Charlottesville. For more information about Holiday Celebrations in Orange County, visit <a href="https://www.visitorangevirginia.com">www.visitorangevirginia.com</a>.

## The Holidays in Orange County, VA

Gordonsville Memorial Christmas Tree Lighting December 1, 2013 at 5:30pm

### Celebrating the Spirit in Orange Concert December 7, 2013 at 5:30pm

Church choirs offer traditional, gospel and inspirational music in honor of the true spirit of Christmas.

## James Madison's Montpelier Candlelight Tour December 6 - 7 and 13-14 (Fri.-Sat.)

Tour the mansion by candlelight for a very special introduction to the holiday.

### Decorating for the Holidays Historic Inns of Orange Holiday Tour

Sunday, December 8, 2013 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Featuring Mayhurst, Inn at Westwood Farm, Holladay House, and the Inn at Willow Grove. Inns will offer a 25% discount on room rates for Sunday, December 8, 2013.

# **Town of Orange Parade & Orange Memorial Tree Lighting**

Sunday, December 8, 2013. 4 p.m.

### **Singing Christmas Tree**

December 7 & 8, at 5:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
A truly unique holiday chorale experience with the Orange Baptist Church Choir.

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