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## **Colonial Williamsburg Honored by *Forbes* as one of America's Best Mid-Size Employers of 2017**

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (May 11, 2017) – *Forbes* this week [unveiled](#) its list of [America's Best Mid-Size Employers of 2017](#) and for the first time ever, the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation has been named among the nation's institutions that are best at making their employees feel "happy, inspired and well-compensated."

Colonial Williamsburg is listed 69th among the 301 organizations recognized that employ between 1,000 and 5,000 personnel, and placed second among all travel and leisure institutions nationwide. It was nestled between the consulting firm McKinsey and the financial advisors T. Rowe Price, and placed well ahead of Bain & Co., Caribou Coffee and The Biltmore.

"Colonial Williamsburg is a historical and architectural treasure like no other, but it is our employees – among the world's most passionate and professional – who bring the museum to life and inspire so many with America's enduring story," said Mitchell B. Reiss, Colonial Williamsburg president and CEO. "We are heartened that *Forbes'* honor reflects our shared commitment to our guests and to our critical mission of education and preservation."

Working in partnership with database and consumer research firm Statista, *Forbes* based its results on anonymous survey interviews of 30,000 employees of 1,800 mid-size organizations nationwide.

Most heavily weighted in *Forbes'* analysis: whether respondents would recommend their employer to others. Employees were also asked how factors such as compensation, diversity, pride, atmosphere and opportunities for advancement factored in their sentiments.

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*Colonial Williamsburg operates the world's largest living history museum, preserving Virginia's 18th-century capital as a fully functioning city. Fun, engaging experiences transport guests back in time and highlight the relevance of America's founding era to contemporary life. The Colonial Williamsburg experience includes more than 500 restored or reconstructed buildings, historic trade shops, renowned*

*museums of decorative arts and folk art, extensive educational outreach programs for students and teachers, lodging, culinary options from historic taverns to casual or elegant dining, the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club featuring 45 holes designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr. and his son Rees Jones, a full-service spa and fitness center managed by Trilogy Spa, pools, retail stores and gardens. Philanthropic support and revenue from admissions, products and hospitality operations sustain Colonial Williamsburg's educational programs and preservation initiatives.*

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