



Charleston, SC and Savannah, GA

with *Monticello*

April 20-26, 2015

Includes:

- 6 nights lodging
- 6 Breakfasts
- Southern Style Buffet Lunch at Paula Deen's *Lady & Son's*
- 4 Full-course Dinners, including a seafood dinner
- Guided tours of Charleston and Savannah
- Charleston City Market
- Tour of Fort Sumter
- Magnolia Plantation Home and Nature Tram Tour
- Charleston Harbor Cruise
- Savannah's River Street District
- Sightseeing Cruise on Savannah River
- Savannah History Museum
- Mercer Williams House
- Visit to Thomas Jefferson's *Monticello*
- Motorcoach Transportation

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\$995 per person (double occupancy)
\$1234 per person (single occupancy)



CHARLESTON, SC & SAVANNAH, GA

7 Days - 6 Nights

Day 1-Depart early morning and travel south to your first destination ... Charlottesville, VA where you will proceed directly to Monticello, the mountaintop home of Thomas Jefferson (third President of the United States and author of the Declaration of Independence). After your tour, check into your hotel in the area and freshen up before enjoying dinner on your own.

Day 2 - Following breakfast at your hotel, check out and continue traveling south to Charleston, SC. Upon arrival you will meet your guide for a Historic Charleston Tour. Charleston is one of the most beautiful and historic cities in the South and it features stately homes with lovely gardens, magnificent public buildings, and majestic churches. You will see the College of Charleston, Harleston Village (one of the early suburbs of the city), the Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, and the famous Battery with its elegant townhouses. Then check into your motel and prepare for a delicious dinner at one of Charleston's popular restaurants.

Day 3 - Enjoy breakfast, then depart for a visit to the Magnolia Plantation where you will have a tour of the home and nature tram tour of the gardens. The Plantation dates back to 1676 and is one of the oldest plantations in the South. It was originally a rice plantation that became known for its gardens in the mid-1800s. Enjoy lunch on your own in Charleston's historic area before departing for an afternoon harbor cruise and a visit to Ft. Sumter, which is known as The Battery. Fort Sumter was built following the War of 1812 and is best known as the site upon which the shots initiating the American Civil War were fired at the Battle of Fort Sumter. After the cruise, return to your hotel to prepare for dinner which will be at one of Charleston's fine restaurants.

Day 4 - After breakfast, check out and spend some free time in Charleston's City Market area where you can do some browsing and shopping for local crafts which include baskets, artwork, jewelry, souvenirs, and clothing. After your visit, travel to Savannah, GA where lodging has been arranged for you for the next three evenings. Dinner will be at one of the local restaurants.

Day 5 – Following breakfast, depart for Savannah's Visitor Center where you will meet your guide for a 2-hour tour of one of the largest restored National Historic Landmark Districts in the nation. You will see 2.2 square miles of the Historic District showing over 270 years of rich history with its restored 18th and 19th century buildings and the waterfront where cotton warehouses are now restaurants, hotels, and shops. This beautiful city eloquently displays exquisite ironwork, ancient cobblestones, splendid mansions and picturesque cottages. You will see and hear about Factors Walk, Trustees Garden, City Market, and Colonial Cemetery. Enjoy a delicious southern buffet lunch at The Lady & Sons Restaurant. In the afternoon, visit the Savannah History Museum, housed in the old Central of Georgia Railway passenger shed and dating to the 1850s. The museum is now home to more than 10,000 artifacts including Forest Gump's bench, one of Johnny Mercer's Oscar Awards, and a carriage owned by the family of Girl Scouts founder, Juliette Gordon Lowe. You may also enjoy a film presentation of "Savannah the Survivor" in the theatre. A stop at Savannah's River Street District will allow you time to browse in the unique shops and enjoy dinner on your own at one of the popular restaurants.

Day 6 - Enjoy breakfast, then depart for a visit to the Mercer-Williams House, immortalized in the book, *Midnight in the Garden of Good & Evil*. Built for Civil War General Hugh W. Mercer, great grandfather of songwriter and lyricist Johnny Mercer, the house would never be home to any of the Mercer family. Construction began in 1860, but completion was delayed due to the outbreak of the Civil War, and it was not completed until 1869. Enjoy lunch on your own before returning to the riverfront area where you will board a riverboat for a fantastic cruise on the Savannah River. Relive a bygone era and hear the captain's intriguing tales and historic facts as your tour a river once used by the founders of this beautiful city. Learn about the history of Savannah, her port modern day and past, and see the statue of "the waving girl". Tonight, enjoy a delicious seafood dinner at one of the fine local restaurants.

Day 7 - After breakfast, check out and prepare for your departure home with fond memories of Charleston & Savannah.