

Savannah & Charleston

May 5-12, 2012



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Cobblestone streets beneath moss-draped oaks. Sit on the front porch of beautiful antebellum homes. Stroll through manicured gardens of a bygone era. Enjoy narrated carriage & trolley tours. The owner of the Thomas Elfe House (built in 1760) has invited us to a private tour & dinner. Take a riverboat cruise with live gospel music on the Savannah River. Enjoy a peaceful boat ride through salt water marshes aboard a quiet electric boat. See what all the buzz is about when we tour Paula Dean's 'hangouts'. Visit Tybee Lighthouse, Fort Pulaski & so much more.

Let us show you Savannah & Charleston's fascinating past with its hidden alleys, pirates & 200 year old treasure troves of the Revolutionary and Civil Wars.

Hear stories about famous and infamous people and events from their rich and colorful history.

It's our pleasure to do all the footwork and fuss with the details so you can relax and enjoy it all in the company of new-found friends on our fully escorted tour.



\$3500 per person double occupancy (add \$700 for single occupancy) \$150 nonrefundable deposit reserves your space
Half remaining balance due Jan 2 – Balance due March 2 - Trip cancellation insurance available and recommended

Call Burlene Blankenship of Journey Travel & Tours: 509-334-1291 or 509-595-2549 (cell)

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Includes: Round trip air from Spokane, hotel nights in Savannah & Charleston and Spokane if needed for airline schedule, 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners, admission to all activities above, gratuities, complimentary DVD of your trip





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May 5, Sat

Fly into Savannah, Georgia – arriving in the evening.

Quick 15 minute bus ride to the Mulberry Inn (our hotel for the next three nights).

The Mullberry Inn is listed on National Register of Historic Hotels of America, originally built in 1860's as livery stable and cotton warehouse. In the early 1900's it was transformed into the first Coca Cola™ franchise bottling facility in America. Today, this graceful, Southern lady has been renovated back to a great hotel with antiques, heart pine floors and a lovely courtyard, just perfect for putting your feet up and resting in the shade beside the fountain.

All meals on our own today

May 6, Sun

Included Breakfast Buffet at the Mullberry Inn at your leisure this morning.

9-noon

Pick up at Mullberry Inn by Savannah Tours Trolley (open-air trolley-not a mini-bus) so we can really feel the atmosphere of the narrow, oak-lined streets of Savannah. Dottie Barrett is our guide this morning. Dottie is a genuine member of the Daughters of the Confederacy and proud of it. She is loves her home and is happy to share its secrets and stories with us.

Noon-1:30pm Drop off at River House Restaurant on River Street for included group lunch.

The buildings along River Street were built in the early 1700-1800's. There are shops and fun places to poke around in galore.

1:30-3pm Everyone is free to shop and explore along River and Bay Streets.

3:00pm Savannah Tours Trolley picks us up at the bell in front of the Cotton Exchange to transport us to the Ships of the Sea Museum.

3:15-4:30pm Tour Ships of the Sea Museum

4:45pm Savannah Trolley delivers us back to the Mullberry Inn for a time to rest.

6:15pm Depart Mullberry Inn for Paula Deen's Lady & Sons Restaurant via Savannah Trolley - some may wish to walk. It's not far and you walk through several of Savannah's famous squares.

6:30-8:00pm Dinner at Lady & Sons (Included). Try some of Paula's favorite recipes.

8:00pm Savannah Trolley delivers us back to Mullberry Inn for the night.

Inc B, L, D - no meals on your own today



May 7, Mon

Included Breakfast Buffet at Mullberry Inn

8:45am Pickup at Mulberry Inn by Savannah Tours. This time in a minibus.

9-12:30pm Hey Y'all, we're off on our Paula Deen Tour. Paula remains one of the stars on the Food Network and is full of down home hospitality with a sass and class as big as Savannah itself. See where Paula was married, her original restaurants and favorite places. Tammy is scheduled to be our guide. She is a delightful, funny gal with a southern accent I could enjoy all day. We end our tour after an included lunch at Uncle Bubba's (Paula's brother).



12:30-2:30pm Visit Fort Pulaski and Tybee Lighthouse.

3-5:00pm Visit the City Market for some free time to enjoy the nearby squares-optional carriage rides here-shopping, too, if you like.

5:15pm Arrive back at Mullberry Inn via Savannah Tours Trolley or minibus for some leisure time.

6:45pm Pickup by Savannah Tours to a Gospel Riverboat Cruise on the Savannah River. Relax over an included dinner and some of the best Southern Gospel music around.

9:00pm Return to the Mullberry Inn via Savannah Tours Trolley or minibus.

Inc B, L, D - no meals on own today



May 8, Tues

Included Breakfast Buffet at Mullberry Inn.
This morning we say goodbye to Mullberry Inn and move north.

- 9:00am Depart Savannah via Savannah Tours minibus for the one hour drive to Beaufort, South Carolina.
- 10:00am Arrive at the Beaufort Marine Park
- 10:30-11:30am Board our 16 passenger carriage for tour of Beaufort. This little town is chock full of beautiful old Southern homes and stories that will tickle and amaze you.
- 11:30-1:30pm Drop off downtown for lunch on your own a little time to browse the shops.
- 1:30pm Depart for the 1 ½ hour drive to Charleston
- 3:00pm Arrive at Mills House in Charleston, South Carolina – our home for the next 3 nights - time to freshen up/explore.
You'll love the Mills House. It was built in 1853, now beautifully renovated; it is situated in the heart of historic Charleston.

- 4:00pm There's no more charming way to get a welcoming overview to this beautiful city than via horse drawn carriages. So, Palmetto Carriage will pick us up at Mills House for a narrated carriage tour of the Historic District. Quaint streets with homes and shops built in 1600's to 1800's. Here is where our nation began...and almost ended. You'll hear stories and famous names that make history come alive.



- 5:00pm We are in for a rare treat because William Ward, the owner of the Thomas Elfe House, has invited us for dinner in his private home. His home is one of Charleston's wonderful treasures. It has been featured on HGTV and in Early American Life Magazine for its Award Winning kitchen.



Built well before the American Revolution, Thomas Elfe arrived in Charleston from England in about 1747, bringing along a unique skill for woodworking. Here in Charleston, he became one of the most prolific and acclaimed cabinetmakers of the Colonial era. His work appears in many other house museums and private homes throughout the city, as well as in fine museums all over the country.

We will be treated to a Lowcountry supper in the private garden. After supper it even gets better because the Plantation Singers, a professional a cappella singing group will entertain us with music of the Lowcountry. Their music began with the music of the southern church and now includes Porgy & Bess and other songs that originated in Charleston.



7:30pm We will tuck ourselves in back at the Mills House.

Inc B, D – Lunch on own in Beaufort today

May 9, Wednesday

9-Noon We're off for a City Tour including a visit to the Nathaniel Russell House and other stops.

12:15-1:30pm Sit back and watch the shrimp boats pass by while having lunch at Rb's on Shem Creek.

1:45-4:45pm Visit Boone Hall. Boone Hall is one of America's oldest working, living plantations. They have been continuously growing and producing crops for over 320 years. Once known for cotton and pecans, they are still actively growing peaches, strawberries, tomatoes and pumpkins, as well as other fruits and veggies for visitors to enjoy.

Shows such as "Exploring the Gullah Culture", give visitors the opportunity to experience through song, dance, and language...life lessons of the Gullah Culture originating with African slaves.



5:00pm Arrive back at Mills House

Inc B, L – Dinner on your own tonight

May 10, Thursday

9am-5pm

Visit Middleton Place & Magnolia Plantations today. We'll begin with Middleton Place, a carefully preserved 18th century plantation that has survived revolution, civil war, earthquakes, and hurricanes. It was the home of many generations of Middletons, beginning with Henry Middleton, President of the First Continental Congress; his son Arthur, a signer of the Declaration of Independence; his grandson Henry, Governor of South Carolina and an American Minister to Russia; and his great-grandson Williams, a signer of the Ordinance of Secession.

The Gardens at Middleton Place, which Henry Middleton envisioned and began to create in 1741, reflect the grand classic styles that were in vogue in Europe and England.

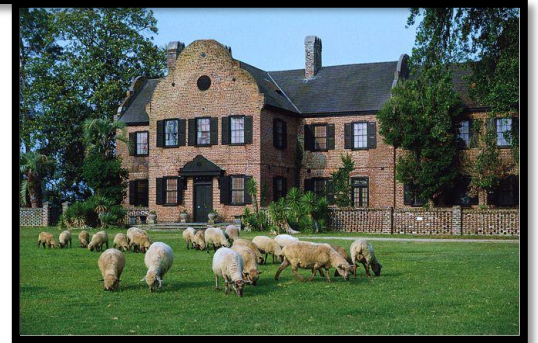
Here, we will also enjoy a traditional Lowcountry plated lunch in the restaurant overlooking the grounds.

Following Middleton Place, a stop will be made to visit Magnolia Plantation.

Founded in 1676 by the Drayton family, Magnolia Plantation has survived the centuries and witnessed the history of our nation unfold before it from the American Revolution through the Civil War and beyond.

It has the oldest public gardens in America, opening its doors to visitors in 1870 to view the thousands of beautiful flowers and plants in its gardens.

Slip back in time as our quiet, electric boat glides through Magnolia's old flooded rice fields along the Ashley River. Experience how people got around from plantation to plantation. While we explore the cattail-fringed canals, our naturalist captain transports us to the age of rice growing and river-going. The boat tour is a perfect way to cool your heels and enjoy the breeze of the Ashley River as we glide through a water world unknown to most visitors. See the wild wetlands as the "locals" do - from the salt water marshes.



May 11, Friday

9-3:00pm Today scads of free time to visit places of particular interest to you that we might not have covered together as a group.....perhaps Fort Sumter, the Provost Dungeon or just stroll the streets for one last look.

3:00pm We will take you to the Citadel in North Charleston to learn about the life of cadets there.



5:30pm Dinner at Magnolia's Restaurant "Uptown Downsouth," classic Lowcountry cuisine. Dwayne and I can personally testify this place has the absolute best food!

After dinner we will check into our hotel right next to the Charleston airport.

Inc B, D – Lunch on own during free time in Charleston today

May 12, Saturday

Today we fly back to Washington and transport you back to your home towns.

