



Magnolia Plantation

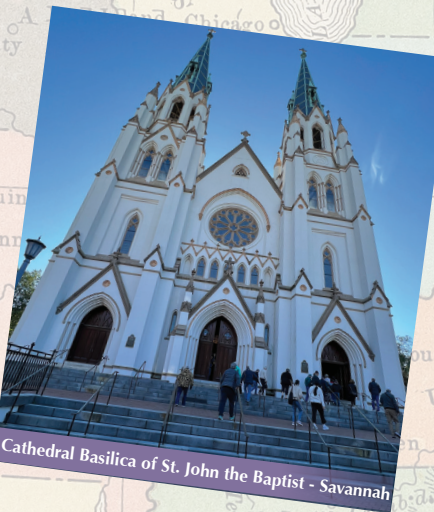
Southern Charm

April 4 - 18, 2024 (15 days)

HIGHLIGHTS



- Savannah Old Town Trolley Tour
- Carriage Tour in Lovely Beaufort
- Cruise in Charleston Harbor
- Magnolia Plantation Tour & Lunch
- Georgetown's quaint Front Street
- 3 Nights in Savannah
- Guided City Tour of Charleston
- 3 Nights Myrtle Beach Oceanfront
- Carolina Opry Show
- National Corvette Museum
- Churchill Downs
- Myrtle Beach IntraCoastal Waterway Cruise
- Historic Ryman Auditorium Tour
- National Quilt Museum



Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist - Savannah



Balcony view in Myrtle Beach - stunning & relaxing!



Look who helps us explore Beaufort!



Grand porch at Magnolia Plantation

MAP AT A GLANCE



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Day 1 - Home to Bloomington, IL

Today we begin our journey to Georgia and South Carolina. Enjoy an included lunch along the way. We will enjoy the lush scenery as we make our way to Bloomington, IL and check into our hotel.

Included Meals: Lunch

Hotel: Hampton Inn

Day 2 - Bloomington to Bowling Green, KY

After a satisfying breakfast we make our way through the Kentucky rolling hills dotted with thoroughbreds. We'll stop for a tour of Churchill Downs, explore the museum, visit the gift shop, and have lunch at the Derby Cafe. Then we motor through the Blue Grass Drive, with miles and miles of beautiful horse farms and flowering dogwoods. After settling into our hotel, dinner & the evening are on your own.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel: Hampton Inn

Day 3 - Bowling Green to Atlanta, GA

Before we depart Bowling Green we will take time to visit the National Corvette Museum. The National Corvette Museum showcases the Chevrolet Corvette, an American sports car that has been produced since 1953. America's Sports Car... an exciting legend produced only in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The Museum features over 80 Corvettes in periodic settings, including mint classics, one-of-a-kind prototypes and modern-day wonders of engineering and design. We'll check into our hotel and enjoy the manager's "kickback" reception.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Manager's Reception

Hotel: Drury Inn

Day 4 - Atlanta to Savannah, GA

A local guide helps us explore Atlanta with sights such as Peachtree Street, MLK's church and burial site, and much more! We will visit the Atlanta History Center, featuring 33-acres of award-winning exhibits, historic homes, and lovely gardens. Then we make our way to Savannah, one of the South's oldest and most graceful cities. Savannah features an entire restored area registered as a National Historic Landmark. It is with this in mind that we have given you three relaxing nights in the historic district. Dinner this evening is on your own on the beautiful waterfront, just across from our hotel.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Hampton Inn Historic District (3 Nights)

Day 5 - Savannah

This morning step on an "Old Savannah Tours" trolley for our private tour of historic Savannah! This delightful union of transportation and entertainment, "Transportainment," is an experience not to be missed. Through humorous tales and fun facts, our hometown conductors will guide, inform, and amuse! Keep your ticket as you have on & off privileges the following day. After lunch on our own, we will take a scenic drive to Tybee Island. We'll enjoy exploring the grounds at Tybee Island Lighthouse, Georgia's oldest and tallest lighthouse, as well as climbing the 178 steps to the top for amazing views! Dinner this evening is at the Pirates House, a unique, historic tavern dating back to 1753.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 6 - Savannah

Today is yours to spend however you'd like exploring Savannah. You may choose to explore the charming historic district, the River Street, or the Riverfront Plaza. The 22 squares and parks of Savannah are the community's most beloved icons. With your trolley ticket from yesterday, perhaps you'll wish to see how many squares you can visit! Or maybe just relax with your favorite book.

Included Meals: Breakfast



Savannah - originally 24 squares were designed, 22 remain today to be enjoyed!



Beaufort - horse drawn carriage takes us past stunning, historical homes!



Day 7 - Savannah to Charleston, SC

After a leisurely breakfast at the hotel, we will depart for the charming and unique village of Beaufort. First we will step aboard your waiting horsedrawn carriage for a pleasant ride to see beautiful, old Southern mansions! Then lunch is served at a local Beaufort favorite situated right on the waterfront. We'll make our way to Charleston, literally a living museum which features 789 acres of historical beauty reflecting its 300 year old history. We'll check into the beautiful Hampton Inn perfectly set in the Historic District of Charleston and within walking distance to many charming shops & restaurants.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel: Hampton Inn Historic District (2 Nights)

Day 8 - Charleston

A local step-on guide leads us through Charleston and its historic district. Enjoy some leisure time at the old city market. Enjoy lunch on your own and take in some shopping with local vendors. This afternoon we are guests aboard the 'Spirit of Carolina' for a cruise of Charleston Harbor and a close-up look at historic Fort Sumter! Tonight we'll dine at an elegant Charleston restaurant.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 9 - Charleston to Myrtle Beach, SC

After a full breakfast we depart for today's highlight: colorful Magnolia Plantation! We will board a tram & tour through wetlands, tour the majestic home, and explore beautiful gardens. The Plantation comes to life through multiple narrations. After our included lunch at Magnolia Plantation, we'll head to Georgetown, the third oldest city in S.C. Known as the "best kept secret in South Carolina," this small, historic coastal town is filled with charm and personality. Enjoy time on your own to take in a museum, walk the waterfront, shop, get a treat, and choose a place for dinner. Then we travel along the Atlantic Coast to our oceanfront hotel set on Myrtle Beach.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel: Hampton Inn & Suites Oceanfront (3 Nights)

Day 10 - Myrtle Beach

After breakfast you will have fun exploring Myrtle Beach on your own for the morning before we take a lunch cruise through the IntraCoastal waterway! Dinner is at Original Benjamin's Calabash, a one-of-a-kind restaurant with seafood and continental buffet featuring over 170 items. Then we attend one of the hottest shows in Myrtle Beach, the Carolina Opry.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11 - Myrtle Beach

Today after a leisurely breakfast at the hotel, you have the rest of the day to enjoy the beach or ride the hotel shuttle to one of Myrtle Beach's various attractions!

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 12 - Myrtle Beach to Atlanta, GA

After breakfast at the hotel, we will depart for Atlanta with an on your own lunch stop along the way. Take in the passing scenery before checking into the hotel and enjoying the Kickback Manager's Reception.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Manager's Reception

Hotel: Drury Inn & Suites

Day 13 - Atlanta to Nashville to Clarksville, TN

The motorcoach group travels to another great city, Nashville, Tennessee - "Music City, USA!" After some free time and lunch on your own in downtown Nashville, we'll tour the historic Ryman Auditorium, which was built in 1891. Later we travel a short while to Clarksville, TN for our evening stay. Dinner is served at a great place in historic downtown Clarksville.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Hampton Inn



Kentucky Derby Museum



Enjoying Georgetown



Charming Charleston

Day 14 - Clarksville to Normal, IL

Today our journey begins with a stop at the National Quilt Museum in Paducah for a fascinating look. Then we'll enjoy exploring this old town, which is located where the Tennessee & Ohio Rivers meet. The historic downtown, which has been consistently recognized as one of America's best and most beautiful Main Streets by Architectural Digest, has great shops and perfect places to enjoy lunch. Then we continue across Tennessee and on to Illinois. We'll gather together for one last dinner before checking into our hotel.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Hampton Inn

Day 15 - Normal to Home

As we make our way on the final stretch, we will reminisce about the many memories of a great trip to beautiful South Carolina and Georgia in the Springtime.

Included Meals: Breakfast



National Corvette Museum



Sunrise in Myrtle Beach



Cruise to Fort Sumter



Carolina Opry



Barefoot Queen

Southern Charm

2024 MOTORCOACH DATES & PRICES

DATES:	April 4 - 18, 2024 (15 Days)	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$4,299 Double \$3,969 Triple	\$5,699 Single \$3,749 Quad
PRICE INCLUDES:	24 Meals & 2 Manager's Receptions, Activities & Hotels as stated, Luxury Motorcoach	
DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:	\$100 deposit per person at time of reservation. Full payment due 30 days prior to departure.	
OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION P/P:	\$275 Double p/p	\$373 Single
TRAVEL BUCKS:	\$55 per person on future travel with R&J	
TOUR PACE:	Light to Moderate Walking (See page 9 for description)	

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