



# Savannah Sunshine

May 5 - 9, 2024 (5 days)

## HIGHLIGHTS



Stay 4 Nights in the historic district of Savannah, GA

Historic Savannah "Snapshot" Tour including touring the Low House Museum, the Davenport House Museum and exploring Forsyth Park

Savannah Riverboat Luncheon Cruise

Jekyll Island Landmark Historic Trolley Tour

St. Simons Tour

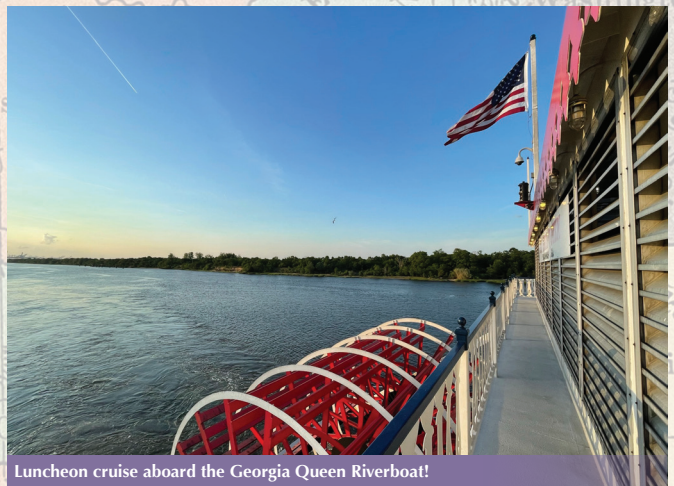
Atlantic Ocean Low Country Tour

Tybee Island Lighthouse & Beach Walk

Byrd Cookie Company

Savannah Theatre Broadway-style Musical Comedy Production

Special Dining Experiences like The Pirates' House Restaurant, River House Seafood Restaurant, & The Crab Shack



Luncheon cruise aboard the Georgia Queen Riverboat!

## MAP AT A GLANCE



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## Day 1 - Home to Savannah, GA

Today we are headed to the brilliant sunshine of Savannah! Savannah is one of the world's premier tourist destinations, home to the largest urban National Historic Landmark district in the country. Once our flight lands, we'll get checked into the Hilton Garden Inn for a four night stay. Located in the historic district, our elegant hotel is situated between iconic River Street and City Market, an 18th century open-air marketplace. We'll enjoy our first dinner together at River House Seafood Restaurant, located in a restored cotton warehouse overlooking the Savannah River. It is sure to be delicious!

**Included Meals: Dinner**

**Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Historic District (4 Nights)**

## Day 2 - Savannah

After breakfast at the hotel, we'll board our motorcoach along with a local step-on guide for an all-day historic Savannah "Snapshot" Tour. Our knowledgeable & experienced guide gives us a narrated tour of Savannah's rich history as we travel the 2.2 square miles of the Historic District, with its restored 18th and 19th century buildings and the picturesque waterfront where cotton warehouses are now restaurants, hotels, and shops. We'll stop at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, featuring historically noteworthy architecture as well as over a century of faith and civic traditions in Savannah. Next we tour the Andrew Low House Museum. Built in 1848, the Italianate exterior features intricate cast iron railings and side balconies contrasting with the smooth stucco brick walls. The well-proportioned rooms are decorated with elaborate plaster cornices and carved woodwork. The house remained in the family until the death of Andrew Low's daughter-in-law, Juliette Gordon Low, Founder of Girl Scouts of the USA. Then we step aboard the Savannah Riverboat to feast on a delicious southern style buffet all the while cruising along the Savannah River, listening to the Captain's intriguing tales and historic facts. Afterwards we tour the Davenport House Museum. Completed circa 1820 by Isaiah Davenport, this historic home marked the beginning of Savannah's historic preservation movement. In the mid-1990s the Museum began a re-restoration process, which resulted in a more authentic experience for museum visitors, including period accurate wallpaper and furnishings which reflect the inventory taken at the time of Isaiah

Davenport's death in 1827. Bidding our guide goodbye, we freshen up at the hotel before we're treated to dinner at The Lady & Sons Restaurant, located in the restored "White Hardware" historic building near City Market. In true Southern Tradition, a hearty down home meal served family-style with Paula Deen's famous sides. Just like your mama's house, you can ask for more!

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

## Day 3 - Jekyll Island

After breakfast we head south to meet our guide before crossing over to Jekyll Island for an interesting Jekyll Island Landmark Historic Trolley Tour. The Jekyll Island Club members created an exclusive Gilded Age island retreat for family and friends on this barrier island. Those empire builders shaped our nation's future; now step into their past. This guided trolley tour of our 240-acre historic district includes entry into an historic structure and admission into the Mosaic Gallery at our leisure. Then we take a short drive to St. Simons Island for lunch at Iguana's Seafood Restaurant followed by an island tour. Moss covered oaks and ocean breezes weave past and present together on St. Simons Island as our guide narrates delightful stories from the Prehistoric geologic beginnings of these barrier islands, through the Colonial Era, the Plantation Era, the Civil War, the Timber Era, up to the elegant present-day Resort Era. We will learn of the Spanish missionaries who made their effort at Christianizing the Guale Indians during the 15th and 16th centuries, only to be driven away by repeated uprisings. Hear stories about some of the colorful inhabitants, including John & Charles Wesley, the founders of Methodism. Passing by Fort Frederica, learn about the colonial era and the arrival of General Oglethorpe where the establishment of Fort Frederica brought friendship with the natives, who, along with brave Scot settlers and the British "regulars", defeated the Spanish at the Battle of Bloody Marsh. As we drive by historic Christ Church we will hear about a "Beloved Invader" and the Church's reconstruction during the Timber Era. Other sites, as time permits, will be the Avenue of the Oaks and remains of the former Retreat Plantation. After our tour, enjoy shopping, sightseeing, and dinner on your own in the St. Simons Island Village & Pier area, site of the beautiful St. Simons Lighthouse and Keeper's Cottage, before we return to Savannah.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch**



Historic River Street in Savannah - parallels the bustling Savannah River



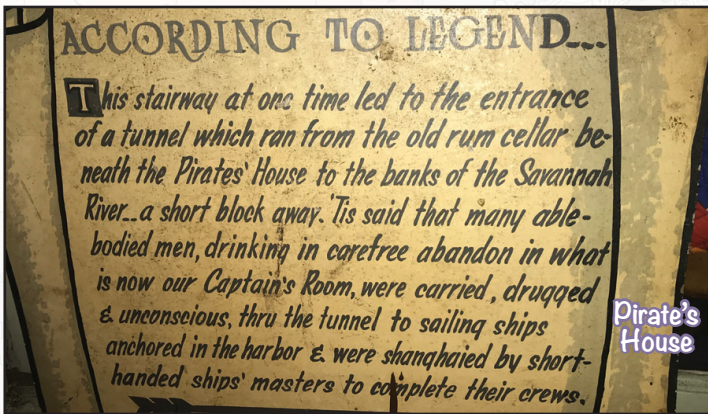
St. John's Episcopal Church



Jekyll Island - Moss Cottage built in 1896



Iconic Forsyth Park Fountain - it was ordered from a catalogue!



### Day 4 - Tybee Island & Savannah

Another breakfast before our guides joins us for an Atlantic Ocean Low Country Tour. View outlying areas that showcase river inlets, marshes and tidal creeks as we travel to Savannah's Beach at Tybee Island. Hear about the Fort Pulaski National Monument & Park. Then we have the opportunity to climb to the top of Georgia's oldest and tallest active lighthouse, Tybee Island Lighthouse. Afterwards, who is ready to experience the Atlantic Ocean sand & water on your toes as you stroll along the beach walk?! Lunch is served at The Crab Shack, "where the elite eat in their bare feet!" Then we head back to Savannah to visit the Bonaventure Cemetery, Savannah's most famous & hauntingly beautiful cemetery. Part natural cathedral, part sculptural garden, Bonaventure transcends time with its quintessential Southern Gothic style that's captured the imaginations of writers, filmmakers, and others for more than 150 years. Next up is Byrd Cookie Company, a Savannah Tradition since 1924! Our guide then takes us to Forsyth Park where we'll want our picture taken with the iconic Savannah Forsyth Park Fountain. From here we'll walk to Monterey Square, viewing the Armstrong House & the Mercer-Williams House as we walk around the square, before continuing to Madison Square and viewing sites around the square, such as the Green-Meldrim House, St. John's Episcopal Church, and the Sorrell-Weed House. Later this afternoon we'll have some rest and free time before a special dinner at The Pirates' House Restaurant, with exclusive access to the legendary Rum Cellar at the end of our meal! This evening we head to the historic Savannah Theatre, which first opened its doors in 1818! We're treated to a Broadway-style musical comedy production that will have us laughing, singing, and tapping our toes to anything from rock and roll, Broadway, jazz, 1950s-1980s, country, gospel, and even Christmas! What a fantastic show!

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

### Day 5 - Savannah to Home

Enjoy one last breakfast before we depart for the airport. What a fun-filled tour we've had to Savannah, taking in all their rich history, beauty, and sunshine!

**Included Meals: Breakfast**

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View from the top of the Tybee Island Lighthouse!



"Classic" Savannah



Byrd Cookie Company



Andrew Low House



Jekyll Island tram

## 2024 DATES & PRICES



DATES:	May 5 - 9, 2024 (5 Days)	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$2,799 Double \$2,689 Triple	\$3,279 Single \$2,639 Quad
PRICE INCLUDES:	Roundtrip Airfare from MSP including all baggage fees, 10 Meals, Hotels & Activities as stated, Luxury Motorcoach	
DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:	\$200 deposit per person at time of reservation. Full payment due 60 days prior to departure.	
OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION P/P:	\$200 Double per person	\$235 Single
TRAVEL BUCKS:	\$40 R&J Travel Bucks earned on this tour	
TOUR PACE:	Moderate Walking (See page 9 for description)	

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