



Night of a Thousand Candles at Brookgreen Gardens



Enjoy Myrtle Beach's sandy beach & the gorgeous view from your private balcony!

A Coastal Christmas Myrtle Beach

December 2 - 8, 2024 (7 days)

HIGHLIGHTS



- * 6 Nights at Homewood Suites in Myrtle Beach in Oceanfront Rooms!
- * "South's Grandest Christmas Show" at the Alabama Theatre
- * "LeGrand Cirque Holiday Special" at Broadway Theatre
- * "Man of a Thousand Voices" Show
- * Pirates Voyage Dinner Show
- * Carolina Opry Christmas Special Show
- * Barefoot Queen Cruise
- * Hopsewee Plantation Tour & Lunch
- * Ripley's Aquarium including Festival of "Teas and Trees"
- * Brookgreen Gardens featuring "Nights of a Thousand Candles"
- * Historic Georgetown City Tour & Downtown Conway Tour including Horry County Museum
- * Special Meals at Original Benjamin's Calabash Seafood, Landry's Seafood House, & Chestnut Hill Restaurant



There is a special sparkle that falls over The Grand Strand in December. It's not snow - the coastal climate is much too warm for that! Instead it's a brand of holiday spirit unique to Myrtle Beach. During the holiday season each of the wonderful features of Myrtle Beach take on a special cheer, and annual events give visitors an opportunity to experience a Coastal Christmas. We will take you there during the Christmas season to see Myrtle Beach at its finest! Each of the area's professional shows combine it's signature entertainment elements with special holiday themes that will get you in the spirit!

MAP AT A GLANCE

SOUTH CAROLINA



Myrtle Beach



Carolina Opry Christmas Special

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Day 1 - Home to Myrtle Beach, SC

We fly out today on a flight bound to Myrtle Beach, SC for a grand Coastal Christmas Adventure! We'll enjoy a late lunch together after leaving the Myrtle Beach airport before checking into our hotel. Our home for the week is the lovely Homewood Suites, a beautiful spot right on the oceanfront. Each of our rooms has its own oceanfront view with a balcony! We will settle in and unpack - sleep will come easy in our comfy surroundings.

Included Meals: Lunch

Hotel: Homewood Suites Myrtle Beach Oceanfront (6 Nights)

Day 2 - Myrtle Beach

Rise and shine in Myrtle Beach and have a nice hot breakfast. We then travel to historic Georgetown, South Carolina for a wonderful tour with a step-on guide. This small coastal town sits among five flowing rivers that join to meet the Atlantic Ocean and is filled with charm, history and personality – it's the best kept secret in South Carolina! As the third oldest city in the state, Georgetown defines history. We will experience the many lovingly preserved historical sites – more than 50 homes, buildings, churches and parks. Having the opportunity to walk streets once walked by George Washington, Lafayette, General Francis Marion and Thomas Lynch Jr. (an original signer of the Declaration of Independence) will be a treasure! As we venture through Georgetown, we're sure to be moved by it. Lunch is served at a local Georgetown restaurant. We will also tour downtown Conway, one of the oldest towns in SC. Conway has all the charm of a historic Southern community. Notice the oak tree-lined streets that run through the picturesque historic district. The charming downtown area is also steeped in historic architecture that houses unique shops and a thriving art community. We'll visit the fascinating Horry County Museum. We will then make a short stop for some shopping at the Hammock Village on Pawleys Island before heading back to our hotel for some rest & refresh time. A delicious dinner is then served at Landry's Seafood House before we head to the Asher Theatre to experience James Stephens, "The Man of a Thousand Voices." Stephens has been called one of the funniest comedians of our times with his quick wit and improv skills. He makes known that this faith as a born-again Christian is important to him.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 - Myrtle Beach

Today enjoy breakfast at your leisure. This morning is a perfect time to enjoy your surroundings by lounging at one of the pools, reading a book on your balcony, or sinking your toes into the white sands of Myrtle Beach! Then we head out for a riverboat cruise! We will board the Barefoot Queen, a 70 ft. authentic wooden riverboat that is new to the North Myrtle Beach area, for a 1.5 hour cruise complete with onboard entertainment, narration, and a boxed lunch! This afternoon enjoy some shopping and time downtown as well as on the Myrtle Beach Boardwalk. See where the band, Alabama, got their start! Next we depart for the exciting Pirates Voyage Dinner and Show. This show features Blackbeard and his quartermaster, Calico Jack, as they lead the Crimson and Sapphire crews in a battle on land, on deck, in water and high above full-sized pirate ships in an indoor hideaway lagoon.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Box Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 - Myrtle Beach

When we depart after breakfast at the hotel this morning, bring along a couple of extra layers to use later in the day. First we drive to the Hopsewee Plantation for an interesting "Attic to Cellar" guided tour and a delightful lunch in their River Oak Cottage Tea Room. Built between 1735-1740, some 40 years before the American Revolutionary War, the Hopsewee Plantation was one of the South's major rice plantations and the birthplace of Thomas Lynch Jr., one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Only five families have owned the plantation since it was built, and it remains open to the pub-

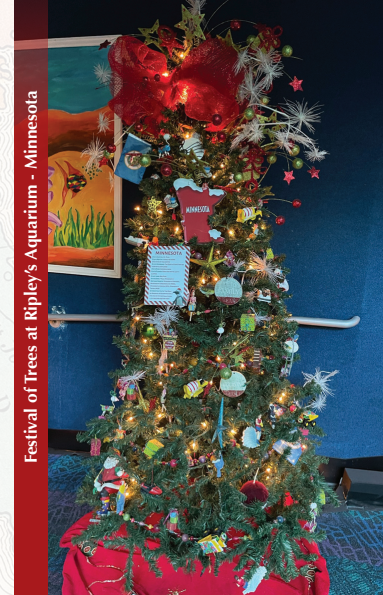
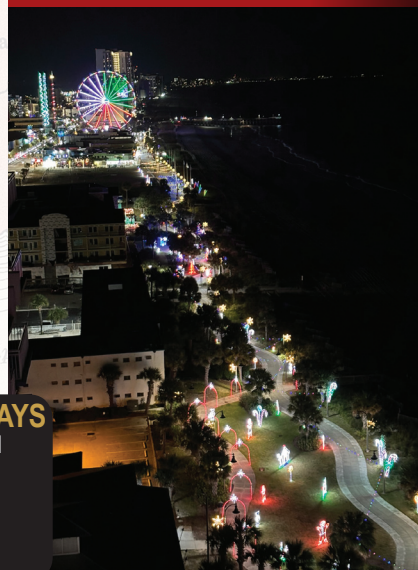


A special visit to Hopsewee Plantation is planned!

Tour Conway - one of the oldest towns in South Carolina



Festive view from Homewood Suites



Festival of Trees at Ripley's Aquarium - Minnesota



Tour historic Georgetown



All aboard the Barefoot Queen!



Ripley's Aquarium

lic because of the desire of its owners, who still live in the house, to share its rich legacy! With Christmas approaching, the Plantation is sure to be festively decorated too! Upon leaving Hopesewee Plantation, we will take a 2-hour Saltwater Marsh Eco Tour. This tour will be narrated by a naturalist. The tour also includes a 30-minute beach walk. Our next stop is the lovely Brookgreen Gardens. Here we will be treated to a stunning site at their annual "Nights of a Thousand Candles." We can stroll the garden paths and enjoy a wonderland of twinkling beauty as we witness Brookgreen Gardens come to life amid the soft glow of more than 2,700 hand-lit candles and countless sparkling lights! With carolers singing and Christmas entertainment around, our Christmas spirit will be high - what a magical place! Dinner tonight is at Bovine's.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 - Myrtle Beach

This morning we head to Broadway on the Beach which features tons of specialty shops & restaurants that surround a 23-acre lake, to enjoy shopping and lunch on your own. This afternoon we'll head to The Alabama Theater for the South's Grandest Christmas Show. It's a high energy production show offering all kinds of Christmas music from secular to Gospel. This fantastic musical production is sure to put you in the Christmas spirit! Now in its 30th season, Alabama Theatre was founded by the mega country music band by the same name. Dinner tonight will be at The Original Benjamin's Calabash Seafood, a landmark of the Grand Strand. Diners go station to station beneath mounted sharks at this all-you-can-eat seafood operation with 170 buffet items. It just happens to be a World Famous spot, so eat your heart out! After our memorable meal, we are treated to a spectacular show at the Broadway Theater..."LeGrand Cirque Holiday Special."

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 6 - Myrtle Beach

This morning we will leave for a great tour of Ripley's Aquarium. It has 1.4 million gallons of fresh and salt water inside one building with amazing sea creatures swimming and creeping along just inches from you. Ripley's has more than 15,000 marine life animals. During the holidays, the aquarium hosts The Festival of Trees,

featuring fifty specialty decorated Christmas Trees that are stationed around the aquarium and each tree is decorated to remind us of America's fifty states. The trees include fun facts about the states, like their state song, bird, symbol, motto, etc. and the ornaments represent things the states are known for. The aquarium will also host us for lunch as well as at "Teas and Trees," which treats us to special Christmas refreshments. Afterwards, we will have time to just enjoy our ocean view before we depart for our evening events. Dinner will be served at the upscale Chestnut Hill Restaurant. Then we will leave for the Carolina Opry Christmas Special, featuring two hours of exciting music, comedy, and dance. This fantastic show is often called "The Christmas Show of the South!" The Theater is beautifully transformed with a multitude of Christmas trees, wreaths, and miles of Christmas lights into a winter wonderland for a show that is fun, sentimental, and visually stunning.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 - Myrtle Beach to Home

One last leisurely breakfast at the hotel before we pack up, feeling refreshed to face the Minnesota weather after some really fun times in the sun, plus we're ready for Christmas to come! We will have time to grab a bite of lunch at the airport before boarding our flight.

Included Meals: Breakfast



"Nights of a Thousand Candles"



A Coastal Christmas

Mary's Christmas

2024 DATES & PRICES		
DATES:	December 2 - 8, 2024 (7 Days)	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$3,199 Double \$3,059 Triple	\$3,679 Single \$2,969 Quad
PRICE INCLUDES:	Roundtrip Airfare including taxes, fuel surcharges, & baggage fees! 16 Meals, and activities & events as stated in brochure	
DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:	\$200 deposit p/p at time of reservation. Full payment due 60 days prior to departure.	
OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION P/P:	\$235 Double per person	\$270 Single
TRAVEL BUCKS:	\$45 per person on future travel with R&J	
TOUR PACE: <small>(See page 9 for description)</small>	Light to Moderate Walking	
NEEDED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:	A valid driver's license, government issued photo id, or a valid passport.	



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