

Savannah & Charleston

October 16 – 25, 2010

Saturday - Monday

Day 1 – October 16, Saturday:

We are headed for pure southern charm and hospitality! Today we travel through Illinois and Kentucky into Tennessee taking in the changing of the seasons. Tonight's lodging is in Knoxville, TN. (Included meals – none)



Day 2 – October 17, Sunday:

Get ready for some breathtaking views as we travel through the gorgeous Appalachian and Blue Ridge Mountains in North Carolina. This afternoon we'll tour the beautiful Biltmore Estate. Be inspired by the relaxed elegance of George and Edith Vanderbilt's 250-room family home and country retreat in Asheville, NC. Discover original art from masters such as Renoir, magnificent 16th-century tapestries, Napoleon's chess set, a library with 10,000 volumes, a Banquet Hall with a 70-foot ceiling, 65 fireplaces, an indoor pool, bowling alley and priceless antiques. Our lodging tonight is in Asheville, NC. (Included meals – breakfast)

Day 3 – October 18, Monday:

This afternoon we arrive in historic Charleston, SC. We'll tour the **Edmondston-Alston House**, which is one of the first dwellings built on Charleston's High Battery. Enjoy views of Charleston Harbor from the same piazzas where General Beauregard watched the bombardment of Ft. Sumter. Family furniture, books, silver and paintings adorn the high-ceilinged rooms. We'll also have a step-on local guide who will take us on an exciting tour sharing all the interesting history, facts and figures that have shaped this city. Before leaving historic downtown Charleston you'll have time in the famous city market for dinner and shopping. Our lodging for the next three nights will be at The Seaside Inn located on the serene oceanfront in the Isle of Palms. (Included meals – breakfast)

Day 4 – October 19, Tuesday:

This morning we are off to experience more Charleston history and southern charm. Our first stop will be at America's most photographed plantation—**Boone Hall Plantation**. We'll experience what plantation life was like in the 1800s and learn about the Gullah culture. This is one of America's oldest living, working plantations. They have continuously grown crops for over 320 years. After lunch we'll tour a **Charleston tea plantation** and learn the process of making Bigelow Teas as well as the interesting history of this family owned business. A trolley ride will take you through the plantation and you can stock up on teas from the gift shop. This evening you can relax to the sounds of the ocean. (Included meals – breakfast)

Day 5 – October 20, Wednesday:

Today we'll visit **Middleton Place**, a National Historic Landmark and a carefully preserved 18th-century plantation that has survived revolution, Civil War and earthquake. It was the home of four important generations of Middleton's, beginning with Henry Middleton, President of the First Continental Congress; Arthur, a signer of the Declaration of Independence; Henry, Governor of South Carolina and an American Minister to Russia; and Williams, a signer of the Ordinance of Secession. We'll have a delicious lunch with the specialties from this area known as Low Country. This afternoon you can stroll along the beach or check out the shops near our hotel. (Included meals – breakfast, lunch)



Day 6 – October 21, Thursday:

We'll check out of our hotel and enjoy a group breakfast before boarding the boat that tours Charleston Harbor and Fort Sumpter. You will learn fascinating stories of this historic harbor while seeing the beautiful views of today. As we travel toward Savannah, Georgia, we'll stop enroute for an early dinner of the Gullah culture cuisine. We arrive in Savannah, GA, and the historic district where our lodging will be for the next three nights. Our hotel, The River Street Inn, is located in the heart of the historic district along the Savannah River. This hotel is listed on the Historic Register of Hotels in America. (Included meals – breakfast and dinner)

Day 7 – October 22, Friday:

After a delicious breakfast a local expert will meet us in the hotel lobby for a guided tour of the historic district including **Factor's Walk** and the city market. We'll learn more about the fascinating history of this southern city. In the afternoon we'll join up with our step-on guide again for a tour of the Low Country including the famous **Bonaventure Cemetery**. (Included meals – breakfast)



Day 8 – October 23, Saturday:

This morning we'll tour the famous **Mercer-Williams House** best known for its role in the book and movie *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. Then we visit the **Andrew Low House**. This classically-designed house sits on the southwest trust lot on Lafayette Square in this beautiful port city. The square was named after a Revolutionary War hero and the trust lot was the former site of the old jail. Get your taste buds ready for lunch at **Paula Deen's restaurant—The Lady and Sons**. This afternoon we'll explore **City Market** with quaint shops including a Thomas Kinkade gallery! (Included meals – breakfast and lunch)

Day 9 – October 24, Sunday:

After breakfast we wave so-long to Savannah and drive to Atlanta. This afternoon we tour the **CNN center** and learn what happens behind the scenes in the studio. Our overnight lodging is in Chattanooga, TN. (Included meals – breakfast and lunch)

Day 10 – October 25, Monday:

After breakfast we board the coach for our trip home. As we remember the highlights of our tour and talk of our favorites we may notice we have picked up a little of the southern way of speaking. Ya'll come back! (Included meals – breakfast)

Package includes: Deluxe roundtrip motorcoach transportation, 9 nights lodging and portorage, 13 meals, sightseeing fees per itinerary, taxes and gratuity per itinerary and a friendly tour director.

Package pricing: \$1785 per person double or triple occupancy
\$2340 single

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