

Charleston / Savannah

From historic sites in Georgia travel to antebellum sites in South Carolina; relish the gracious elegance of southern living in this rarefied world of plantations, 19th-century mansions, magnolia gardens, and enormous live oaks hung with Spanish moss. Explore four National Historic Landmark Districts: Savannah and Jekyll Island, Georgia, and Charleston and Beaufort, South Carolina.



Tour a privately guided Connoisseur Tour through one of America's most lovely plantations and gardens. Fort Pulaski, site of a Civil War battle, and maritime museum interest history lovers. Hilton Head Island's long, empty beaches appeal to nature lovers. Take a private cruise in Charleston Harbour that explores natural and man-made history. Have a private dinner at a mansion in Savannah, beginning with Mint Juleps on the veranda. This Charleston and Savannah tour is as refreshing as a cool glass of sweet tea - South Carolina and Georgia travel was never so good!

2008 Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1: Georgia travel on your mind

Begin in Florida's Jacksonville International Airport at 3:00 p.m. From Florida to Georgia travel north to Jekyll Island off the coast; it is a National Historic Landmark District. Enjoy the welcome reception and dinner at your Victorian hotel, which was opened in the late 19th century as a hunting retreat for the rich and powerful - Jekyll Island is a Georgia travel highlight.

Meals: Dinner

Lodging: Jekyll Island Club Hotel, Jekyll Island, GA

Day 2: St. Simons Island & Savannah

Tour Jekyll Island's 240-acre historical district, including Faith Chapel and Rockefeller's Indian Mound. Travel to nearby St. Simons Island, hosting expansive marshlands. Your Georgia travel experience continues in Savannah where you'll admire the elegant architecture and the geometric city design, with 24 park squares featuring live oaks draped with Spanish moss. It's one of the country's most graceful cities. Dinner tonight is at a private Savannah home, the Metts-McNeal Mansion; begin with Mint Juleps on the veranda, overlooking Forsyth Park, and enjoy southern hospitality at its finest.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Lodging: Hilton Savannah DeSoto, Savannah, GA

Day 3: Landmarks of Savannah - Georgia travel at its best

A local Georgia travel guide provides an insider's view of the city's park squares and notable buildings. The National Historic Landmark District is the largest in the country, and features more than 1,000 architecturally significant buildings. Take a tour of the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace, family home of the founder of the Girl Scouts of the USA, and visit the Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum. In your free time, perhaps wander Savannah's trendy waterfront district.

Meals: Breakfast

Lodging: Hilton Savannah DeSoto, Savannah, GA

Day 4: Civil War history & barrier beaches

Visit Fort Pulaski National Monument, a key site of the Civil War. From Georgia travel to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, boasting one of the most pristine marine estuaries on the east coast. Enjoy miles of barrier beaches that are ideal for walking and beachcombing.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Lodging: The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa, Hilton Head, SC

Day 5: Step back in time in Beaufort

Take time for a morning walk on Hilton Head's beaches before you journey north along the coast. Arrive in Beaufort, a National Historic Landmark District, where free time allows you to explore its timeless architecture. Head to Charleston, where your 150-year-old hotel is at the center of the city's historic district. An exclusively chartered private boat cruise this afternoon really gives you lots of good information about centuries of maritime history – an important part of this South Carolina and Georgia travel experience.

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

Lodging: The Mills House Hotel, Charleston, SC

Day 6: Explore the past in gracious Charleston

Relive the past on a guided tour of prosperous Charleston along cobblestone streets and past walled gardens. The city's 789-acre historic district showcases extraordinary architecture, from pre-Revolutionary War buildings to graceful antebellum homes. Explore on your own in the afternoon. Perhaps take a carriage tour, visit the Gibbes Museum of Art, or see Fort Sumter National Monument, where the Civil War began in 1861.

Meals: Breakfast

Lodging: The Mills House Hotel, Charleston, SC

Day 7: Plantations & gardens

Visit some of the finest plantations and gardens in America. Drayton Hall, a Georgian Palladian mansion built in 1738, is preserved in original condition, without electricity or plumbing. Join senior interpreters for a Connoisseur Tour that takes an in-depth look at three centuries of Drayton Hall via historical photographs, plantation logs and archived letters. Middleton Place incorporates a mansion built in 1755, a stable yard with period artefacts, and formal gardens that are considered a landscape masterpiece. Relive the South Carolina and Georgia travel experience at the farewell reception and dinner in the evening.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Lodging: The Mills House Hotel, Charleston, SC

Day 8: Journey home

Tour ends in Charleston, South Carolina. Check out of your hotel by 11:00 a.m. Due to the differing departure times, your airport transfer is not included in the tour.

Meals: Breakfast

South Carolina and Georgia travel at its best – for an insider's look at the gentle traces of time in the antebellum south, book immediately!

Price on request

Airfare is additional - We can book your air to and from Juneau for travel originating in the U.S., subject to availability; inquire at booking for special airfares that may be available.