

# SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY

April 27-May 3, 2025







#### DAY 1 SUNDAY, APRIL 27

#### **JEKYLL ISLAND, GA**

#### (Dinner)

Today we will transfer to the airport for our flight to Jacksonville, FL, and board our motorcoach for the short drive to **Jekyll Island**. Upon our arrival on the island, we will check in to our hotel and begin our two-night stay with dinner. After, enjoy the hotel amenities or take a short walk to the beach through the maritime forest along the boardwalk.

#### DAY 2 MONDAY, APRIL 28

#### JEKYLL ISLAND, GA

#### (Breakfast, Lunch)

Enjoy breakfast this morning before we board our **private tram for a tour** of this fascinating area. In 1886, fifty-three prominent American tycoons founded the Jekyll Island Club, creating an exclusive Gilded Era island retreat on Georgia's coast for family and friends. We'll step into their past and experience the legends firsthand on our tour. Revel in the ten miles of gorgeous, unspoiled shoreline and begin to feel the peaceful, relaxing powers of the island wash over you! Then we will head to Brunswick to spend some time on a boat lovingly named *Lady Jane*. An **expert naturalist will teach us about shrimping** before we enjoy a **traditional "shrimp boil" lunch**. This is not a fancy boat, but a real shrimping boat. While there is an area that is covered, all the excitement happens outside! Once back on land, we'll make our way to the **Georgia Sea Turtle Center** where state-of-the-art emergency care and rehabilitation services are provided to sick and injured sea turtles. We will explore the interactive learning center and hear the stories of some of the sea turtles recovering in the hospital before returning to the hotel for the remainder of the day at our leisure.

#### DAY 3 TUESDAY, APRIL 29

#### SAVANNAH, GA

#### (Breakfast, Dinner)

After breakfast we bid farewell to Jekyll Island and travel north to **Savannah**, known for its quaint cobblestone streets, majestic architecture, manicured parks, and Southern charm. Here we will meet our step-on guide and relax as we listen to captivating stories about this enchanting Southern city and its famous landmarks. Following our private tour, **free time will be available to join Old Town Trolley's public hop-on, hop-off tour** and explore the city at your own pace. Travel back to the Civil War era as you visit the Gothic Revival-style Green-Meldrim House that once served as General Sherman's headquarters, or head to the beautiful Mercer-Williams House where the controversial events described in John Berendt's *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* played out. If you're interested in doing a little shopping, City Market and the Bay Street area are known for their quaint shops and galleries. Be sure to grab a bite to eat for lunch before we gather to continue our day's touring. After lunch on your own, we will visit the **American Prohibition Museum**, which brings the roaring 20s back to life through its intoxicating exhibits, displays, state-of-the-art dioramas, and speakeasy. We'll learn about the troublemakers of the 1920s and 30s and discover how Prohibition and Temperance shaped our culture in America. The tour will conclude with a prohibition-era craft cocktail or a non-alcoholic "mocktail!" Afterward, we will settle into **The DeSoto Savannah** in the Historic District and gather for a delicious group dinner.

#### DAY 4 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

#### SAVANNAH, GA

#### (Breakfast, Lunch)

Following breakfast this morning, we will board our motorcoach and head to Tybee Island, a barrier island located right outside of Savannah. Known for its wide, sandy beaches, visitors have been traveling to this popular vacation spot since the late 1800s to soak up some sun and enjoy a healthy dose of seaside bliss. Our first stop will be the **Tybee Island Light Station**, Georgia's oldest and tallest lighthouse. Ordered in 1732 by General James Oglethorpe, governor of the thirteenth colony, the Tybee Island Light Station has been safely guiding mariners into the Savannah River for over 290 years. We will also explore the **Tybee Island Museum** housed in Fort Screven's Battery Garland constructed between 1898 and 1899. The exhibits will teach us about the Euchee tribe, the history of Fort Screven, Tybee's Golden Era, and much more. Lunch today will be a fun experience as we return to Savannah and embark on a **narrated luncheon cruise aboard a riverboat**. Get ready to feast on a delicious Southern-style buffet while cruising along the Savannah River and listening to our captain's intriguing tales and historical narratives! Up next is a visit to **Bonaventure Cemetery**. This cemetery became famous for its role in Berendt's novel and is considered one of the top ten most beautiful cemeteries in the world. We will hear the stories of both the famous people and everyday Savannah folks that are buried here. After a full day, the evening is yours to explore and have dinner on your own.





#### DAY 5 THURSDAY, MAY 1

#### CHARLESTON, SC

#### (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

We say goodbye to Savannah after breakfast and journey north to **Charleston, SC**, to begin our touring at the **Charleston Tea Plantation**. Our guided tour will be led by the world-renowned tea taster and tea maker William Barclay Hall. Mr. Hall will share his knowledge of the industry as he leads us around the 127-acre plantation by trolley and takes us behind-the-scenes of the tea production process in the factory. A boxed lunch and tea sampling will be enjoyed before we **board carriages to tour historic Charleston**. This is a perfect way to experience the character and charm of this Southern city – so sit back and listen to the clip-clop of the horses' hooves as we pass by gorgeous landmarks and historic neighborhoods. From its well-preserved historic sites to its lively arts community, Charleston offers a captivating blend of coastal charm and southern hospitality. Our touring will end at the **Hyatt Place Historic District** (or similar) to settle in and freshen up for a lovely group dinner.

#### DAY 6 FRIDAY, MAY 2

#### CHARLESTON, SC

#### (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

There is no better way to start our first morning in Charleston than at **Boone Hall Plantation**. The plantation was founded in 1681 by Englishman Major John Boone, and his descendants were influential in the history of South Carolina, the colonies, and the nation. A highlight of the estate is the long drive lined by moss-draped oaks that took two centuries to meet overhead! During our time at Boone Hall, we'll be led on a private tour of the house, the nine original slave cabins, and the beautiful landscaping. Next up, we'll venture to **Firefly Distillery**, renowned as the birthplace of the original Firefly Sweet Tea Vodka. Here, we'll navigate through the copper stills and oak barrels during a fascinating tour of the distillery's operations. Following the tour, we'll have the opportunity to indulge in a tasting of their meticulously crafted spirits (*subject to availability*). Take a some time to unwind and relax at the hotel before we gather one final time for a delightful farewell dinner.

#### DAY 7 SATURDAY, MAY 3

#### **HOME**

#### (Breakfast)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we head to the **Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum** (subject to airline schedule). The museum features the historic aircraft carrier USS Yorktown, Sumner-class destroyer USS Laffey, GUPPY III submarine USS Clamagore, the Medal of Honor Museum, and additional military exhibits. We will then transfer to the airport for our flight home.







## **INCLUSIONS**

- Round-Trip Airport Transfers
- Round-Trip Air to Jacksonville (air allowance of \$600)
- Private Motorcoach Transportation
- 6 Nights' Accommodations
- 14 Meals (6 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 4 Dinners)
- Admission to Attractions as Stated on Itinerary
- Porter Service of One Bag Per Person at Hotels
- Taxes & Gratuities for Included Services
- Professional Tour Manager

Not included in the price of this tour: meals other than those listed on the itinerary, beverages other than tea/coffee/water with included meals, items of a personal nature/souvenirs, phone calls and faxes from hotels, travel protection plan, current baggage fees at the airport as assessed by the airline, fees related to any COVID-19 requirements for this destination, and any service not listed in the above inclusions.

#### Activity Level: Minimal to Moderate

In order to participate in this tour, **you must**:

- Be able to walk/stand 2-3 hours at a time at an easy pace in all weather conditions
- Be able to maneuver some stairs, inclines, and uneven surfaces without assistance



### **TOUR PRICING**

# \$3,869 per person, Double Occupancy \$4,610 per person, Single Occupancy

Tour requires a minimum of 25 passengers to operate.

#### **OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION**

It is RECOMMENDED that all travelers purchase a Travel Protection Plan. For your convenience, we offer a Travel Protection Plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services.

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### FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE: JANUARY 10, 2025

# Contact your Private Banker with any questions or to sign up for our Southern adventure!

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