SPRINGTIME IN THE SOUTH: Savannah GA & Charleston SC

May 3-12, 2024



Price: \$2299 dbl

Single: \$3199

Trpl/Quad: \$1999 pp

INCLUDES:

10 days / 9 nights

Roundtrip transportation via deluxe motor coach

3 nights Savannah Historic District + 3 nights Charleston area + 3 nights Travel days

18 Meals: 9 Breakfasts + 2 lunches + 7 Dinners

Guided tour of Savannah: Fort Jackson, Andrew Lowe House, Cathedral of John the Baptist

Narrated Trolley tour of the Historic District & a stop at Forsyth Park

Dinner River Cruise in Savannah GA

Mighty Eighth Museum with lunch

Visit to Fort Sumter

Visit to Boone Hall with Gullah Luncheon

Private Horse drawn carriage tour of Historic Charleston

Charleston City Market

Visit to Tamaracks Artesian Center

Deposit: \$200 pp non-refundable

Balance Due: March 1, 2024

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Lake City, MI 49651
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<u>Day 1 May 3</u>: Departures from Clare, Mt Pleasant, Ithaca & St Johns areas. Will travel to Cross Lanes WV with a night stay at Sleep Inn & Suites for one night. Will receive a \$15 gift card to Crackle Barrell Restaurant in our parking lot. You can enjoy your dinner at your own leisure.

Day 2 May 4: After breakfast at our hotel, we will set off for Charlotte NC. We will make a stop at the Tamaracks Artesian Center. You have time to explore some of the local artesians while they work in their studios at the Center. You'll also have time to pick up some great finds. Then relax and have a great lunch in their on site cafeteria, where the food is prepared by cooks from the Greenbrier Resort. Arrive later that day in Charlotte NC for a night stay at the Drury Inn. Enjoy their kick back program for this evenings dinner meal. Can also partake in their free happy hour of 3 drinks per person if you so choose.

<u>Day 3 May 5</u>: Following a full hot breakfast, we check out and set off for Savannah GA.We Will check into our hotel at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, for a three night stay, right in the heart of the historic district. This hotel is in walking distance to so many sites: The city market, the riverfront area, Lafayette Square, and lots of other attractions. Dinner this evening to be enjoyed at Paula Deans, Lady & Sons restaurant.

<u>Day 4 May 6:</u> Following a full hot breakfast, we will depart and pick up our guide for a full day guided tour. The tour will include a visit to Fort Jackson, The Prohibition Museum, Lafayette Square; Andrew Low House, and the Cathedral of John the Baptist. Tonight we will have dinner at the famous Pirates House Restaurant before returning back to our hotel.

<u>Day 5 May 7</u>: After breakfast at our hotel, we will board an open air trolley and have a fully narrated tour of the area of all the sites we did not see the day before. Dinner this evening will be on board the The New GA Queen river cruise ship. Enjoy your meal and sunset as we sail the Savannah River.

<u>Day 6 May 8</u>: Following another hot breakfast, we check out of our hotel and say goodbye to Savannah GA. While en route to Charleston SC, we will stop for a visit at The National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force. This museum features over 90,000 square feet of exhibits, aviation art, historical artifacts and interactive displays. Also experience a flight mission, Research center, the Memorial Garden for the fallen heroes, and the WII B-17 Flying Fortress. Following our guided tour, we will relax and enjoy a pre paid lunch here before departing. Later this afternoon, we check into our hotel, The Holiday Inn Express & Suites for another 3 night stay in the Charleston SC area. We will enjoy dinner in a local restaurant, followed by a carraige ride tour of the Charleston SC historical area before we return back to our hotel.

<u>Day 7 May 9:</u> After our breakfast this morning, we set off for a visit at Fort Sumter. We will board a ferry to take us to the Fort, for a self guided tour. Dinner this evening either to be a dinner cruise following our visit to Fort Sumter, or at a local restaurant.

Day 8 May 10: After breakfast today, we set off for Boone Hall Plantation and Gardens. You will have time to have a self guided tour of the grounds and cabins here, as well as the formal garden. Later this afternoon, we will have a private tractor ride on a farm and nature tour. This will be followed by a private Gullah Luncheon and performance. This is the only plantation that offers a live presentation of the unique culture adapted by African Slaves, and will take place at the last slave cabin on site on the property. After we depart the plantation, we travel to the famous Charleston City Market where you will have the rest of the afternoon into evening to explore and have dinner on your own here before returning to our hotel.

<u>Day 9 May 11</u>: Following another hot breakfast, we check out of our hotel and begin our travel back to Cross Lanes WV for the night. We will check back into the Sleep Inn & Suites in Cross Lanes WV. Dinner on your own this evening. Crackle Barrell in our parking lot, or the Golden Coral and Fridays are all close by.

<u>Day 10 May 12</u>: Happy Mothers Day. Following breakfast and check out, we say goodbye to the south. We travel back home to MI with lots of memories of springtime in the south to share with friends and family. Will make a lunch stop (cost on your own) en route before we start dropping off passengers.

Itinerary subject to change.