

Gems of the South

APRIL 10–14, 2022



ST. LOUIS
TRAVELERS

SUNDAY, APRIL 10 (DINNER)

This morning we are bound for **Savannah, Georgia**. This historic, coastal city is known for its manicured parks, horse-drawn carriages and fabulous antebellum architecture. Its cobblestoned streets, beautiful city squares and Spanish moss-covered live oaks make this charming city unlike any other. Upon arrival we'll transfer to the **Hampton Inn** for two nights. This lovely hotel is set in the heart of Savannah's historic district. After getting settled in your rooms, take time to walk along the riverfront or through Reynolds Square to take in the wonderful ambiance of the city.

This evening our group will dine at the popular **River House Seafood Restaurant** where we'll experience the genuine flavor of Savannah in an 1850's Kings Cotton warehouse.



MONDAY, APRIL 11 (BREAKFAST, DINNER)

After breakfast this morning we'll take a **combination driving and walking tour** with a **costumed guide** who will share with us the history of beautiful Savannah, the first planned city in the United States. The 19th century neighborhoods boast homes featuring gingerbread trim, stained glass windows and imaginative detailing. Even more remarkable are the town's 22 squares, all peaceful and beautifully landscaped. See **Forsyth Park** with its iconic fountain and the **Cathedral of St. John the Baptist**, an elegantly restored architectural masterpiece.

After our tour we'll take time at **City Market** to discover the *art and soul* of Savannah. Explore boutique art galleries that showcase up and coming artists. Browse through quaint gift shops and choose from a large variety of restaurants to have lunch. Look for the eateries that serve low-country cuisine and select a meal that features bounty from the area's rich estuary system including fresh fish, shrimp, crab and oysters. Southern-style fried chicken is also a favorite in Savannah.



Later this afternoon we will visit **Tybee Island**, a barrier island that has been a popular vacation spot since the late 1800's. Enjoy the wide, sandy beaches and tour the **Tybee Light Station**, Georgia's oldest and tallest lighthouse. This evening we'll have dinner at **The Olde Pink House**, Savannah's only 18th century mansion, located in the heart of historic Savannah.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

(BREAKFAST, MANAGER'S RECEPTION, DINNER)

After breakfast at our hotel we check out and travel to **Hunting Island**, South Carolina's most popular state park as it boasts a vast array of land and marine wildlife, five miles of pristine beaches, thousands of acres of marsh and maritime forest, a saltwater lagoon and an ocean inlet. The park also has one of the most distinctive lighthouses in the state from which guests can stand 130 feet above the ground to take in breathtaking views. Next we travel to nearby **Beaufort, South Carolina**. Although the city officially celebrated its 310th birthday in 2021 the area's history dates back almost 500 years. On our **guided carriage tour** we will learn about Beaufort's involvement in both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. Highlighting our tour will be viewing many of the 80 Antebellum and Victorian homes and churches that grace the city. Afterwards, there will be time to visit the locally owned shops and have lunch.



Later today we'll check into the lovely **Embassy Suites Hotel**, our home for the next two nights. Set in the original Citadel Military College in the heart of historic downtown, the hotel is on the National Register of Historic Buildings. Enjoy complimentary snacks and drinks at the hotel's Manager's Reception before joining friends for dinner in one of Charleston's most famous restaurants, **Hyman's Seafood**. Find out for yourself why *Southern Living Magazine* Reader's Poll has voted Hyman's #1 in the Southeast for nine years running.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13 (BREAKFAST, DINNER)

Enjoy a cooked-to-order breakfast this morning at the hotel before we set out for a full day of fun. Our **local guide** will take us on a **city tour** through **Charleston**, a 300-year old city that is renowned for its splendid architecture. The homes, historic shrines, old churches, lovely gardens, winding streets and intricate iron lace gateways of this old American city will delight you.

After the tour spend some time browsing Charleston's famous **City Market**, which offers a wide variety of iconic, rare, and unexpected items from handmade sweetgrass baskets to bags of stone ground grits—and thousands of products in between. There are a wide variety of restaurants to choose for lunch on your own.



This afternoon we'll visit **Boone Hall Plantation and Gardens**, a National Historic Site founded in 1681 that interprets both colonial and slave life on a 738-acre estate. Enter by way of an impressive live oak alley and be welcomed by a costumed guide on the colonnaded portico. Walk through the public rooms of this colonial-revival style mansion built in 1936 with brick manufactured on the plantation. Our guide will introduce us to the families who lived here and describe the home's antique furnishings. Then wander down one of the few remaining slave streets in America and see the cabins where the skilled and house slaves lived followed by a live presentation on Gullah culture.

At Liberty Square in Charleston we'll board a boat for a **cruise to Fort Sumter**. The first shots of the American Civil War were fired from Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861. As we explore the exhibits, National Park rangers relay stories of courageous heroes in action from the Civil War's first battle. Back at the hotel, enjoy complimentary snacks and drinks at the Manager's Reception before dinner tonight at **82 Queen**, a powerhouse in Charleston's culinary community.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14 (BREAKFAST)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we check out and set off for **The Friends of the Hunley Museum**. On February 17, 1864, the H.L Hunley became the first successful combat submarine in the world with its sinking of the USS Housatonic. After completing her mission, she mysteriously vanished and remained lost at sea until 1995 when she was found and excavated. The Hunley is now a fascinating American Civil War time capsule as the hundreds of articles found on board reveal historical clues to the final hours of the Hunley and her crew. After our visit we head for the Charleston airport. We'll be taking home with us wonderful memories of the history, culture, architecture and cuisine uniquely found in the "Gems of the South!"

Tour cost per person: **Double: \$xxxx** **Single: \$xxxx** **Triple: \$xxxx**





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