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SOUTHERN CHARM AT ITS FINEST IN CHARLESTON & SAVANNAH

SEPTEMBER 22-28, 2019

From the timeless appeal of antebellum houses and plantations in Charleston, to Georgia's coastline including Savannah and the Golden Isles boasting pristine beaches and exquisite architectural gems, to the rich history of this region, this getaway will explore Southern hospitality and charm at its finest!

Departure/return times and pickup location are as follows:

	<u>DEPART</u>	<u>RETURN</u>
Kohl's, Westminster Rt. 140 & Market St. (Rear of parking lot)	6:00 AM	6:00 PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: We will begin our travels south making regular meal and rest stops en route. Our overnight accommodations will be in Charlotte, North Carolina at:

**DRURY INN & SUITES CHARLOTTE ARWOOD** (704)561-7499  
 8925 Red Oak Blvd.  
 Charlotte, North Carolina 28217

(NOTE: Drury hotels feature hot food and cold beverages from 5:30-7:00 which is included with your stay. It can be used as a snack for some people, and a meal for others.)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23: Following breakfast at the hotel, we will travel to Charleston, South Carolina. Discover sweet grass baskets, try a benne, pick up a souvenir or stroll the historic streets around the **Charleston Historic City Market** during free time mid-day. This afternoon, a local tour guide will join us for a **guided city sightseeing tour of Charleston**. See centuries-old cobblestone streets, historic homes, antebellum mansions, the Battery, and the Citadel as you hear stories about the Holy City. We will overnight at:

**HOTEL INDIGO MOUNT PLEASANT** (843)884-6000  
 250 Johnnie Dodds Blvd.  
 Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464

Unique dining awaits this evening on the *Spirit of Carolina* during your dinner cruise offering gourmet cuisine, live entertainment, and breath-taking views of Charleston's Harbor.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24: Today is just your cup of tea as we depart the hotel after breakfast for a tour of the only tea plantation in the United States, **Charleston Tea Plantation**. Located in Wadmalaw Island, SC, learn about the Bigelow family and view acres and acres of breathtaking Camellia Synesis tea plants as far as the eye can see. Find out first-hand how tea is made during an **informative factory tour**, take an enjoyable **trolley ride** through the tea fields, and help yourself to all the iced



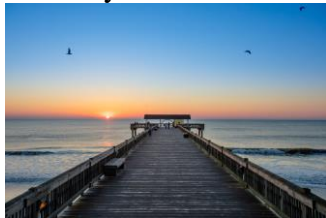
American Classic Tea you can drink. Next, we will continue our travels to Savannah, Georgia, one of the first planned cities which remains very close to its original plan. Enjoy exploring **River Street** and find a local eatery for lunch on your own. See the city's 22 historic squares and hear about its storied past on a **guided trolley tour of Savannah** this afternoon. Highlights include such landmarks as Forsyth Park, River Street, the Waving Girl statue, the Cotton Exchange, and Colonial Park Cemetery. We will check into our centrally-located accommodations for the next two nights at: **DOUBLETREE BY HILTON SAVANNAH HISTORIC DISTRICT**



(912)790-7000  
411 West Bay Street  
Savannah, Georgia 31401

Dinner will be served at a local restaurant this evening.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25:** After breakfast, we will visit one of the Golden Isles, **Tybee Island**. This quaint seaside village is well-known as Savannah's beach. Learn about this island's storied past during a **guided tour**. We will have lunch at the iconic **Crab Shack** with its exotic birds, alligator pond, fantastic views, and yummy food. Upon our return to Savannah, the afternoon is free for you to explore the historic district at your leisure. **Chippewa Square** is at the center of the downtown historic district which is also at the center of Savannah's nightlife and entertainment. The Square is also known for the famous park bench scenes from the critically acclaimed film *Forrest Gump*. This evening, we will gather for dinner at a local eatery



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and top off the day with a live performance at the **Historic Savannah Theatre!** The Savannah Theatre is the oldest theatre in the United States and is still producing nightly shows. The performances have been described as "2-hours of high energy music, dance and comedy, perfect for a southern evening!"

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26:** Following breakfast this morning, we will depart for **St. Simons Island**, Georgia. Beloved by famous author, Eugenia Price, learn the history of the island with a local guide. Wander through the charming **Pier Village** overlooking the Brunswick River and out to the Atlantic Ocean. Try some sweet Georgia shrimp at one of the cafes as you have lunch on your own before heading to another Golden isle, **Jekyll Island**. Join the ranks of the rich and famous at the Jekyll Island Club Resort, which will be our overnight accommodations:

**JEKYLL ISLAND CLUB RESORT** (912)635-2600  
371 Riverview Drive  
Jekyll Island, Georgia 31527

*The Legend of Bagger Vance* was filmed at the historic **Jekyll Island Club Resort**, a 19th century hunting retreat for millionaires. Discover how these empire builders, including the Rockefellers and Vanderbilts, created an exclusive gilded era island retreat for family and friends on Georgia's coast and shaped our nation's future while on a **narrated tram tour of Jekyll Island's historic district**. Dinner this evening is included at the resort.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27:** After breakfast, a local guide will take us on a brief **Jekyll Island tour**. Enjoy the moss draped **Live Oaks** and spectacular **Driftwood Beach** where the beautiful driftwood trees resemble a tree graveyard that will amaze you. Driftwood Beach, voted one of America's "Ten Most Romantic Beaches," is an escape to



another world as ancient driftwood monuments line the waterfront, creating an unforgettable backdrop. Next, we will learn how the **Georgia Sea Turtle Center** cares for its sea turtle patients at Georgia's only sea turtle education and rehabilitation facility. After time on your own for lunch, we will depart for Florence, SC for our final night of lodging at:

**HOME2SUITES BY HILTON** (843)664-9008  
900 Woody Jones Blvd.  
Florence, South Carolina 29501

Dinner will be included at a local restaurant this evening.



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28:** We will depart for home after breakfast making regular meal and rest stops en route. Share favorite memories of your Southern getaway with new friends as we travel back home today.

**PRICE PER PERSON:**

SINGLE	\$2,600.00	(PRICE INCLUDES: motorcoach transportation,
DOUBLE	\$2,100.00	lodging, luggage handling, 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 dinners,
TRIPLE	\$1,980.00	admissions, boat ride, trolley ride, tram ride, guided tours
QUAD	\$1,910.00	& gratuities, 1 show, and tax & gratuities on meals included)

A DEPOSIT OF \$400 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF BOOKING. ALL RESERVATIONS AND FINAL PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY AUGUST 9, 2019. Luggage tags and itineraries are mailed about 10 days prior to the trip. Bills are not mailed for balances due.

Our motorcoach is equipped with restroom, reclining seats, air-conditioning/heating as needed, luggage compartments, and electrical outlets.

In order to accommodate our tour members who are non-smokers or who cannot tolerate cigarette smoke, we must insist that no smoking be allowed on board our coach. The consumption of alcoholic beverages by any tour member while onboard our coach is strictly prohibited. Rill's Bus Service reserves the right to change itineraries and reservations, if in the best interest of the customer.

In the event of a cancellation, any non-refundable expenses for reserved seat tickets, admissions, meals, or lodging may be forfeited. Rills will guarantee full refund only if the cancelled reservations can be resold to another customer.

Trip cancellation insurance is available through Travel Guard Insurance. An application and coverage information will be mailed to you upon request to Rill's Bus Service. A completed application with payment should be mailed to: Travel Guard, 3300 Business Park Drive, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54482. For specific questions regarding cancellation insurance, call Travel Guard at (800)826-1300. You will need to refer to Agency #50810 (Rill's Bus Service as agent).

