



# The Charm of Historic Savannah, Charleston & Washington DC Cherry Blossom Festival

March 25 – April 4 2012

**Rate: 1599 DBL \$1499 Tpl \$2349 Sgl**

**Based on air of \$371**

**Day 1: You fly to Savannah** where transfers will be provided to the hotel. The hotel is in the Historic District making it is easy to explore the shops, the market place or perhaps take a carriage ride. . This evening our tour begins with a visit to the **Savannah Theater**. Prior to the show dinner will be at Johnny Harris Restaurant, once a dance hall and famous meeting spot. Johnny Harris is known for their award winning sauces. **Dinner**

**Day 3:** The day begins with breakfast at the hotel before joining a **local guide** for a tour of historic Savannah. On your tour you will learn about the siege of Savannah, why Savannah was not burned on Sherman's march to the sea, the cotton industry and the development of the Georgia Colony. Before lunch you will have time to shop on River Street and visit the Candy Kitchen. This afternoon we will feature lunch at Mrs. Wilkes where you will be served lunch family style, featuring southern cuisine. Next it is on to **Ft Jackson** where the history and life of the Civil War will come alive through period interpreters. The stories that are told will help you understand the living conditions at this period of history. For those that are hungry we will visit a local restaurant for a light meal Perhaps tonight you would like to walk across the Street to Lulu's Chocolate bar which was voted the best desserts in Savannah in 2010. **Breakfast and Lunch**

**Day 4:** After a hearty breakfast we will be joined by a **local guide** for where you will step back in time and explore the history and culture of Savannah and her people A stop will be made at the byrd cookie factory for a tour and a tasting. Tonight we will feature dinner at the **Crystal Beer Works** known for their sruptious food and large assortment of beer. We will skip dessert at the restaurant and head to Leoupolds for a little movie magic history and home made ice-crean. **Breakfast and Dinner.**

**Day 5:** After breakfast we will depart Savannah for the city of **Charleston**. It will take us about two hours to get to Charleston. Our first stop will be the Charleston Tea Plantation the only tea plantation in the USA. You will learn about the growing and harvesrtng of tea as you travel the plantation by trolley.. On the tour knowlwdge of how tea is processed, the difference between black tea, green tea and flavored teas, the proper way to make tea will all be imparted. In the afternoon a **horse drawn carriage ride** through the historic district. will sure to delight you. ( should the weather be cold or inclimate a local guide will step on board the coach. Tonight we will feature one of the largest holiday animaed lighting displays in the country on James Island. **Breakfast and Dinner.**

**Day 6:** Our day begins with breakfast and a visit to **Magnolia Plantation** which is alive with color in the spring when the azaleas, rhododendrons and magnolias bloom. You will discover what plantation life was like as Magnolia Plantation has survived the centuries and witnessed the history of our nation unfold before it from the American Revolution through the Civil War and beyond. It is the oldest public tourist site in the low country, and the oldest public gardens in America, opening its doors to visitors in 1870 to view the thousands of beautiful flowers and plants in its famous gardens. So join us here at Magnolia Plantation to experience the beauty of its gardens and its rich history today. One of the highlights of the day will be the **nature train ride** where you experience history and wildlife on this action-packed tram tour of the plantation's wetlands, lakes, forests, and marshes. Naturalist guides help you spot alligators, turtles, egrets, and herons in native habitats. You never know what you might see. One minute you'll glimpse an alligator sliding off a bank and the next you'll turn your head to catch a great blue heron spearing a fish, and as you ride through the landscape, guides bring its history to life. From a row of slave cabins to 19th century rice ponds and a Native American ceremonial mound that evoke the plantation's complex past. The tour will bring to life the true landscape and

culture of the old South. With more than 600 acres of wildlife habitats and gardens, it can be difficult to see everything there is to see on foot. The nature train allows you to view a large portion of these wonderful areas in an entertaining and educational way. This evening we have a unique learning experience in store for you as we visit the Maverick Kitchen's for a hands on demonstration. *Low Country Cuisine is the cornerstone of coastal South Carolina heritage. We learn about Low Country Cuisine and enjoy generous tasting of regionally based recipes and sipping a glass of wine. Come enjoy the tastes of history and the entertainment. The menu is Smoked Pork Chops with Bourbon apple Chutney, Goat Cheese Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Orange Rice Pudding with Macerated Peas and Cranberries.* **Breakfast and Dinner.**

**Day 6:** This morning we depart Charleston for Washington DC and the Cherry Blossom Festival. . **Breakfast.**

**Day 7:** Your tour of our nations capital begins with a visit to **Ford's Theater** where Lincoln was shot. Your next stop will be the **WW11 Memorial**. This impressive monument is dedicated to those who served in World War II, and is sure to move you. We continue on be the **FDR Memorial**, located along the tidal basin. When the **cherry blossoms** are out this is a magnificent view and brings to life the beliefs of Franklin D. Roosevelt. This afternoon we will visit **Arlington National Cemetery and take a narrated tram ride through the cemetery**. On your tour you will visit the **gravesites of JFK and RFK, see the Memorial to the Challenger Explorers, the tomb of the unknown soldiers, and witness the changing of the guard**. Our last stop of the afternoon will be the **National Archives** where you can view our countries most important documents. Tonight dinner will be included. **Breakfast and Dinner.**

**Day 8:** We depart the hotel at 8:00am to be at **Mount Vernon** when it opens. We will tour the home of George and Martha Washington, visit the gravesites, and see the farm that George Washington was so proud of. On our return from Mt. Vernon we will visit the **Marine Memorial ant the famous Iwo Jima flag raising sculpture**. Later in the day we will return to the Washington Mall where you will be free to explore the buildings of the **Smithsonian**. Perhaps you will enjoy the Air and Space Museum, the Museum or American History, The Museum of Natural History, the Holocaust Museum or the many other Smithsonian buildings lining the Mall. Tonight we will feature dinner in **Georgetown** followed by our evening **illumination tour**. On the tour you will see the **Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Korean Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial** as well as the **Whitehouse and Capital illuminated**. **Breakfast and Dinner**

**Day 9:** We will tour the **National Cathedral** for those staying longer you will be transferred to the Capital Visitors center where you will have an included tour of the Capital. After your tour of the Capital you are only a few blocks away from Union Station a perfect place for a little shopping and lunch. After lunch it is the perfect time to visit the National Archives to see the Declaration of Independence. and the Constitution. Please remember any federal building that you go through will require you to go through security. ( If there are 10 oe more we will provide a shuttle to the hotel. If less then 10 it is a five to 10-minute cab ride and will cost about \$7. From the National Archives it is a 15 minute walk to the hotel. **.Breakfast and Dinner.**

**Day 10:** This morning you will have the opportunity to visit the Capital and the entire afternoon to visit the Smithsonian Museum.

#### **Tour Features**

**Flight New Orleans Savannah**

**3 Nights Savannah Four Points hotel (historic district)**

**9 breakfasts**

**Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation while touring**

**Charleston Tea Plantation**

**Magnolia Plantation**

**Services of a professional tour director**

**Tour Mobil Arlington Cemetery**

**4 Nights Comfort Inn DC**

**2 Nights Charleston Best Western**

**8 dinners 1 lunch**

**All sightseeing and admissions per iten.**

**Charleston Carriage Ride**

**Savannah History tour**

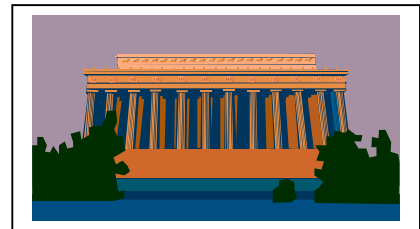
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**Flight DC**

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