



The Charm of Historic Savannah & Charleston

Mar 30 –April 3, 2016

Rate: \$1099 Dbl \$1089 tpl \$1,329 Sgl + air

Day 1: On arrival in Charleston the first stop will be the Charleston Tea Plantation the only tea plantation in the USA. You will learn about the growing and harvesting of tea as you travel the plantation by trolley. Discover how tea is processed, the difference between black tea, green tea and flavored teas, and the proper way to make tea. In the afternoon a **horse drawn carriage ride** through the historic district will sure to delight you. (should the weather be cold or inclement a local guide will step on board the coach. **Dinner**



Day 2: Our day begins with breakfast and a visit to **Magnolia Plantation** with the spring flowers in bloom. 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. The afternoon sail Charleston Harbor on the **Schooner Pride** an 84' tall ship operating in Charleston Harbor. She is modeled after the 18th Century coastal trading schooners that once dotted the beautiful harbor. Watch the coastal sunset and enjoy our exclusive wine tasting as you sail Charleston Harbor.

The Schooner Pride has all the charm and character of the great days of sail. The Pride is USCG certified for up to 49 passengers

Day 3 On arrival in Savannah we will have time to explore the area along **River Street** before heading to **Mrs. Wilkes** where you will be served lunch family style featuring southern cuisine. This all you can eat lunch is sure to be a highlight of the day. After lunch a local guide will join you who will explain the siege of Savannah, why Savannah was spared on Sherman's march to the sea, the cotton industry and the development of the Georgia Colony. Learn about the plan by James Oglethorpe and visit the bird cookie factory for tasting these Savannah treats. This evening we will feature the musical sensation Savannah live. **Breakfast and Lunch**



Day 4: This morning we visit **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. In the afternoon, we will visit Tybee Island perhaps the most laid-back location on the southeastern coast. There are miles of beach, forts and museums and a great old lighthouse; endangered birds and other animal species.

For those that are energetic you can climb the lighthouse stairs for a magnificent coastal view. Tonight we will feature a low country seafood boil. **Breakfast and Dinner.**

Day 5: This morning you will have time to explore the shops of Market Square before being transferred to the airport for your flight home.



Tour Features

2 Nights Charleston Town & Country Inn and Suites

2 Nights Savannah Comfort Inn Historic District

4 hot Breakfasts

Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation

Charleston Tea Plantation

Magnolia Plantation

Services of a professional tour director

Baggage service beginning at hotels (each airline may charge a different price for baggage)

3 Dinners 1 Lunch

Savannah Live Theater

All sightseeing and admissions per item.

Charleston Carriage Ride

Savannah History tour

All taxes

Air can only be confirmed when tickets are purchased. Non stop flights on Jet Blue Boston to Charleston and returning from Savannah currently are at a low of \$295 and will go up in price based on the date when flights are purchased.

RESERVATION FORM

Tour Name: _____ Tour Date: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Roommate: _____

Credit Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ Sec code _____

Amount to Charge to Credit Card _____

Authorized Signature _____

Accommodations: () Double () Triple () Single () Non Smoking () Smoking

Email: _____

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Make checks Payable to:

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