



# The Charm of Historic Savannah, Charleston

March 25 – March 30 2012

**Rate: \$1199 Double      \$1179 Triple      1699 Single**

**Day 1:** Savannah is where your vacation begins. Transfers from the airport to the hotel will be provided for those getting their own air. The Sheraton Four Points is in the historic district making it easy to visit the shops and market place.. **Dinner**

**Day 2:** 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 spared 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. The evening will be free for you to explore the City Market place for a light bite before an exciting evening at the **Savannah Theater**. Tonight we will offer an optional beer tasting and Dinner at the Crystal Beer Works **Breakfast and Lunch**

**Day 3:** After a hearty breakfast we will be joined by a local guide for a **living history tour exploring the various cultures and ethnic groups that make up the people of Savannah**. On this tour you will step back in time and the history and culture of Savannah and her people will come alive. This journey through time is sure to be a fascinating part of your journey. This afternoon you will have the choice of several different options. The first option will be to enjoy a Savannah High Tea. The second option will be to do a cultural tour visiting either the second oldest Jewish Synagogue in the country or the oldest African American Church in Georgia or going to the Mighty 8 Airforce Museum. This well done museum is sure to prove interesting to the Men of the group. All activities will be available. This evening you will have the opportunity to enjoy River Street on our dine as you please program. Tonight we will offer an optional pub tour where you can get the stories of Savannah's haunted pubs and where some of the famous movies of Savannah were filmed. Before our pub tour we will stop at Leopold's for icecream and a little Movie History. **Breakfast and Dinner**.

**Day 4:** After breakfast we will depart Savannah for the city of **Charleston**. It will take us about two hours to get to Charleston and on arrival in Charleston you will have a **horse drawn carriage ride** through the historic district. In the afternoon we will feature a cruise of historic **Charleston Harbor** where you will see the beauty of this city from the water. During December we will visit Davis Park for one of the most elaborate lighting displays that you will ever see. **Breakfast and Dinner**.

**Day 5:** 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

