

# SOUTHERN CHARMS

## EXPLORING CHARLESTON & SAVANNAH



**Departing Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup> 2022 for 9 days / 8 nights**

Experience the beautiful scenery, rich history, and vibrant cultures of the South on this southern U.S. tour that begins and ends in Atlanta with overnights in Charleston and Savannah. Also enjoy time in St. Simons Island, with its unspoiled beauty and beaches, laid-back lifestyle, and charming communities. See Charleston's Boone Hall Plantation & Gardens, America's most photographed plantation. You'll tour the mansion, see the slave cabins, and visit the beautiful gardens; and Savannah's American Prohibition Museum, bringing the roaring 20s to life. Enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride through the narrow, oak-lined streets in picturesque Beaufort and sightseeing trolley tours in both Savannah and Jekyll Island. All the picturesque scenery and rich historic opportunities, really make this southern tour a vacation of a lifetime!

## Day to Day Itinerary:

### Day 1: Flight from Rapid City to Savannah, GA.

Welcome to Savannah where we spend the next 3 nights.. On your arrival you will be met at the baggage carousel and transferred to your hotel for overnight.

**Overnight Savannah, GA – No meals included**

### Day 2: Savannah, GA – Sightseeing

A full day at leisure to explore this beautiful city. We recommend strolling through Forsyth Park, spending time at the Telfair Museum of Art, window shopping on Broughton Street, or touring the Mercer Williams House Museum—made famous in the book and movie, *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. Enjoy a TROLLEY TOUR led by a Local Guide who will entertain you with stories of the city's colorful characters and past. Your tour ends at the AMERICAN PROHIBITION MUSEUM, where there's time to explore the various exhibits, interact with costumed guides.

**Overnight Savannah – Breakfast & Supper included**

### Day 3: Savannah, GA to Jekyll Island and back to Savannah, GA

Today we visit nearby St. Simons Island, home to beautiful beaches and charming communities. Continue to Jekyll Island for a guided TROLLEY TOUR of the Club Historic District. A cluster of 19th-century mansions, this "club" was formed by some of America's most prominent families. Your tour includes a visit to one of the most elaborate winter mansions, such as the Rockefellers' Indian Mound. The Jekyll Island Club was built in 1887, and was the winter home of the Vanderbilt, Rockefeller, and Morgan families. After our visit, we drive back to Savannah for overnight.

**Overnight Savannah – Breakfast Included**

### Day 4: Savannah, GA to Hilton Head (40 miles)

After breakfast it's just a short ride to the hotel situated right on the beach... Hilton Head Island, sometimes referred to as simply Hilton Head, is a Low country resort town and barrier island in Beaufort County, South Carolina. The island is named after Captain William Hilton, who in 1663 identified a headland near the entrance to Port Royal Sound, which he named "Hilton's Head" after himself. The island features 12 miles (19 km) of beachfront on the Atlantic Ocean and is a popular vacation destination. Before we arrive at the hotel we will visit the Shelter Cove Towne Center... Shopping and restaurants where you can take lunch.

On arrival at the hotel you are free to explore this beautiful property

**Overnight Hilton Head – Breakfast included**

### Day 5: Hilton Head, SC

Today we depart on a fascinating 3 hour tour in a comfortable, air conditioned EXECUTIVE MOTOR COACH guided by our Island's expert historians. See Hilton Head Island through the eyes of early explorers and Native Americans. Walk the grounds of a Plantation era home. Visit the oldest standing building on the island located in Revolutionary War era cemetery. Discover Mitchelville - the first self-governed town of former slaves in the U.S. Return to hotel for overnight.

Overnight Hilton Head Island.

### Day 6: Hilton Head Island to Charleston via Beaufort, SC

After breakfast we leave our idyllic hotel and head for the little town of Beaufort... A special treat awaits us before we continue to Charleston (approximately a 2 hour drive)

**Day 7: Charleston, SC**

Start the day with an orientation tour of Charleston before visiting America's most photographed plantation, BOONE HALL PLANTATION & GARDENS. Tour the mansion, see the slave cabins, and visit the beautiful gardens. The remainder of the day is at leisure. You may wish to shop for a favorite souvenir at historic City Market, where more than 50 artisans are on-site daily; take a relaxing and scenic cruise of Charleston Harbor; or try one of Charleston's favorite dishes, such as She-crab Soup or Carolina Gold Rice.

**Overnight Charleston – Breakfast included**

**Day 8: Charleston to Richmond, VA (422 miles)**

Today we have a good days drive to Richmond, Virginia known for being the capital of the confederacy during the civil war. As a special treat on arrival in Richmond we pay a visit to the White House of the Confederacy... Built in 1818, this National Historic Landmark served as the executive mansion and home for Confederate President Jefferson Davis, and his family from 1861 – 1865.

**Overnight Richmond, VA – Breakfast Included**

**Day 9: Fly home to the Black Hills of South Dakota.**

After breakfast this morning we head to Richmond Airport for your return flight back to the Black Hills of SD.

**Breakfast included**

## Itinerary at a glance:

**Price:** \$3,795 (pp based on double occupancy)

**Single Supplement:** add \$895

**Starts:** Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup> 2022

**Ends:** Friday July 15<sup>th</sup> 2022

## What's included?

- This is a small group tour – minimum 6 passengers, maximum 12 passengers – book early!
- 8 night's accommodations
- 8 Breakfasts
- All transportation including round trip flights from Rapid City to Savannah, GA & return from Richmond, VA
- All sightseeing / touring / entrance fees as listed in itinerary
- Baggage handling and taxes
- Escorted

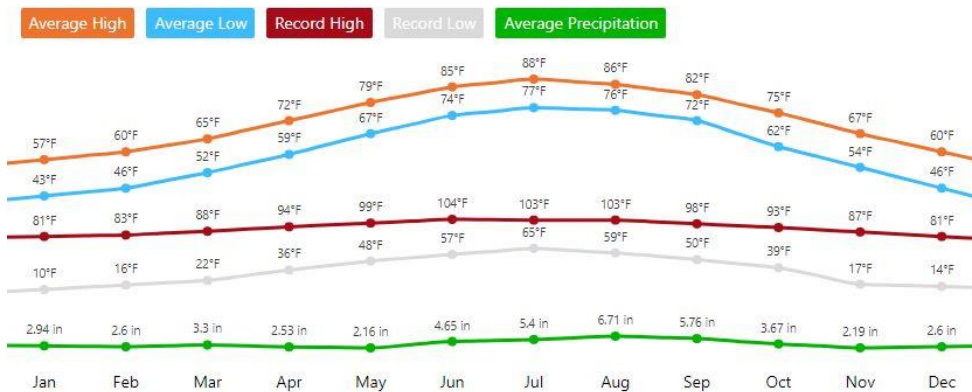
## How to book

- Deposit of \$750pp due at time of booking
- Balance due May 10<sup>th</sup> 2022

## What you'll need

- A camera is a must, binoculars would be a great idea
- Government Issued Photo ID
- A light jacket as temperatures can cool off in the evenings

## Weather



July is on average the WARMEST month.

January is on average the COOLEST month.



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