

GEMS OF THE SOUTH

Featuring Charleston and Savannah

May 6 - 19, 2024



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Day 1: Home to Coralville, IA

Today will be a travel day as you begin your journey to the south.

Day 2: Coralville, IA to Indianapolis, IN

This afternoon, in Bloomington, IL, you'll stop for a guided tour of the **David Davis Mansion**. Davis was a long-time friend and political companion of Abraham Lincoln, and was also a U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice. His estate was valued at roughly five million dollars at that time, a massive fortune in his day, and would be equally impressive today!

Day 3: Indianapolis, IN to Corbin, KY

Traveling through Kentucky today, it wouldn't be right if we didn't stop to see some racehorses! You'll have a one-of-a-kind experience with a guided tour at **Old Friends**, a dignified retirement equine aftercare home for thoroughbred racehorses. You will get up close and personal with Kentucky Derby, Preakness, and Belmont champions, enjoying life as it should be for these once-celebrated horses.

Day 4: Corbin, KY to Asheville, NC

Passing through Pigeon Forge, TN, today, you'll enjoy a visit to the **Titanic Museum**, one of the area's most celebrated attractions. You can actually experience what it was like to walk the hallways, parlors, cabins, and the grand staircase of the Titanic while being surrounded by more than 400 artifacts directly from the ship.

Day 5: Asheville, NC to Mount Pleasant, SC

Spend your morning at what is considered the 2nd most beautiful landmark in the United States, the **Biltmore**. You'll tour the inside of this 250-room home featuring 35 bedrooms, 43 bathrooms, and 65 fireplaces! You'll also have time to tour the stunning gardens as well. You'll conclude your time at the Biltmore with an included lunch at the **Stable Cafe**. You'll arrive in South Carolina today.

Day 6: Charleston Area

Explore historic downtown Charleston with a memorable one-hour carriage ride with your entertaining and knowledgeable guide with **Old South Carriage**. Afterward, you'll spend time at the **Charleston City Market**, which stretches for four city blocks and was established in the 1790s. It is considered one of the most significant buildings in American history. You'll find numerous places to shop and dine here. This afternoon, you will join **Spiritline Cruises** for a 30-minute cruise to historic **Fort Sumter**, where you'll have a guided tour of this Fort that had a pivotal role in the American Civil War. After dinner, you'll explore **Waterfront Park**, the location of the iconic "Pineapple Fountain."

Day 7: Charleston Area

Today, enjoy a guided **Captain's Tour at Patriot Point Naval & Maritime Museum**. You can walk in the steps of heroes with a behind-the-scenes tour of the Yorktown, featuring exclusive access to the Captain's Quarters and the B25 Bomber plan, areas of the ship not ordinarily accessible to the general public. There will also be time to explore the museum on your own. After lunch, you will visit **Boone Hall Plantation & Gardens**, founded in 1681, one of America's oldest working plantations. The afternoon here features a Farm and Nature guided tour, a self-guided Formal Garden tour, a guided Plantation House tour, a Gullah Theater Performance, and a self-guided grounds and Slave cabin tour.

Day 8: Charleston, SC to Savannah, GA

You'll head to one of the other gems of the south today, Savannah. The day begins with a **Private Historic Trolley Tour** that will take you by stately mansions, moss-draped oaks, the expansive riverfront, and more. Then, head back to the riverfront for a **Savannah Riverboat Cruise** for a Narrated Harbor Lunch Cruise. Relax and enjoy your signature southern buffet as the Captain tells intriguing tales and historical facts about this river city. After your cruise, you'll tour **The Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist Church** for a guided tour. The Cathedral, built in 1898, has continued to be rated as a "must-see" when visiting Savannah. Dinner this evening will be at **The Lady & Sons**.

Day 9: Savannah Area

Today, you will enjoy one of the most acclaimed tours in Savannah, **"40 Acres and a Mule."** You'll walk through six of Savannah's most historic squares as your guide tells you incredible stories of how freedom through faith triumphed over slavery. After lunch, you have a guided **Green-Meldrim House** tour. Two famous Savannahians owned this beautiful home, which has a very colorful past. Since Savannah is known as the most haunted city in America, enjoy an evening with **Genteel & Bard's Savannah Dark History & Ghost Tour**. These are highly-curated, classic storytelling performances where talented and passionate historians deliver tales of Savannah's dark history and ghost lore.

Day 10: Savannah, GA to Warner Robins, GA

Yesterday was busy, so you're headed to **Tybee Beach** today. Tybee Beach Company will be waiting with beach chairs, umbrellas, beach towels, and coolers! Enjoy time on the beach, rent a golf cart to explore the village, or swim in the ocean. Choose from several restaurants near the beach to enjoy lunch.

Day 11: Warner Robins, GA to Franklin, TN

As you continue your journey home, you'll stop at the **Georgia Aquarium**, the largest in the U.S. and the 5th largest in the world! The Georgia Aquarium features beluga whales, whale sharks, dolphins, and more in over 10 million gallons of fresh and marine water. You'll see it all with your Behind-The-Scenes Tour!

Day 12: Franklin, TN to Wentzville, MO

Arriving in St. Louis, you'll stop at the **Anheuser-Busch St. Louis Brewery** for a guided **Day Fresh Tour**, where you will explore their campus and brewing methods from seed to sip. Following the tour, everyone will dine in the **Biergarten**.

Day 13: Wentzville, MO to St. Joseph, MO

Today you'll stop at **Warm Springs Ranch** in Boonville, MO, for a guided walking tour. The ranch is the official breeding facility for the famous Clydesdales we all see on those great commercials. You'll see the horses, the luxury trailers, the 1903 beer wagon, the equipment they wear, and more.

Day 14: St. Joseph, MO to Home

Your Gems of the South tour concludes today as you arrive home late today.

Featured Highlights

David Davis Mansion * Old Friends Equine * Titanic Museum * Biltmore Estate Tour with Lunch * Old South Carriage Historic City Tour * Charleston City Market * Spiritline Cruise with Guided Fort Sumter Tour * Waterfront Park * Patriot Point Naval & Maritime Museum with Captain's Tour * Boone Hall Plantation & Gardens Tour Including Gullah Theater Performance, Grounds and Slave Cabins, and Farm & Nature Tour * Old Savannah Historic Trolley Tour * Savannah Riverboat Cruise with Lunch * The Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist Church * Dinner at The Lady & Sons * 40-Acres and a Mule Private Guided Tour * Green-Meldrim House * Genteel & Bard's Savannah Dark History & Ghost Tour * Tybee Beach Experience * Georgia Aquarium with Behind-The-Scenes Tour * Anheuser-Busch Day Fresh Brewery Tour with Lunch at Biergarten * Warm Springs Ranch

**13 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches,
1 Dinner
4 Drury Kickbacks**

Occupancy	Per Person Pricing
Double	\$3,560
Triple	\$3,090
Quad	\$2,860
Single	\$4,980

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Activity Level: Very Active