

SAVANNAH SIGHTS

HISTORIC HOMES, GARDENS & RELIGIOUS SITES

Andrew Low House, 329 Abercorn Street (Fri-Sat, 10-4) – A city house in the high style. Built in 1849, this is how the wealthy cotton merchants lived. This home is where Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl Scouts and where she died in 1927. (\$8)

Bonaventure Cemetery, 330 Bonaventure Road (daily 8-5) – Savannah’s most famous and hauntingly beautiful 180 year old cemetery. The 100 acre cemetery is part natural cathedral and part sculptural garden. It is a lush and beautiful “city of the dead”, designed during the Victorian era when death became romanticized and ritualized.

First African Baptist Church, 23 Montgomery Street (tours Tues-Sat at 11 and 2) – Built in 1788 and believed to be the oldest continually active church for black worshippers in North America. It was built by slaves for slaves. It was the birthplace of the Civil Rights Movement in Savannah and a refuge on the Underground Railroad.

Isaiah Davenport House, 324 East State Street (Mon-Sat, 10-4) – Built in 1820 by a master builder from Rhode Island, it is now a museum adorned with furnishings and decorative arts of the Federal period. There’s a lovely garden out back and excellent museum shop. (\$8)

Juliette Gordon Low National Birthplace, 10 Oglethorpe Avenue (Mon-Sat, 10-4) -- A Regency town house decorated in postbellum period style, this building commemorates the childhood of the founder of the Girl Scouts, who was born here in 1860.

King-Tisdell Cottage, 514 E. Huntingdon Street (Tues-Sat, 12-5) -- This charming, original 1896 cottage houses a museum of the black history and culture of Savannah and the Sea Islands. (\$4)

Owens-Thomas House, 124 Albercorn Street (Tues-Sat, 10-5) – Designed in 1816, the house is considered the best example of an urban villa in the Regency style. It contains a collection of European and American decorative arts and has a formal garden. The Carriage House is the site of one of the few discovered slave quarters in the Historic District, and its collections offer insight into the lives of urban African American slaves. (\$15)

Second African Baptist Church, 123 Houston Street (call ahead to arrange a visit: 912-233-6163) – The church, established in 1802, was the site of two historic occurrences: General Sherman’s reading of the Emancipation Proclamation to the newly freed slaves and, nearly a century later, Dr. Martin Luther King’s presentation of his “I Have a Dream” sermon prior to its delivery in Washington D.C.

Temple Mickve Israel, 20 E. Gordon Street (call ahead to arrange a visit: 912-233-1547) – The Gothic style synagogue was built in the 1870’s, more than 100 years after the congregation was established. The museum and library house the oldest Torah in America, as historical documents.

MUSEUM

Savannah History Museum, 303 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd. (Mon-Fri, 8:30-5) -- Video presentations, displays, and objects relating to Savannah’s history are housed in the old Central Georgia railway depot sheds. The black soldier exhibit highlights the 1st South Carolina Volunteers and the 178,895 black men who fought in the Civil War. (\$4.25)

SHOPPING

Savannah's main shopping sections are on [Whitaker Street](#), [Broughton Street](#), [Abercorn Street](#), [Wright Square](#), and [Ellis Square](#).

ANTIQUES AND CRAFTS

[Alex Raskin Antiques](#), 441 Bull Street -- Located in the Noble-Hardee mansion on Montgomery Square, the antique furniture, rugs, paintings, and light fixtures overflow the space.

[Attic Antiques](#), 224 W. Bay Street -- Located next door to the antiques mall at Cobblestone Lane. Come here for browsing fun or if you collect very specific small items: fountain pens, buttons, etc.

[Gallery 209](#), 209 E. River Street – Thirty of the region's finest artists and craftsmen show here. Their works include batik, fiber, glass, pottery, wood, paintings, and sculpture displayed in a 19th century cotton warehouse.

DINING

[Belford's Savannah Seafood and Steaks](#), 315 W. Julian Street (912-233-2626) – Belford's is on both sides of the City Market and has patio seating. The main dining area has an exposed brick wall and lots of glass windows with seating around an open grill. Steaks, seafood, and crabcakes are the best.

[Gryphon's](#), 337 Bull Street (our place for high tea on Friday) -- Recently renovated and located in an old time pharmacy, Gryphon's is the epitome of Southern hospitality, elegance, and charm. Enjoy traditional afternoon tea of delectable sandwiches and an expansive range of teas.

[Mrs. Wilkes' Dining Room](#), 107 W. Jones Street (our place for lunch on Saturday) – An established restaurant renowned for homemade cooking served as it would be at home: the diners seated around large tables with heaping platters of fried chicken, baskets of biscuits, and bowls of slaw, vegetables, red rice, and black-eyed peas.

[The Olde Pink House](#), 23 Abercorn Street (912-232-4286) -- Located in an elegant 18th century mansion designated a National Landmark, where the Declaration of Independence was read in Savannah for the first time. There's a quiet dining room upstairs and a livelier tavern downstairs. The seafood is recommended.

[Sapphire Grill](#), 110 W Congress Street (912-443-9962) -- A sophisticated, stylish City Market restaurant on three floors serving a first-rate dinner. The menu changes seasonally and all dishes emphasize local produce and the freshest seafood and meat.

CASUAL LUNCH

[Clary's Café](#), 404 Abercorn Street (912-233-0402) – Of *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* fame, the food and prices are excellent.

[Kevin Barry's Pub](#), 117 W. River Street, (our place for lunch on Friday) -- Celebrating 33 years, the Pub offers traditional Irish and American cuisine and drinks. On the second floor, stroll the Hall of Heroes, a tribute to the heroic men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

[Wright Square Café](#), 21 W. York Street (912-238-1150) – Located on a square with several shops, the setting is very European, with indoor and sidewalk dining, comfortable chairs, and serious attention to architectural detail. The wraps, Panini, and salads are terrific.

