

Savannah & Charleston Tour

Day 1 Sacramento to Savannah



Depart Sacramento airport for your flight to Savannah. You will be met at the airport by your private driver who will transfer you to the *Bohemian Hotel*, Savannah's newest hotel on the river. Enjoy evening drinks and appetizers on the terrace of the hotel overlooking the bustling Savannah River, one of Georgia's longest and largest waterways. (Evening appetizers)

The Bohemian Hotel Savannah Riverfront (3 nights)

Day 2 Savannah



In the morning, travel through more than 270 years of American history on a guided trolley tour of Savannah's Historical District. Journey along cobblestone paved streets and view the stately mansions and beautiful squares of Savannah. During the tour, take note of the sites you would like to explore later with your unlimited "on/off" two-day trolley pass. In the afternoon, take time out for tea at *Gryphon Tea Room*. Enjoy a variety of tea sandwiches and desserts. Or, for the more stout, have a pint of Guinness and bangers and mash at one of Savannah's best Irish pubs, *Kevin Barry's* on River Street. (B, late afternoon British Tea or Irish Pub)



In the evening, experience a horse-drawn carriage "ghost" tour of Savannah as your guide entertains you with mysterious local legends and house hauntings as your carriage ambles by shadowy squares beneath moss draped oaks.

Day 3 Savannah



This morning, enter some of the private homes of the Southwest Historic Landmark District, built during the height of the cotton era. These 19th c. homes feature many Romantic revival architectural elements and lovely urban gardens. During this self-guided tour, stroll through historic squares, magnificent Forsyth Park and unique shops in the Design District. Enjoy a traditional Southern lunch at *Mrs. Wilkes' Boarding House*, a famous local institution. Take the rest of the afternoon to explore, shop, and dine at your leisure. This evening, experience the fantastic live music, dance, comedy, and singing extravaganza, "Jukebox" at the beautifully restored *Historic Savannah Theater*, a premier entertainment venue since 1818. (B, L)

Day 4 Beaufort / Magnolia Gardens / Charleston



Depart Savannah in the morning with a private driver and luxury vehicle. On the way to Charleston, visit the picturesque island village of *Beaufort* on Port Royal Island, heart of the Sea Islands. Then spend the afternoon exploring the fabulous *Magnolia Plantation and Gardens*. The gardens are of incredible beauty and variety year round, but the spring bloom produces the greatest and most colorful varieties. Have a picnic lunch among the flowers and peacocks and stroll through the gardens at your own pace before enjoying a leisurely ride on the Nature Train, a tram tour of the plantation's extensive and diverse landscape. Then take a guided tour of the historical Drayton family home, the core of which was built prior to the Revolutionary War. Magnolia also acknowledges the vital role that Gullah people and culture plays in any interpretation of South Carolina history so plan to visit the Magnolia Cabin Project: "From Slavery to Freedom". This informative project has respectfully preserved five former slave dwellings that date back to 1850. (B, L)

In the late afternoon, relax in your charming fireplace room at the lovely *Vendue Inn*, located near Charleston's harbor and historical center. Enjoy a leisurely dinner at one of the many highly rated restaurants surrounding the inn.

The Vendue Inn, 3 nights



Day 5 Charleston



This morning, enjoy a horse-drawn wagonette tour of historical Charleston. This guided tour will highlight the history and architecture from Charleston's prosperous colonial days through the tumultuous antebellum period and into the 20th century, revealing layers of a rich history. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon sightseeing, shopping, or strolling through this beautiful city. In the late afternoon, ride the Charleston trolley to the authentically preserved *Aiken-Rhett House* and experience a traditional Low Country picnic and oyster roast. Enjoy a tour of the house and grounds, drinks, live music, and Southern cuisine during this very special event. (B, D)

Day 6 Charleston



Take the morning to explore Charleston on your own. Take a quiet and leisurely stroll through gardens, churches, and cemeteries along the Gateway Walk in the heart of the Historic District. After lunch, join a local historian aboard the *Spirit of Carolina* for a panoramic view of the South's most famous seaport. Learn how fame, fortune, and fate have influenced Charleston's ongoing link with the sea. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks as you cruise Charleston's historic harbor. This evening, enjoy a special dinner at one of Charleston's landmark restaurants before visiting some of the private homes and gardens of Tradd Street. This neighborhood contains the greatest concentration of early 18th century homes in the city, and they will be all lit up for the evening stroll. (B, afternoon appetizers, D)

Day 7 Charleston to Sacramento



On your last day in Charleston, enjoy a relaxing morning and one last shopping, sightseeing, and dining experience before departing for the airport for your late afternoon flight. (B)

