

# 7-Day South Carolina Coast /Savannah And The Golden Isles

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**MOTORCOACH**

## 1 CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

We board our deluxe motorcoach traveling through Asheville before entering South Carolina stopping for lunch in the Spartanburg area. After lunch we continue through South Carolina's capital city of Columbia before arriving in Charleston for a two night stay. History is literally found around every corner in this fascinating city, which is often referred to as a "living museum".

## 2 TOUR CHARLESTON / BOONE HALL PLANTATION

A local guide will take us on a tour of this historic city. Magnificent formal gardens grace much of the historic district, adding to the beauty of the colonial, antebellum and Victorian architecture. See why Charleston has been deemed the "charm spot of the south". We stop at the battery overlooking Fort Sumter where, on April 12, 1861, the first shots of the Civil War were fired. See St. Michael's Episcopal Church, with a graveyard dating back to 1752. After lunch (included) in one of the area restaurants, we will visit Boone Hall, one of the low country's largest cotton plantations and America's most photographed plantation. The three-quarter mile avenue of huge moss-draped live oaks were planted by Captain Thomas Boone in 1743. Time for shopping and browsing in the City Market in the late afternoon and early evening. **L**

## 3 MAGNOLIA GARDENS / BEAUFORT

This morning before departing the Charleston area, we will visit Magnolia Gardens, described by Reader's Digest as "one of the most remarkable bits of work that has been done in the world". We will see one of the largest collections of camellias and azaleas in America. By mid-morning we are on our way south along South Carolina's scenic coastal route to the charming town of Beaufort for a delicious luncheon (included) in one of the area's fine restaurants. After lunch we will have a carriage tour of this picturesque old port town. Facing the Intracoastal Waterway, Beaufort has one of the best natural harbours on the Atlantic Coast. The city has been the site for such films as "The Big Chill", "The Great Santini" and the blockbuster "Forrest Gump". We continue to Savannah, Georgia for a two night stay. **L**

## 4 HISTORIC SAVANNAH /OLDE TOWN TROLLEY

America's first planned city, Savannah, sits on a high bluff overlooking the Savannah River. We hop aboard the Old Town Trolley to see the sights in Savannah—the largest National Historic Landmark area in the U. S. Visit the historic district and experience southern charm first-hand with a stroll along the cobblestone-paved Factors Walk and River Street, where old cotton warehouses have been converted into shops, taverns and restaurants.

Your local tour concludes with a visit to the Andrew Low Home and Gardens. Learn the history of the start of the Girl Scouts and its founder, Juliette Low. Lunch included at a local dining spot in downtown Savannah. Afternoon free for shopping in Savannah. This evening we will enjoy a show at The Savannah Theatre. **L**

## 5 TOUR OF HILTON HEAD / GEORGIA'S GOLDEN ISLES

This morning we have a short drive to Hilton Head, South Carolina to meet our local guide for a tour of the area including a brief visit to South Beach Village in Sea Pines and ending at Shelter Cove for shopping and lunch on your own. After lunch, we continue south along the coast of Georgia, home of the Golden Isles, where we see vast marshlands, winding rivers and rugged beaches. Accommodations await us for the next two nights in the Jekyll / St. Simons area.

## 6 MILLIONAIRE'S VILLAGE AT JEKYLL ISLAND / ST. SIMONS ISLAND

This morning we are treated to a trolley tour of the Jekyll Island Historic Landmark District—one of the nation's largest restoration projects. Here you will have a chance to explore the 240-acre river edge and see grand "cottages" once belonging to such notables as the Rockefellers, Vanderbilts and J. P. Morgan. We will enjoy a delightful luncheon included at the Jekyll Island Club—considered one of the most exclusive social clubs in America. After lunch we will tour quaint St. Simons Island and stroll on the grounds of the beautiful and historic Christ Church. In the early evening explore the quaint shops with dinner on your own in one of the restaurants in the village. **L**

## 7 HOMEWARD BOUND

It is now time to bid farewell to our traveling friends and return home to share our memories with our friends at home, ending our delightful and relaxing visit to Charleston, Beaufort, Hilton Head, Savannah and the Golden Isles of Georgia.

**4 MEALS INCLUDED**

**B - Breakfast • L - Lunch • D - Dinner**

### Price Per Person:

Single \$1795      Twin \$1155      Triple \$1115

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