

Day One

Take a Tour: Get to know Savannah by experiencing a city tour, either on our period-style trolleys or with one of our highly trained step-on-guides. The tour lasts about 2 hours and will help your group get better acquainted with our genteel Southern beauty. It will also give them a sample of the attractions they may want to explore later on their own.

First stop.... The Savannah Visitor's Center & Museum where your group will be introduced to the city's past through artifacts and a wonderful 15 minute film.

Savannah History Museum- http://www.chsqeorgia.org/shm/

From here, you can pick up your tour.

Old Savannah Tours- www.oldsavannahtours.com

Old Town Trolley- <u>www.trustedtours.com</u> Oglethorpe Trolley- <u>www.oglethorpetours.com</u>

Be sure to stop at *The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist* along the tour route. It's worth it! www.savannahcathedral.org Free

Group Lunch: Savannah has several dining establishments to tempt your group's taste buds. Catch the beautiful views from River Street, enjoy the quirky charm of the City Market, or choose one of the many restaurants nestled along the quiet streets of the city's Historic District.

Visit a Historic Home: Savannah's past is told in the many house museums and cultural centers that populate the area. Visit the birthplace of Juliette Gordon Low, founder of the Girl Scouts www.girlscouts.org/birthplace, the Owens-Thomas House, generally considered to be the finest example of Regency architecture in America and features one of the few intact slave quarters in America http://www.telfair.org/buildings/ot_house.asp, or the Davenport House, an exceptionally fine example of Federal architecture www.davenportsavga.com.

Eat, Drink, and Be Merry: Your group covered a lot of ground on their first day and they may want to have a casual bite to eat before retiring for the evening. Savannah's historic River Street has all types of casual and upscale dining options. Seafood, steaks, and light fare can all be found in the restored cotton warehouses that are home to some of Savannah's favorite restaurants and pubs. We can help you determine which restaurants are particularly "group friendly"!

Day Two

Savannah Riverboat Tour: Explore the Savannah River's natural beauty on the Savannah Riverboat. This two hour excursion shows you the city from a unique perspective. You might even spy playful dolphins swimming along side!

Savannah River Boat- www.savannahriverboat.com

Tasty Tours: Your group has been seeing and possibly tasting our city's wonderful sweet treats, but they actually have an opportunity to get in behind the scenes. The Savannah Candy Kitchen offers tours of their factory, where you'll be able to see the "masters at work" creating some of the most delicious candies in the South. Another great choice is a visit to the Byrd Cookie Company. A Savannah tradition for 84 years, you'll be able to view the bakers at work and be treated to a sampling of their gourmet foods as well as fresh lemonade. And finally, visit the Savannah Bee Company's facility where your group will see a video on honey-making, visit the "bee farm" to see the honey being harvested, and finally have a honey tasting!

Savannah Candy Kitchen-<u>www.savannahcandy.com</u>-Free Byrd Cookie Company-<u>www.byrdcookiecompany.com</u>-Free Savannah Bee Company-<u>www.savannahbee.com</u>-Free

A Southern Sampler: Savannah loves food, and much of her hospitality and charm seasons the dishes popular to this region. For lunch on day two, dine at a restaurant that specializes in Southern cuisine to get a sample of good 'ole home cooking.

Fantastic Tybee Island: Just 20 minutes from Savannah lies Tybee Island, a uniquely charmed island that offers a change of pace and taste. While there, take your group to the Tybee Light Station. Dating back to 1773, the lighthouse is one of America's most complete historic light stations. After the lighthouse, take the group to the nearby Fort Pulaski National Monument. Built in 1829, the fort, which was under Robert E. Lee's command, came under a 30 hour siege by Union forces. Today you can still see the holes from that long-ago bombardment. *Tubee Lighthouse- www.tybeelighthouse.org*

Ft. Pulaski- http://www.nps.gov/archive/fopu/local/index.htm

Unique Dining Experience: If your group enjoys dining with a bit of a twist, they will certainly look forward to tonight's dinner. Among the choices are a "Mess and Muster" at a local fort, where they'll enjoy a delicious meal along with friendly soldiers of long ago...complete with a cannon firing! Or take the group on a dinner cruise along the scenic Savannah River. The city offers many options for a memorable dining experience.

Day 3

Visit The Golden Isles: 85 miles from Savannah, The Golden Isles offer a combination of history and recreation. St. Simons Island is the site of Fort Frederica and the battleground of Bloody Marsh — two remnants of the Oglethorpe era — and Jekyll Island is the home of Millionaires' Village, an historic district featuring restored mansions and a hotel once owned by Northern industrialists. Both islands are renowned for their beautiful scenery, quaint shopping areas and wonderful restaurants.

It's Showtime!: Your group's final night in Savannah is sure to be a memorable one as they experience one of the city's theatre presentations. From spectacular live musicals to local theatre and special performances, your group will be amazed by the abundance of talent that prevails in our small city.

The Savannah Theatre-www.savannahtheatre.com

Day 4

Explore Savannah's Military History: From its beginning, Savannah has been fortified to protect its residents and strategic port. This morning, there are several exciting forts to visit as well as an Air Force and a Maritime museum.

Old Fort Jackson-<u>http://www.chsgeorgia.org/jackson/home.htm</u>
The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum-<u>www.mightyeighth.org</u> (a great stop on the way out of Savannah-just off I-95!)

Other Nearby Excursions:

GeorgiaDistanceBrunswick70 mi.St. Simons Island80 mi.Jekyll Island85 mi.Okeefenokee Swamp102 mi.Cumberland Island and St. Mary's110 mi.Atlanta267 mi.

South CarolinaDistanceBeaufort42 mi.Hilton Head Island45 mi.Charleston105 mi.Myrtle Beach206 mi.