



Coastal Carolina & Georgia Shores

*Rediscover High and Low Country Traditions
among the South's Most Beautiful Beachfronts*

Experience the best of coastal South Carolina, Georgia, and parts of Florida as you step back in time to enjoy the rich history and culture of the Colonial, Antebellum and Turn-of-the-Century South. Visit Charleston's stately plantations and magnificent formal gardens, and relish the scents and flavors of small island farms including Ambrose Family Farm & Market and Charleston Tea Plantation. Over two relaxing

nights at a beachfront resort on Hilton Head Island, see historic lighthouses and cruise past the lairs of dolphins, egrets, and pelicans. Learn about colorful Gullah culture and dine at the exclusive Jekyll Island Club. Discover Savannah, one of America's oldest cities, whose gorgeous squares, fountains and architecture make it also one of "America's most beautiful places to visit". You'll remember this soul-stirring mixture of high and low country living for years to come!

7 Days • 6 Nights • 12 Meals

Depart/Return: Charleston, SC/Jacksonville, FL

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Day 1—Charleston Meet your fellow travelers for a welcome reception at our hotel in Charleston. *Accommodations:* Holiday Inn Charleston Airport, Charleston. *Welcome Reception.*

Day 2—Charleston This morning begins at Patriot's Point, where you'll board the World War II aircraft carrier *USS Yorktown*, affectionately known as "The Fighting Lady." You'll get firsthand experience of a seaman's life by listening to stories of heroism. After a mouthwatering lunch of Southern-style barbecue you'll get a taste of Charleston's beauty and charm on a horse-drawn carriage tour featuring carefully preserved historic homes, gardens and public landmarks. You'll have time to stroll through Charleston's City Market for a souvenir or enjoy a leisurely cup of tea at one of the many outdoor cafés before we return to our hotel. *Accommodations:* Holiday Inn Charleston Airport, Charleston. *Meals:* B, L.



Option—Harbor Cruise Experience Charleston from the decks of a double-decker boat on a leisurely 1-1/2 hour narrated cruise. *Price:* \$20 per person.



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Day 3—Charleston/Hilton Head Go back in time to the Antebellum South at Magnolia Plantation and Gardens. According to legend, founder John Drayton created its lush English gardens, which included the first azaleas in America, to lure his bride to the South. Enjoy a tram tour of the plantation's diverse gardens, islands and ponds, plus see turtles, egrets and great blue herons.



Option—House Tour Add the Plantation House tour to your visit and see family heirlooms and more. *Price: \$8 per person.*

Next, we'll head off the beaten path. On Wadmalaw Island, enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at the Charleston Tea Plantation, where more than 320 varieties are grown. Arrive at our beachfront hotel on Hilton Head Island, our home for the next two nights. *Accommodations:* The Beach House, a Holiday Inn Resort, Hilton Head Island. *Meals:* B, L.

Day 4—Hilton Head Island Start the day with a tour hosted by a native of the island and descendant of Gullah culture. Gullah is a colorful mix of West African, Creole, Brazilian and Jamaican languages, traditions and foods. Hear about the culture's fascinating traditions and stories of survival as we weave our way around the island. Enjoy a scrumptious lunch at a local hot spot, the Crazy Crab. We return to our beachfront hotel for the afternoon.



Option—Island Cruise Sail from Hilton Head Island on a narrated cruise on the Intracoastal Waterway. Pass historic lighthouses and watch for bottlenose dolphins, egrets, herons and pelicans. *Price: \$26 per person.*

Accommodations: The Beach House, a Holiday Inn Resort, Hilton Head Island. *Meals:* B, L.

Day 5—Savannah One of America's oldest cities, Savannah's gorgeous squares, gardens, fountains and architecture also make it one of "America's most beautiful places to visit." Board an Old Savannah Trolley for a guided tour of the National Historic Landmark District. A special lunch is arranged for us at Lady & Sons Restaurant, operated by celebrity cook Paula Deen.

Afterward enjoy a scrumptious visit to the Savannah Candy Kitchen, famous for mouthwatering pralines and peanut brittle and have time to browse the quaint shops along Factors Walk and cobblestone-paved River Street. *Accommodations:* Four Points by Sheraton Savannah Historic District, Savannah. *Meals:* B, L.

Day 6—Jekyll Island Travel along the Georgia coast to Jekyll Island. One of 12 barrier islands, Jekyll Island was once the winter retreat of America's prominent families of the early 1920s, including the Rockefellers and Macys. See the gracious historic district, stopping to explore huge "summer cottages" of America's "Gilded Era." Afterward, sit down to a luscious lunch at the picturesque Jekyll Island Club. The Island is also home to the Georgia Sea Turtle Center, a hospital and rehabilitation center for the island's many species of turtles. Enjoy the center's interactive exhibits and venture into the hospital to chat with experts and visit its "patients." *Accommodations:* Best Western Plus, Kingsland. *Meals:* B, L.

Day 7—Okefenokee/Jacksonville Next stop, Folkston Depot! Train buffs will revel in watching the variety of trains and cargo that pass through this tiny hub, nicknamed "Folkston Funnel." You can also explore the nearby Train Museum, housed in a historic and beautifully restored depot. Explore the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge from the safety of our tour boat. Yes, there are alligators in the fresh water of the refuge's Suwannee Canal. Plus, our guide will point out some of the other 400+ species that thrive here. In the afternoon, arrive in Jacksonville for your return home, feeling re-energized from salt-sea air and one-of-a-kind island experiences along the Southern coast. *Meals:* B, L.



Post-Tour Extension

1 Day • 1 Night • 2 Meals

Oct 18-19

Price Per Person: Double: \$197 Single: \$255

Days 7 & 8: Jacksonville/Charleston For those flying round-trip from Charleston, enjoy a specially arranged dinner and good night's rest in Jacksonville. Sit back for a relaxing and scenic drive to Charleston the following morning. *Accommodations:* Crowne Plaza Jacksonville Airport, Jacksonville. *Meals:* D, B.



Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge/Ryan Hagerty, USFWS