

Ultimate Macon Experience

Come feel the energy in the air as you take in what it means to be where soul lives. The perfect weekend adventure- Macon, Georgia is the experience you didn't know you were missing.

DAY 1

Arrive at Downtown Visitor Center:

You can tour this state-of-the-art Visitors center, view colorful exhibits and informative time-line, browse gifts in the souvenir shop and watch the exciting 12-minute video for a perfect introduction to the Soul of Macon. Gather all of the information you will need to make Macon memorable (Give 30 minutes).



Hay House

Feel like royalty when you step through the doors of this National Historic Landmark mansion. News accounts called it the "Palace of the South" upon its completion in 1859. Magnificent detail and luxuries far ahead of their time make this a must-see, as featured on A&E's "America's Castles" (Give 1.5 hours).



Cannonball House

Step inside this classic Greek Revival mansion built in 1853, the only house in Macon damaged during the Civil War when struck by a Hotchkiss shell during a Federal attack in 1864. Restored with period furnishings, it houses a Civil War museum and recreated meeting rooms of the world's first secret societies for women, Alpha Delta Pi and Phi Mu sororities (Give 30 minutes).

Georgia Sports Hall of Fame

Georgia's storied athletic heritage is featured in this 43,000 square foot facility. Educational and interactive exhibits honor heroes from the state's top high school, collegiate, professional and amateur athletic fields such as record home run hitter Henry "Hank" Aaron and golf legend Bobby Jones. Watch historic Georgia sports highlights featuring Dominique Wilkins, Herschel Walker, Bobby Jones, and many more sports legends on a huge screen in an indoor stadium. (Give 1 hour)

Dinner at The Rookery

The Rookery is one of Macon's most noticeable landmarks and has been a gathering place since Jimmy Carter ascended the White House and Capricorn Records was a world known hit maker. Try one of their mouthwatering burgers and end your meal with a delicious milkshake.



Ocmulgee National Monument

Admission is free and you and your family can journey to the ancient past to discover 17,000 years of Native American Indian heritage just across the river. Experience the continent's only reconstructed earth lodge, scale a great temple mound, or venture over Civil War battlefields. Ranger led guided tours available upon request (Give 1.5 hours).



Dinner at Tic Toc Room

A downtown Macon icon, the building housing the Tic Toc Room once was the heart of the music movement in the southeast (called Miss Anne's Tic Toc back in the late 1940's). It was within these four walls of the Tic Toc Room that Little Richard first donned his cape and piano and created the blueprint for what is known today as rockn-roll. The "Architect of rock n roll" was joined over the years by the greats Otis Redding, the godfather of soul James Brown and Johnny Jenkins to name a few (Give 1 hour). Wrap up your evening with a breathtaking performance at either the Cox Capitol Theatre or Grand Opera House.



Cox Capitol Theatre

A new high definition surround sound system transforms the historic stage into an incredible concert venue for a variety of live music from rock bands to first-class musical tours. The historic Capitol Theatre first opened its doors in downtown Macon in 1916 and introduced fascinated audiences to the drama and glamour of the silver screen.

Grand Opera House

Built in 1884, the Grand features one of the largest stages in the South. The Grand has seen stars such as Will Rogers, Sarah Bernhardt, Houdini and more. This stage is still very active with theatre events. Admission Charged. This facility is a performing Arts Center of Mercer University.

DAY 2

Breakfast at Taste & See Shop & Gallery

Start your morning off right with breakfast at Taste and See. This unique coffee shop offers a wide array of caffeine options to get you ready for the day. The scent of Counter Culture Coffee mingles throughout the gallery. Sit by the stone fire place and enjoy one of their delicious breakfast items.

Rock Candy Tours

Guided walking or step-on guided driving rock and soul tours showcasing Macon's rich music history through colorful stories and sites. See the homes, offices, crash pads, and favorite haunts of some of southern music's most legendary players as well as the backstage cast of characters who played a crucial role in their catapult to fame (Give 2 hours).



Allman Brothers Band Museum at The Big House

Explore the world's largest collection of Allman Brothers memorabilia, sit on the front porch where Duane Allman and Berry Oakley spent countless hours together, walk up the steps that Butch Trucks, Jaimoe, and Chuck Leavell once did and tour the house that inspired Gregg Allman to Write the classic "Please Call Home." (open Thursday through Sunday) (Give 1 hour).



Lunch at Ingleside Village Pizza

Ingleside Village Pizza is a classic Macon staple with food options that will keep everyone full. Their hand-tossed New York style pizza is made with the freshest ingredients available and their dough is made on the premises daily.

Macon Beer Brewing Company

Learn a little about Macon Beer Company straight from the source - and enjoy our delicious craft beer in our new tasting room! Tastings are available the entire time. Tours of the brewery will kick off (about) every hour. Open every Saturday 1-6pm, (Give 1 hour)



Just Tap'd

Have you ever wondered what everyone else sees in Craft Beer? Not sure of what the styles are, or all the different names that you hear? Come to this class so we can help clear up all the mystery! We will explain the two types of beer, ale and lager, and go into some of the more common styles. AND – what would a craft beer class be without tasting!! You will get to taste a sampling of the different styles we talk about. When you leave this class, you will feel more confident in your beer style knowledge, and become familiar with what styles are your favorites – at least for now! (Give 1.5 hours)

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