

4-Day Tour

A Glimpse of the Civil War in Georgia

June 22-25

Saturday to Tuesday

\$620/Person Double Occupancy

\$695/Person Single Occupancy

Did you know there are more Civil War sites in Georgia than in any other state except Virginia? This was a key state for the Confederacy, and its loss virtually ended the conflict. We will visit a few of the most important sites and add some lighter moments as we travel through the state.

Your guide will meet you at the hotel at 9am to board the motor coach and head south to Columbus. First stop is a tour of the **National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center at Patriot Park**, the nation's only museum built to honor the infantry. This world-class museum tells the story of our ground soldiers from the colonial period to Operation Iraqi Freedom. Step back in time and take a guided tour of WWII Street, complete with mess hall, chapel, barracks, and more. Lunch is on your own at **Fife and Drum Restaurant** on site.



After lunch, discover the most pivotal period of naval history at the **Civil War Naval Museum**, where there is a replica of the flagship USS Hartford. Go below deck and see where the sailors slept, ate and passed time. Climb on board the famous ironclad CSS Albermarle and brace yourself for combat as the ship comes under attack and the crew scrambles to battle stations. Then stand on the bow of the CSS Jackson and view the 225-foot long hull of the largest surviving scratch-made ironclad in the world.

Check in to the **Wingate by Wyndham**, followed by dinner at **Country's on Broad**. After dinner, we will head to the **Springer Opera House**, which is the State Theatre of Georgia and a leading southern cultural institution for the past 135 years. After the show, we will return to the hotel.



DAY TWO, enjoy breakfast at the hotel before checking out and heading to Andersonville, Georgia where we will visit the **Civil War Village** and the **Andersonville National Historic Site**. At the Civil War Village you can wander through the 7-acre Pioneer Farm, which depicts life on a one-man farm of the mid-1800s. You'll see an authentic log cabin, log barns, and a collection of farm animals, plus the best equipped blacksmith shop in the State of Georgia with a master blacksmith on duty. We will visit antique, craft and curiosity shops in the village, as well as the Drummer Boy Civil War Museum. Lunch is on your own at Patsy's Restaurant. No visit to

Andersonville would be complete without seeing the **National Prisoner of War Museum**, which is our final stop.

We will depart Andersonville mid afternoon to return to Atlanta and check into your convention hotel. Dinner tonight is at the **Old Vinings Inn**, an inviting and sophisticated Southern restaurant in the historic Vinings neighborhood near your hotel.

After breakfast at your hotel, DAY THREE starts a trip to the **Atlanta History Center** to view the Cyclorama. Presented as a three-dimensional panorama with music and narration, this painting (the largest oil painting in the world) captures the drama that took place in Atlanta on a hot July day in 1864. It all happened during America's tragic Civil War and the pivotal Battle of Atlanta.

Following our time at the Cyclorama, we will travel to Marietta, Georgia, to tour the **Gone with the Wind Museum: Scarlett on the Square**. The museum features rare Gone with the Wind memorabilia, including scripts, books, props, costumes and Scarlett's original bengaline gown costume. Next we will tour the Marietta Museum of History, which houses the largest collection of artifacts relating to Marietta and Cobb county's history, including general history home life, and the military. Lunch today is on your own at one of the restaurants on the square.

After lunch we will take a trip back in time to the **Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History** in Kennesaw, Georgia. One of the top metro Atlanta museums, the Southern Museum has three impressive permanent collections and a membership in the prestigious Smithsonian Affiliations Program. This world-class Atlanta tourism attraction offers a wide range of exhibits, including a glimpse into the daily lives of soldiers in its Civil War collections; a reproduction of a turn-of-the-century locomotive assembly line from the Glover Machine Works; and an exciting depiction of the civil War's Great Locomotive Chase, featuring the General locomotive.



Upon leaving the museum, we will depart for the **Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park**, which is almost 3,000 acres that preserves a Civil War battleground of the Atlanta Campaign. Late afternoon we will board the coach for our drive to **Stone Mountain Park**. "The Rock" stands 825 feet tall and covered 583 acres. Everyone will have a one-attraction pass to enjoy one of the activities in the park that surrounds the mountain, prior to dinner. Favorites include the train ride around the base of the mountain, Summit Skyride to the top of the mountain, Crossroads Village, Memorial Hall, the Historic Square, or various museums throughout the park. Buffet dinner with terrace seating for the Laser Show is included. At dusk, the face of the mountain comes alive with a spectacular show of laser lights projected on the mountain's north face, portraying dramatic stories, comical characters, and graphic images, all choreographed to popular music. The Laser Show Spectacular is not to be missed! After the show, we will return to the hotel.

DAY FOUR, enjoy breakfast at the hotel before checking out and boarding the coach for Jonesboro, Georgia where our first stop will be the **Road to Tara Museum**. Civil War buff or lover of history, you will find something to enjoy at this museum, located in Jonesboro's 1867 Historic Train Depot. After the museum we will take a short ride back in time to the **Stately Oaks Plantation**, which is typical of the upcountry plantations of Georgia during the 1800's. Built in 1839 and restored by the Jonesboro Historical Society, Stately Oaks brings to life the customs and way of life on Georgia upcountry plantations during antebellum days.

When the visit to Stately Oaks is complete, we will board the motor coach for the ridge back to Atlanta.

Price per person includes 4 days/3 nights, transportation, 1 hotel night (PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE 2 NIGHTS AT YOUR CONVENTION HOTEL), 1 breakfast, 3 dinners, all tours and attractions, and tour guide services