

4-Day Tour

Coastal Georgia: Savannah &

The Golden Isles

June 22-25, Saturday to Tuesday

\$850/Person Double Occupancy

June 30 – July 3, Sunday to Wednesday

\$1,120/Person Single Occupancy

We will leave the hotel around 6am in order to arrive in **Savannah, Georgia**, by noon. Savannah is known as the “Hostess City of the South” and is the first planned city in America. Our overview tour will include several of the historic squares, often call the “**Jewels of the South,**” several sights made famous from the many movies filmed here, and lots of historic monuments. A local guide will share tales and secrets of the stately mansion as we meander through the largest, urban historic landmark district in North America (2.2 square miles).



Our next stop will be a guided tour of **The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist**, one of the most awe-inspiring buildings in all of historic Savannah. It is a beautiful French Gothic design, and is the Mother Church for the Roman Catholic Diocese in Savannah. After the guided tour, you will have free time on **River Street**, the 9-block area adjacent to the Savannah River where old cotton warehouses have been turned into charming shops and restaurants

After your free time, we will board the coach and check into the **Hampton Inn & Suites Historic Savannah**. The entire group will be pre-registered and pre-keyed, and your luggage will be delivered to your room. Dinner this evening will be at the **Pirate’s House Restaurant**, located on one of the most historic spots in Georgia. It is here that Trustees Garden, the first experimental garden in America, was located. The Pirate’s House opened in 1953 as an inn for seafarers and fast became a meeting point for blood-thirsty pirates and sailors from the Seven Seas. Here, seamen drank their fiery grog and discoursed, sailor fashion, on their exotic adventures. Stories still persist of a tunnel extending from the old rum cellar beneath the Captain’s Room that led to the river through which men were carried unconscious to ships waiting in the harbor. Indeed, many a sailor drinking in carefree abandon awoke to find himself at sea on a strange ship!



After breakfast at the hotel, meet your guide in the lobby. DAY TWO begins with a **tour of the Savannah Low Country**. The entire coastal area of Georgia and South Carolina is referred to as the “low country” because it is at “zero” sea level. On our tour, we will travel east from the downtown district to cross islands, causeways and bridges to visit the **Tybee Island Lighthouse** and **Tybee Island Museum**. This is the oldest and tallest active lighthouse in Georgia, and the one you will see is actually the fourth on this site. General James Oglethorpe ordered the first lighthouse to be built here in 1736 to function as a daymark to serve as a guide to the navigable channels of

the Savannah River. The Tybee Island Museum was completed in 1961 and features collections of historical items, pictures and relics that chronicle nearly 400 years of the island's history.

After the morning tour, we will return to the Historic District and River Street where you will enjoy lunch and browsing on your own. The rest of the afternoon and evening is yours to enjoy, including dinner on your own (check with hotel concierge for dinner recommendations).

DAY THREE begins with breakfast at the hotel, followed by meeting your guide in the lobby where you will board your coach and depart for the **Golden Isles of Georgia**. Coastal Georgia occupies 112 miles along the Atlantic Seaboard and offers unparalleled historic, scenic, and recreational opportunities. This morning we will enjoy a 2-hour tour of **St. Simons Island**, including a stop at **Fort Frederica**, built by James Edward Oglethorpe in 1736, and a visit to **Christ Church** where John and Charles Wesley held church services under the oak trees for the early settlers. See the fabulous "**Avenue of Oaks**," and enjoy free time and lunch on your own in the Village. Your guide will make recommendations.



After lunch we will travel a short distance from St. Simons to **Jekyll Island**, where we will board a tram for a tour of the Jekyll Island Historic District. Jekyll became a winter retreat for the rich and famous in the 1880's when a group of wealthy millionaires bought the entire island for a playground. Thirty-three of the original building still stand, and we will tour two of the mansion-sized "cottages". After the tour, you will have the opportunity to visit the Museum exhibits and view a video presentation that reveals the fascinating story of Jekyll Island, from its earliest inhabitants, across its fabled Club Era, to its wondrous restoration programs today. And, of course, there will be time to visit the Gift Shop before boarding the coach for dinner at a local restaurant on Jekyll Island before returning to Savannah.

DAY FOUR begins with breakfast, then checking out of the hotel before enjoying your choice of the following attractions: **Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum**, **Fort Pulaski** or the **Isaiah Davenport House Museum**, or the **Pin Point Heritage Museum**.

Price per person includes 4 days/3 nights, transportation, hotels, 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners, all tours and attractions, and local tour guide services.