

Searching for Scarlett – Is She Gone With The Wind?

Tuesday and Thursday

\$130

June 25 & 27 / 9am to 4pm



Today we explore the heart of the New South, Atlanta – birthplace of Scarlett, Ashley, and that Yankee scoundrel, Rhett Butler. Scarlett never experienced today's Atlanta, but be assured, she would have loved it. She would have been the first one on the bus! So get ready for the stories of Scarlett's Atlanta.

Our tour route will explore Atlanta's famous **Peachtree Street** from the suburbs to the city. Indians cut the first trails, Settlers drove their livestock down those trails. Then came the railroads, the war and two armies – one staggering and the other victorious. That was 1864. As we follow that same Peachtree Street today, you will see the sights and sounds of the high tech city of tomorrow. From Civil War sites to Atlanta's first Victorian subdivision to old favorites like the Fox Theater and the Capitol, we will tell you the stories of how this tiny little railroad terminal grew to be an international city.

Atlanta, like Scarlett, is always in a hurry, reaching for tomorrow, but we weren't always so big and beautiful. Lest you forget how far we have come, we will take you to the **Atlanta History Center** for an unforgettable look at Scarlett's town during that long ago Civil War Battle of Atlanta, July 22, 1864.

We will visit the birthplace of Scarlett O'Hara with a tour of the **Margaret Mitchell House**. Ms. Mitchell painted a picture of the old South in her book and movie, Gone With The Wind, which still brings people to Atlanta searching for Tara. This is the apartment where she lived with her husband, John, when she wrote most of THE BOOK, garnering her the Pulitzer Prize, and THE MOVIE, which received a record 10 Academy Awards. It all started right here on Peachtree Street in a tiny little apartment dubbed "The Dump" by a tiny little woman names Margaret Mitchell Upshaw marsh. Atlanta always just call her Peggy!

Our next stop is lunch at **Mary Mac's Tea Room**. For over 70 years Mary Mac's has been setting the standard for Southern cooking in Atlanta. Business people, celebrities, families and world travelers all dine at Mary Mac's and feel right at home. In fact, in March of 2011, The Georgia House of Representatives created Resolution 477, in which Mary Mac's was officially declared to be Atlanta's Dining Room!

Next we're off to **Jonesboro** to visit the **Road to Tara Museum** and **Stately Oaks Plantation**, the type of upland plantation Margaret Mitchell had in mind for her book.

Tour price of \$130 per person includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, admission to museums, lunch, and tour guide services.