

WOMEN OF THE MIDWEST

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Historic South

Quintessential Southern Charm!

with Women of the Midwest

March 24 – March 30, 2023



Dear Women of the Midwest,

Join me as we take a step back in time to places steeped in southern charm and hospitality, rich in history and tradition, and fertile with lush gardens. Experience a simpler time as we visit quaint towns with cobblestone streets adorned with historic homes and gardens, old-fashioned craft and antique shops, and unparalleled landscapes. Absorb the breathtaking beauty and sweet spring aromas of the ornamental magnolias, camellias, and azaleas as they boldly burst free from their long winter sleep and drench the spring air with the fragrance of romance and less hectic times.

Engage your tastebuds with the incredible southern cuisine, abundant with local favorites. Experience the very soul of the historic south as we enjoy trolley rides, horse-drawn carriages, or even take a stroll through the quaint neighborhoods, exploring life through the eyes of our great American ancestors. Savor the appreciation of the incredible uniqueness of the antebellum architecture, the picturesque streets, and courtyards of years gone by.

And don't forget about the beautiful sandy beaches and coastline that will surround us throughout this trip!

I hope you will consider joining other like-minded women and me as we travel solo together on this remarkable journey to the historic south. You are guaranteed to meet new acquaintances, some of that may well become your newest close friends and travel companions! Take a chance on adventure! It is a win-win opportunity!

Yours in friendship and travel,
Barb Wallingford, Ambassador



Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 402-435-8888. Space is limited.



Shrimp and Grits



Civil War History



Local Markets



Local Souvenirs

March 24, 2023 - Friday

Traveling to Charleston

Our wonderful adventure begins as we fly to Charleston, SC. Upon arrival, we meet our local tour director and transfer to our hotel, where we will spend our first two nights. Originally founded as Charles Towne in 1670, this cultured and refined city is a beautifully preserved treasure. Steeped in history and quintessentially Southern, the city's past is evident in its genteel charm and soul-stirring landscapes.

Time to relax and unwind. Tonight, we will enjoy a welcome dinner with our local tour director and fellow travelers. **D**

March 25, 2023 - Saturday

Charleston Sightseeing

After a hearty breakfast, we visit Middleton Place, a plantation in Dorchester County, directly across the Ashley River, home to

America's oldest landscaped garden and a National Historic Landmark. It began in 1741 and took ten years to complete the terraces, lakes, and camellia alleys. We will tour the home and stable yard with its craft displays. Make sure to stop by the museum shop, which offers an extensive selection of books, fine art, and a beautiful array of accessories, including floral handbags, scarves, pins, and earrings, all perfect for a memento of your visit.

In the afternoon, we will enjoy a Charleston city tour. Built on a peninsula, Charleston has remained a beautiful port city for over 300 years. Both preservation and southern gentility are a way of life here. We will experience the Historic District, Citadel, and Battery Park. At leisure, the evening is yours to enjoy the southern atmosphere and savor heirloom recipes at world-class restaurants. **B**

March 26, 2023 - Sunday

Beaufort – Savannah

We will enjoy breakfast and then drive to visit the Edmondston-Alston House. Despite the ravages of the Civil War, the Earthquake of 1886, and numerous hurricanes, the Alston family pieces remain in place as much as they have for over 150 years. The house presents a unique history of the free and enslaved people who lived and labored on this property. Notable in the collection is an original print of the Ordinance of Secession, portraits, dining room tables, gas lights, mirrors, and exquisite interior woodwork. Commanding a magnificent view of Charleston Harbor, the Edmondston-Alston House has witnessed many historic moments in the port city's history.

We continue along South Carolina's scenic coastal route to the charming town of Beaufort, which has retained much of its pre-Civil War character. We will enjoy a horse-drawn carriage tour to learn about the local Civil War history and see Antebellum and Victorian architecture. Next, we will travel to the fascinating city of Savannah, America's first planned city, whose entire resorted center (more than 1,000 buildings) is a registered National Historic Landmark. We check in for a two-night stay. Free time this evening to enjoy a local restaurant (the historic Pirates' House, perhaps), or do some fun shopping on your own. **B**



Local Fountains



Magnolia



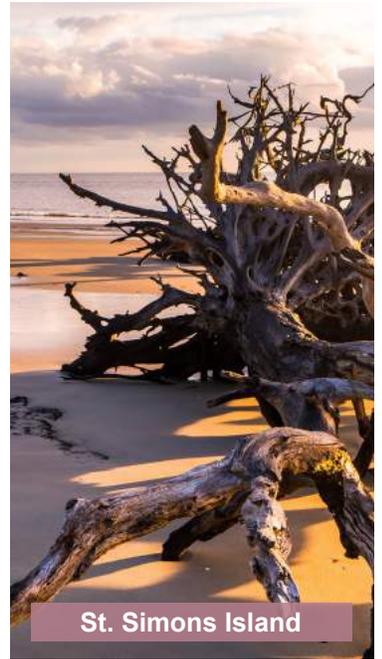
Fried Green Tomatoes



Boardwalk



Angel Oak Tree



St. Simons Island

March 27, 2023 - Monday

Savannah Sightseeing

Breakfast is served, and then it is time for a Savannah city tour. We will learn about the city's fascinating history, the nucleus of the colonial settlement in Georgia, and the destination of General Sherman's 1864 "March to the Sea." We will see the twenty original squares, all landscaped with oaks, azaleas, fountains, and statues. Drive by the Old Cotton Exchange and River Street. Later, we will tour the restored Mercer-Williams House Museum, designed by New York architect John S. Norris for General Hugh W. Mercer. The construction began in 1860 and was subsequently interrupted by the Civil War and eventually completed in 1868. Enjoy time on your own this afternoon to see the sights of John Berendt's "Midnight in the Garden of Good & Evil" and stroll the historic cobblestone streets. Tonight, we will enjoy southern cuisine at a fine local restaurant in Savannah.

B | D

March 28, 2023 - Tuesday

St. Simons Island – Jekyll Island

After a filling breakfast, we travel south to the Golden Isles of Georgia. We stop to visit St. Simons Island, known for its salt marshes and sandy beaches. We will view the famous Christ Church and St. Simons Lighthouse, which was destroyed during the Civil War and rebuilt in 1872. St. Simons Island has been voted America's Favorite Romantic Town; you will understand why. Lunch is enjoyed at St. Simons Island. In the afternoon, we will arrive on Jekyll Island, a former hunting reserve for America's top millionaires. Goodyear, Pulitzer, and Rockefeller all built elaborate "cottages" here. Our last two overnights are a treat! We will surround ourselves with rich history and true Southern hospitality as we check in at Jekyll Island Club Hotel. A wealth of dining venues, a variety of activities, and direct access to the National Landmark Jekyll Island Historic District; all this is yours! The evening is at leisure to enjoy this beautiful Victorian-style property. **B | L**

March 29, 2023 - Wednesday

Jekyll Island

After a delicious breakfast, we will take a guided trolley tour of the island, including the historic district with the Indian Mound Cottage, the Mosaic Gallery, and Faith Chapel. The afternoon is yours to walk the beach and enjoy the resort at leisure. Visit

the Georgia Sea Turtle Center, an educational and rehabilitation facility where you get a chance to learn about sea turtles and see rehabilitation in action.

Tonight's farewell dinner is served in the Jekyll Island Club's Grand Dining Room, a venue of social and historical significance that has welcomed titans of industry, star-of-the-stage, and resort guests for over a century. This will be a night to remember! **B | D**

March 30, 2023 - Thursday

Traveling Home

After a relaxing breakfast, it is time to leave our hotel and head to the airport for our flight back home. Our memories of the most charming journey of the South will enrich our home-going as we return home to share our adventures. **B**

Itinerary is subject to change.

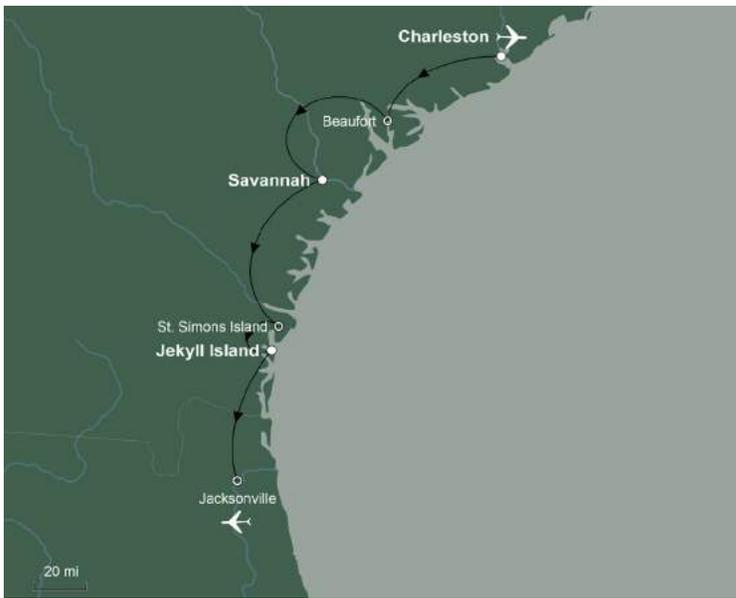
B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner



Antique Books



Have a Rock!



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Package Price including air:

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| Per person in shared double room: | \$3,995 |
| Per person in a single room: | \$4,995 |
| Per person in shared triple room: | \$3,945 |

*Triple rooms consist of 2 queen beds

Remember our "Pair & Share" service for solo travelers.

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. The balance is due on December 1, 2022, and is non-fundable. Cash, check, and credit card payments are accepted (no processing fees).

This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 22 travelers. Should we, for any reason, not be able to guarantee this departure, we will offer a refund of all funds paid to Executive Travel for land, air and travel insurance 90 days prior to departure.

Travel Insurance:

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please contact us.

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Tour Activity 1 2 3 4 - This Journey is level 2:

Between the scheduled sightseeing tours included in the program and personal exploration, you can expect to walk 3 miles or more over the course of a day typically on pavements. This tour is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Comfortable, sturdy shoes are recommended.

Group Airfare:

Group airfare is included. Available by end of July 2022.

Included:

- Airfare Omaha*-Charleston / Jacksonville-Omaha*, economy class incl. taxes and fees, airfare is subject to change
- 6 nights at 3 and 4-star hotels
- 6 x breakfast
- 1 x lunch
- 3 x dinner
- All tours and admissions as per tour program
- Transportation with private deluxe motor coach
- Baggage handling at hotels (1 bag per person)
- Women of the Midwest tour ambassador
- Professional, local tour director from arrival to Charleston to departure from Jacksonville
- All local taxes and fees

Accommodations:

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| Charleston: | Cambria Riverside |
| Savannah: | Courtyard Historic District |
| Jekyll Island: | Jekyll Island Club Hotel |

Final accommodation will be confirmed 90 days prior to departure.

Not Included:

- Baggage fees (usually \$35-\$40 for the first checked bag, 50 lbs.)
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities for local tour director and motor coach driver
- Personal expenses
- Meals other than mentioned in the tour program
- Entrance fees to monuments and/or museums other than mentioned
- Professional fees, \$50 per person, due at time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions

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