

**WOMEN OF THE MIDWEST**

Travel Solo Together

# Historic South

Southern Charm!

with Women of the Midwest

March 27 - April 2, 2025



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 and 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 the courtyards of years gone by.

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

I hope you will consider joining me and other like-minded women as we travel solo together on this remarkable journey to the historic South. You are guaranteed to meet new acquaintances, some of whom may very 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 888.549.1186. Space is limited.

## Shrimp and Grits

## Civil War History

## Local Markets

## Local Souvenirs



### March 27, 2025 - Thursday

#### 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 cocktail with our local tour director and fellow travelers. C

### March 28, 2025 - Friday

#### Charleston Sightseeing

This morning, we will visit the Edmonston-Alston House. Despite the ravages of the Civil War, the Earthquake of 1886, and

numerous hurricanes, the Alston family pieces remain in place much as they have for over 150 years. Notable in the collection is an original print of the Ordinance of Secession, portraits, the dining room table, gas lights, mirrors, and exquisite interior woodwork.

This afternoon, we will enjoy a Charleston City Tour. Built on a peninsula, Charleston has remained a beautiful port city for over 300 years. Preservation and Southern gentility are a way of life here. We will see the Historic District, Citadel, and Battery Park.

Tonight, we will enjoy a welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant in Charleston. B | D

### March 29, 2025 - Saturday

#### Beaufort - Savannah

We will enjoy breakfast and then head out to visit Middleton Place, 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. Tour the home and stable yard with its craft displays.

Then, depart for the historic port city of Beaufort, a quaint 1711 town with narrow tree-lined streets and historic homes. Enjoy a charming Carriage Ride through town.

Next, we will travel to the fascinating city of Savannah, America's first planned city, whose entire restored center - more than 1,000 buildings - is a National Historic Landmark.

We will check in for a two-night stay.

Enjoy free time this evening to enjoy a local restaurant or shopping on your own. B

### March 30, 2025 - Sunday

#### Savannah Sightseeing

Breakfast is served, and then it is time to explore Savannah. We will tour the restored Mercer-Williams House Museum



## Magnolia

## Beautiful Fountains

Green Fried Tomatoes



Boardwalk



Angel Oak Tree



Camellia



designed by New York architect John S. Norris for General Hugh W. Mercer. Construction began in 1860 and was subsequently interrupted by the Civil War, and eventually completed in 1868.

Next, enjoy a Savannah City Tour. We will see the 20 original squares, all landscaped with oaks, azaleas, fountains, and statues. We will drive by the Old Cotton Exchange, River Street, and Madison Square of General Sherman's "March to the Sea" fame. 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, join us in enjoying southern cuisine at a fine local restaurant in Savannah. B | D

**March 31, 2025 - Monday**

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. 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. The evening is at leisure to enjoy this beautiful property. B | L

**April 1, 2025 - Tuesday**

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 the Faith Chapel. The afternoon is yours to walk the beach and enjoy the resort leisurely. 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

**April 2, 2025 - Wednesday**

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.

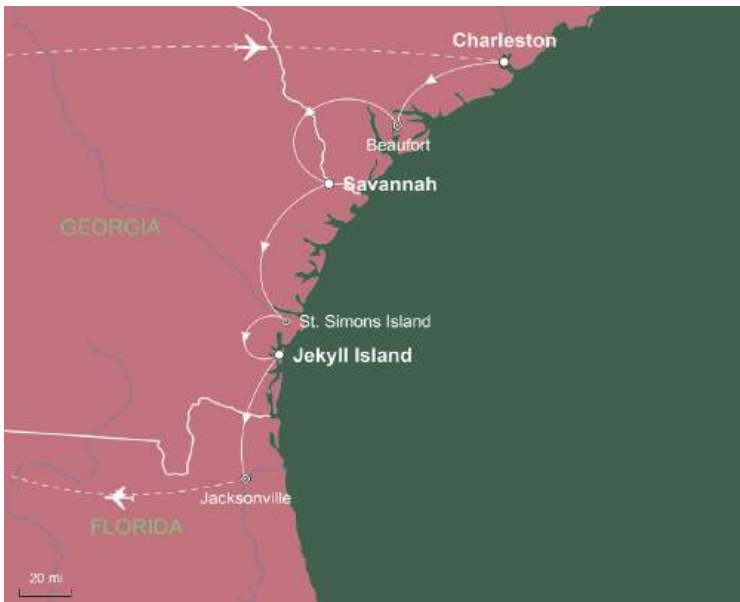
B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner C = Cocktail



Jekyll Island Driftwood



Let's Rock!



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**SECURE ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:**  
WomenoftheMidwest.com/journeys/

**Package Price:**

Per person in a shared double room:	\$4,595
Per person in a single room:	\$5,795

Triple rooms are not available on this trip.

We offer "Pair & Share"-service. Ask us to assist in finding your roommate!

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. Deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. The balance is due on November 27, 2024, and is non-refundable. The balance can be paid in cash or by check. Credit card payment(s) (any payment applied to the tour after the deposit) will access a 3.5% fee.

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT:**  
Register by November 30, 2024,  
and receive a **\$200 DISCOUNT!**

*This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 22 travelers. Should the number fall below 15, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to departure.*

**Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2+ 3 4**


This tour involves a decent amount of walking, some stairs, periods of standing, outdoor activities, and some steep areas within the places visited. Comfortable, sturdy shoes/boots are always recommended. This trip is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties.

**Group airfare:**  
Group airfare becomes available by the end of May 2024. All registered travelers will be notified.

**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 ask us.  
Travelex Insurance Services, Inc. CA Agency License #0D10209. Travel Insurance is underwritten by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, NAIC #22276.

**Hotel Accommodations** (announced 30 days prior to dep.):  
Charleston - Courtyard Historic District or similar  
Savannah - Courtyard Historic District or similar  
Jekyll Island - Jekyll Island Club Hotel

<p><b>Included:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airfare Omaha* - Charleston / Jacksonville - Omaha*, economy class incl. taxes and fees (airfare is subject to change)</li> <li>• 6 nights at 3 and 4-star hotels</li> <li>• 6 x breakfast</li> <li>• 3 x dinner</li> <li>• 1 x welcome cocktail</li> <li>• All tours and admissions as per the tour program</li> <li>• Transportation with private deluxe motor coach</li> <li>• Baggage handling at hotels (1 bag per person)</li> <li>• Women of the Midwest tour ambassador</li> <li>• Professional, local tour director from arrival to Charleston to departure from Jacksonville</li> <li>• All local taxes and fees</li> </ul> <p>*We are happy to assist with airfare from any city in the U.S. A small additional fee may apply.</p>	<p><b>Not Included:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baggage fees (usually \$40 for the first checked bag up to 50 lbs.)</li> <li>• Travel insurance</li> <li>• Gratuities for local tour director and motor coach driver (estimate \$12-15 per day in total)</li> <li>• Personal expenses</li> <li>• Meals other than mentioned in the tour program</li> <li>• Entrance fees to monuments and/or museums other than mentioned</li> <li>• Professional fees, \$75 per person, due at time of registration</li> <li>• Anything not mentioned in the inclusions</li> </ul>
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Forwarding registration and deposit signifies that you agree to the terms and conditions of this tour which can be found on our website at WomenoftheMidwest.com/journeys/

## GROUP AIR DETAILS!

Group airfare with United Airlines is included in your package:

March 27, 2025	Omaha* - Denver	6:15 AM	6:54 AM
March 27, 2025	Denver - Charleston	9:45 AM	2:57 PM
April 2, 2025	Jacksonville - Chicago	4:48 PM	6:24 PM
April 2, 2025	Chicago - Omaha*	7:52 PM	9:29 PM

\*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha. Reach out to get your quote. Additional individual transfers may be necessary if meeting the main group in Charleston on March 27 around 3:00 PM is not possible. The same applies for the return from Jacksonville, should you leave on an earlier flight. We will take care of this, without any additional cost.

### **Important notes about seat assignments, upgrades, TSA Pre-Check- & Frequent Flyer Numbers:**

- Group airfare comes with **seat assignments 30 days prior to departure**. We cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days prior to your departure and therefore cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft. We do our best to honor your preferences (window, aisle seat).
- **Premium seating upgrades - depending on availabilities:**  
*Economy Plus* can be purchased and confirmed once the tickets are issued = 30 days prior to departure. Estimate a supplement of \$200-400.  
*Premium Economy and Business Class* can be reserved at the time of booking your trip with us. Please reach out to us for your personal quote. Not all flights offer Premium Economy and Business Class.
- **Mileage credit** for individuals on group air contracts is not guaranteed and is subject to the rules of the airline under contract.
- **TSA Pre-Check numbers and Frequent Flyer numbers must be reported at the time of check-in at your local airport** on the days of departure.

**Taxes**, fuel charges and security fees are subject to change.

**Air schedules** are subject to change at the discretion of the airline.

