

Southern Porches

Charleston, South Carolina ♦ Beaufort, South Carolina ♦ Savannah, Georgia ♦ Jekyll Island, Georgia ♦ Tybee Island, Georgia ♦ St. Simon Island, Georgia

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Charleston City Market, Taste of Charleston

Wednesday May 14, 2025

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Boone Hall Plantation, Gullah Culture Center Lunch

Thursday May 15, 2025

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Dolphin Cruise, Shrimp Docks, Praise House

Friday May 16, 2025

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Owens Thomas House, Savannah River Street Market

Saturday May 17, 2025

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Tybee Island & Museum, Jekyll Island

Sunday May 18, 2025

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Jekyll Island Tour, St. Simon Lighthouse

Monday May 19, 2025

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Flight Home

Tuesday May 20, 2025

Day 1



Our flight arrives in Charleston, South Carolina this morning. After leaving the airport we will visit the **Charleston City Market**, one of the nation's oldest public markets and the cultural heart of Charleston. There are more than 300 vibrant shops, boutiques, handcrafted sweet grass baskets, artisans, novelty stores and a variety of restaurants. Tonight, enjoy fresh seafood at the family owned Charleston Crab House & Sea Food Restaurant with amazing water views of Wappoo Creek and Bridge. **(D)**

OVN: **Hotel Indigo, Charleston, SC**



Day 2



Enjoy fresh brewed coffee and **breakfast** each morning of our Southern Porches Experience. Our first activity today will be a narrated **Horse Drawn Carriage Ride** through historic Charleston. Rich in over 300 years of history, Charleston is one of the most beautifully preserved historic and architectural treasures in the nation. The city's historic and elegant antebellum style homes date back to 1825. Next, we visit **Boone Hall Plantation** touted as "a must see stop on any trip to Charleston, SC" by NBC Daytime. Start by walking down the Avenue of Oaks, one of the most spectacular entrances anywhere in the world. See why Boone Hall is "America's Most Photographed Plantation." Explore the **Gullah Culture**, visit the new Black History in America exhibit on display in 9 original slave cabins, tour the Plantation Home, and enjoy an included lunch. It is a short distance to our next three-night stay in Beaufort, South Carolina. **(BL)**
OVN: **BW Sea Island Inn, Beaufort, SC**

Day 3



We set sail this morning on our **River Dolphin Cruise**. While we look for dolphins, your guide will also point out the other wildlife that lives in this river! The Story River is home to 300 different species of birds, including egrets, herons, terns, bald eagles, roseate spoonbills and pelicans. As we enter this saltwater tidal zone, we are sure to see many of these birds as they feed in the estuary. Due to the current closure of the Penn Center, we will tour the outside grounds of this South Carolina Historical Legacy and American Cultural Treasure. Next, we will visit the **Shrimp Docks**. Learn the history, heritage and traditions of commercial shrimping in the low country. See the boats and docks where Forrest Gump was depicted, then continue catching the spirit of island life and its unique history and heritage. Our final visit today will be the **Praise House, Pat Conroy Grave**, and slave cemetery which is on the National Registry of Historic Preservation. Tonight enjoy **dinner** at one of the popular restaurants in the Low Country. **(BD)**

OVN: **BW Sea Island Inn, Beaufort, SC**

Day 4



We travel to Savannah, Georgia and tour the **Owens Thomas House & Slave Quarters**. Built as a beautiful Regency style mansion in 1819, the Owens-Thomas House, along with its adjacent gardens, carriage house, and slave quarters, allows visitors to explore the complicated relationships between the most and least powerful people in the city of Savannah in the early 19th century. Next enjoy lunch and exploring the **River Street Marketplace**. This historic market embodies Savannah's love of history and is reflected in the re-created open-air market buildings that have stood on River Street since the 1880's. This afternoon, enjoy a narrated **Trolley Tour** through the historic district of charming Savannah. Before departing we enjoy a popular Southern style **BBQ Dinner**. **(BD)**

OVN: **BW Sea Island Inn, Beaufort, SC**

Day 5



We depart the hotel with our local step on guide who will share with us the history of **Tybee Island**. Our first visit is at Fort Pulaski National Monument on Cockspur Island, where in 1862 during the American Civil War, the Union Army successfully tested a rifled cannon in combat and the success of which rendered brick fortifications obsolete. **Tybee Island Light Station and Museum** is a still-functioning 18th-century lighthouse that has been rebuilt many times. Next, we check into the Jekyll Island Club. Since 1888 iconic families like the Vanderbilts, Morgans, Pulitzers, and Rockefellers were members of the Jekyll Island Club. They came for the winters by private rail cars and luxurious yachts. **Jekyll Island** has plenty to explore. Nature lovers and photo buffs find rare birds, sea turtle sanctuaries, and the remote beauty of Driftwood Beach. Historians devour the stories and architecture. Enjoy **dinner included** at Jekyll Island Club Resort. **(BD)**

OVN: **Jekyll Island Club Resort, GA**

Day 6



After an included breakfast we visit St. Simon Island located across the Marshes of Glynn and is the largest in the Golden Isles. Famous for its pristine beaches and the oldest lighthouse on the coast, the island offers many activities and attractions to enjoy along with its distinct southern charm. We return to the 240-acre **Jekyll Island Club National Historic Landmark District** to get a glimpse of the past viewing historic Victorian cottages that accommodated the Clubs elite members. At the turn of the century, tycoons, politicians, and socialites flocked to Jekyll Island to revel in their own luxury and America's burgeoning wealth. The historic club was described in the February 1904 issue of Munsey's Magazine as "the richest, most exclusive and the most inaccessible club in the world." We then return to the resort with the balance of the afternoon and evening free to explore the island. **(B)**

OVN: **Jekyll Island Club Resort, GA**

Day 7

This morning, we travel to the Charleston International Airport for our flight home to Chicago with great memories of our Southern Porches Adventure. **(B)**

Your Tour Includes:

- Deluxe motorcoach transportation of itinerary
- Airport transfers
- Round trip coach class air Chicago/Charleston, SC/Chicago
- Six Nights' Accommodations
- Hotel Luggage Handling
- 11 Meals: (6) Breakfasts, (1) Lunch, (4) Dinners
- All Attractions as Highlighted in the Itinerary
- Travel Club Host
- Tri-State Travel Tour Director
- Taxes and Gratuities for Included Accommodations, Attractions, Meals, Motorcoach Drivers and Tri-State Travel Tour Director

Not Included:

Travel Protection Plan, Luggage Fees Assessed by the Airline or Items of a Personal Nature

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- Balance of payment due on or before March 1, 2025
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May 14-20, 2025



Your Tour Price:

\$3,285.00 per person – 4 to a room (2 beds)

\$3,430.00 per person – 3 to a room (2 beds)

\$3,715.00 per person – 2 to a room (1 or 2 beds)

\$4,075.00 per person – single