

Wendinger Travel invites you to



Experience Southern Charm

Featuring Savannah, Charleston
Atlanta and Myrtle Beach

May 12 - 24, 2025

\$3,198 per person



Savannah, Georgia



Magnolia Plantation

Monday, May 12

Our journey to the deep South begins as we travel through the Midwest with comfort stops and a break for lunch along the way. This evening, upon check-in at the Drury Inn & Suites of Champaign, IL we're offered complimentary hot food and cold beverages at their "5:30 Kickback".

Champaign, IL

Tuesday, May 13

After breakfast, we'll travel farther east, inhaling the crisp mountain air and almost hearing music rolling down from the not-so-distant hills. This afternoon our travels take us to the Country Music Capital of the World, Nashville, Tennessee; where we tour the historic Grand Ole Opry Hotel, and enjoy evening entertainment at the Grand Ole Opry. Entertainers will be announced one week prior to the performance. Our accommodations tonight are at the Hyatt Place in Nashville, TN.

Nashville, TN

Wednesday, May 14

Traveling through Tennessee we enter the little community of Lynchburg, known for the oldest registered distillery dating from 1866 - the Jack Daniel's Distillery. On the tour we will observe each step of the Tennessee whiskey-making art, including Jack Daniel's charcoal-mellowing process, perfected over a century ago. Lunch will be in Lynchburg before entering the history-filled and beautiful state of Georgia for our overnight stay at the Drury Inn & Suites in Marietta.

Marietta, GA

Thursday, May 15

A local guide introduces us to Atlanta, a sprawling, cosmopolitan city and the capital of Georgia. Experience the fascinating history of the world's most famous soft drink at the World of Coca-Cola. Enjoy "In Search of the Secret Formula" before seeing the bottling process and sampling over 60 different flavors of the classic beverage from around the world. Our lunch experience is an iconic part of Atlanta's culture - The Varsity, the world's largest drive-in restaurant known for the saying "What'll ya have .. What'll you have. Once again, our overnight stay will be at a Drury Inn & Suites just out side of Atlanta.

Morrow, GA

Friday, May 16

After a full buffet breakfast our travels take us to Macon, Georgia, the song and soul of the South with azaleas, dogwoods, and more than 200,000 Yoshino Cherry Trees. We'll tour the Hay House, considered the most advanced antebellum building in America for its style and craftsmanship - one of "America's Castles". After lunch, we continue on to Savannah, one of the South's oldest and most graceful cities, featuring an entirely restored area registered as a National Historic Landmark. Tonight enjoy an included dinner at the Pirates' House, a unique, historic tavern dating back to 1753. Our hotel for the next two nights is the Holiday Inn Express located in the Historic District of Savannah, GA.

Savannah, GA

Saturday, May 17

Enjoy breakfast at our hotel and then the entire day is yours to explore Savannah. When you step aboard the charming Old Town Trolley, the conductor will inform you of the history and stories that shaped the first city in Georgia. You are free to hop on and hop off at each of the 16 planned stops and visit historic landmarks, museums and shops. Don't miss out on a favorite experience, the American Prohibition Museum. The Roaring Twenties are brought back to life with over 20 "intoxicating" exhibits! Take time to relax in several of Savannah's squares, filled with fountains, statues and lush vegetation. Return to the Holiday Inn Express at your leisure.

Savannah, GA

Sunday, May 18

A late morning departure takes us to the charming and unique village of Beaufort, where the only way to see the beautiful, old Southern mansions is with a pleasant ride by carriage. After lunch, we will make our way to Charleston, literally a living museum

Charleston, SC

which features 789 acres of historical beauty reflecting its 300 year old history. A local guide leads us through Charleston and its historic district. Our overnight accommodations are at the Hampton Inn located in the Historic District of Charleston.

Monday, May 19 Myrtle Beach, SC
After breakfast, we'll depart for the colorful Magnolia Plantation, where you will walk through a wonderland of winding paths among one of the largest and oldest collections of camellias and azaleas in America. The tour takes us through the elegant, columned porch Plantation House. The staff will explain the background spanning ten generations. We will return to the Historic District of Charleston to the City Market - the perfect place to choose from a variety of options for lunch. This afternoon, we arrive at our ocean front hotel for the next two nights - Hampton Inn & Suites. This evening, you will be treated to The Original Benjamin's Calabash Seafood Buffet. What better way to bring a beautiful day to a close than with a stroll along the beach before retiring for the evening!

Tuesday, May 20 Myrtle Beach, SC
Begin your free morning with a leisurely breakfast and explore Myrtle Beach. Later in the day, we'll continue our adventure at Broadway at the Beach, a sprawling outdoor venue for entertainment. Shopping and a great taste of food at every turn is sure to satisfy everyone's appetite. This evening, the award-winning show, Carolina Opry, blends two hours of high-energy music, comedy and dance for your entertainment.

Wednesday, May 21 Newport, TN
This morning, enjoy a scenic drive with photo opportunities across the Appalachian Mountains where we'll visit America's largest privately owned home, Biltmore Estate. Located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Asheville, NC, the mansion contains 250 rooms, while the 8,000-acre grand estate includes stables, hiking trails, and beautifully landscaped gardens. Tonight our overnight stay will be the Hampton Inn of Newport.

Thursday, May 22 French Lick, IN
Our morning begins with a tour of the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum. A timeline traces and honors

music professionals such as Rosemary Clooney, the Everly Brothers, Loretta Lynn and others who made significant contributions to the music industry. After lunch, we'll drive through the countryside listening to some country music and arrive in French Lick, IN. Nestled among the hills of the Hoosier National Forest, the French Lick Resort welcomes us with gracious hospitality and ultimate luxury, ensuring a perfect escape from the everyday way of life. For the more adventurous, the resort also offers guests rejuvenating mineral spas and a single-level casino.

Friday, May 23 Peoria, IL
Today, we set out for Springfield, IL where we will enjoy lunch and an afternoon at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Our overnight stay will be at the Embassy Suites in Peoria.

Saturday, May 24 Home
Following breakfast our journey we be complete with lasting friendships, memories of quaint and bustling cities, massive plantations, and carpets of gardens that have graced us with more colors than the rainbow. Nothing compares to springtime in Georgia and the Carolinas, hoping to bring back that warm weather to begin our summer.



Your Trip Includes:

- Thirteen days deluxe motor coach transportation
- Twelve nights accommodations
- Breakfast each day
- Step-on Guides: Charleston & Atlanta
- Dinner at the Pirate's House, Savannah
- Old Town Trolley - Savannah
- Grand Ole Opry Radio Show
- Jack Daniel's & Coca Cola tours
- Hay House, Macon
- Beaufort Carriage Ride
- Magnolia Plantation & Mansion tour
- Carolina Opry, Myrtle Beach
- Calabash Buffet, Myrtle Beach
- Kentucky Music Hall of Fame Museum
- Biltmore House & Garden Tour
- Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum
- Baggage handling, 1 suitcase per person
- Fully Escorted



General Information: Tour Price: **\$3,198** per person based on two persons sharing a double room. **Single accommodations are \$1,200 additional charge.**

Deposit and Payment: A deposit of \$350.00 per person is required to secure your reservation. Full payment is due March 12, 2025. Credit cards are accepted. A 3.3% processing fee will be added.

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