

# Carolina Christmas

## Dec 6-17, 2022

**Discover 12 days of Christmas with Southern Charm!**

### Day 1: Minnesota to Peoria, IL (B,D)

We're off and on our way to a fabulous Southern adventure! Our first day is a travel day with comfort stops and lunch along the way to our first overnight in Peoria, IL. Once we arrive, check-in and have a chance to relax, we'll head over to dinner at everyone's favorite, Cracker Barrel to get to know our new friends and traveling companions.



### Day 2: Peoria, IL to Louisville, KY (B,D)

After our (included) Breakfast, we hit the road to Louisville, KY to take in the Kentucky Derby Museum, one of the premiere attractions in the Louisville region, celebrating the tradition, history, hospitality, and pride of the world-renowned event that is the Kentucky Derby. Each year, the museum welcomes over 230,000 visitors and you can enjoy two floors of family-friendly interactive exhibits, a 30-minute guided historic walking tour at Churchill Downs Racetrack and get your heart racing and emotions soaring when watching the museum's signature movie, "The Greatest Race" on a 360°, 4K high resolution screen. After our visit we'll check into our accommodations for the evening and have a little time to relax before we go to the Derby Dinner Playhouse Theatre.



### Day 3: Louisville, KY to Asheville, NC (B,D)

We begin our day traveling to Berea, KY to visit the Kentucky Artisan Center in the 25,000 sq. foot Kentucky Arts Center where you can shop for Kentucky crafts, fine art, and explore special exhibits and events. After our shopping extravaganza we will head to Asheville, NC to check-in our hotel and enjoy a relaxing evening with dinner.



### Day 4: Asheville, NC to Myrtle Beach, SC (B,D)

Breakfast awaits before heading to the magical and exquisite Biltmore Estate, America's largest private home. This grand estate was built by George Vanderbilt between the years 1889-1895. It is easy to see why he loved this area so much that he decided this was where he wanted to live. This magnificent mansion has 250 rooms filled with treasures collected from all over the world and everyone will have a headphone to guide them through the rooms. Wrap yourself in the scent of fresh evergreens as you admire holiday décor featuring wreaths, garlands, and the sparkle of thousands of ornaments on more than 55 glorious Christmas trees throughout.

After our tour, we'll head to Myrtle Beach, SC and check into our accommodations for the next three nights. We'll have dinner at the Original Benjamin's Seafood Calabash before seeing the Carolina Opry Christmas Special. A holiday tradition for over 30 years, the long-standing Opry favorite offers an unforgettable holiday experience for the whole family. Featuring time-honored traditions, dance routines, award-winning vocalists, and musicians, more than 35 Christmas trees, 75 wreaths, snow and more, the show continues to live up to its "Top attraction in Myrtle Beach" title each year, according to CNBC.





### Day 5: Myrtle Beach, SC (B,D)

Today we'll head over to Pawley's Island to shop and enjoy the beautiful tropical atmosphere. You will have plenty of free time to explore before dinner as we celebrate the season with the award-winning production, the South's Grandest Christmas Show at the Alabama Theater. Year after year, this production amazes audiences with an incredible combination of talent, scenery, and special effects that will put anyone in the holiday spirit. This show is sure to instill the true meaning of Christmas with its combination of traditional Christmas classics and contemporary holiday favorites.

### Day 6: Myrtle Beach, SC (B,L,D)

Begin your day with breakfast before we enjoy a bit of holiday splendor this afternoon at Ripley's Aquarium Teas and Trees. This Festival of Trees event includes more than 55 Christmas Trees decorated for every state in the United States plus trees that are themed for the venue. The entire aquarium transforms into a Winter Wonderland with lights, bows and beautifully decorated trees all set surrounding the awesome aquatic backdrop.



Tonight, we'll celebrate all the things that make the holidays special as the Mystical Christmas Spirit takes Captain Scrooge on a journey through time and space to find the meaning of Christmas. Cheer along as giant Christmas toys come to life and perform amazing acrobatics high above the lagoon. You'll laugh at the comical castaway and their sea lion companion and gaze in awe and wonder at a live Nativity featuring three wise men on camels and an angel with a special message for landlubbers and pirates alike. You will also be thrilled by an epic battle between the Crimson and Emerald pirates as they compete for the coveted Christmas treasure on land, on deck, in water and high above two full-sized pirate ships, all while, enjoying a four-course holiday feast!

### Day 7: Myrtle Beach to Charleston, SC (B,D)

After breakfast, our bags are packed and we're headed to Charleston, SC. Today we clippity-clop our way back to colonial times in a horse-drawn carriage tour and see 300 years of history, including antebellum mansions, churches, and gardens. Our guide will inform and entertain you with historical facts, lore, and humor and cover more than 2.5 miles and 30 blocks of historic Charleston. Later we will enjoy a sunset cruise and see the stately homes along the Battery, Customs House, the three forts – Moultrie, Sumter, and Johnson, Patriot's Point and more! Tonight, we enjoy a local landmark in downtown for dinner at Hyman's Seafood Restaurant. You won't be leaving hungry with its comfortable menu of seafood and the owner's will treat you like VIP customers.

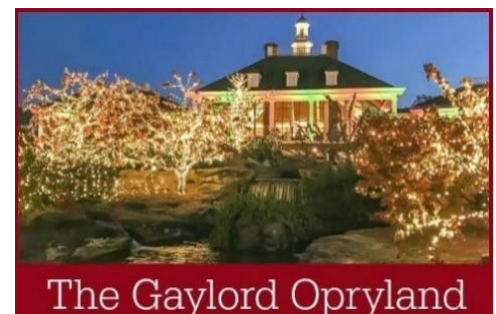


### Day 8: Charleston, SC to Charlotte, NC (B,D)

We're back on route to Charlotte, NC to visit the Billy Graham Library and Museum. Discover the life and legacy of Billy Graham's journey from a humble farm boy to an international ambassador of God's love, the barn-shaped building is situated on 20 landscaped acres, only miles from where Billy Graham grew up. After our visit we'll check into our accommodations and have a relaxing evening.

### Day 9: Charlotte, NC to Nashville, TN (B)

Rise and shine because our journey continues as we head to Nashville, TN to the majestic and luxurious Gaylord Opryland Resort. Here you will be surrounded by 9 acres of indoor gardens, a winding river, pathways and sparkling waterfalls where you can unwind, explore, shop, dine and be entertained to your hearts content for the next 2 nights. You'll marvel at more than 3 million holiday lights and acres of magnificent decorations, plus spectacular holiday activities that are sure to get you in the spirit of the season and create lasting memories. You'll enjoy the evening taking in all of amenities this hotel has to offer.



**Day 10: Nashville, TN (B,D)**

Breakfast awaits as you spend the day in the comforts of the resort. Experience a whimsical winter wonderland at "ICE" featuring larger-than-life, three-dimensional ice monuments, and colorful ice sculptures crafted by artisans from China, from 1.5 million pounds of ice at our hotel or take a stroll on the river on a delta flatboat. This evening at our hotel, we will enjoy reserved seating for the Oak Ridge Boys Christmas dinner show. Join (Duane, Richard, William, and Joe) singing all the classic songs of a cherished era. The group is well known for its four-part harmonies and beautiful lyrics and has been producing hit country music since 1973. You will be toe-tappin' and singing along to hit after hit with the ever-popular Elvira, Bobbie Sue, and other favorites. This will truly be a delightful experience and a holiday to remember.



**Day 11: Nashville, TN to Bettendorf, IA (B)**

We say goodbye to Nashville, TN after breakfast and make our way to St. Louis, MO with comfort stops along the way. We'll visit the tallest man-made monument in the Western Hemisphere, and Missouri's tallest accessible building, the iconic Gateway Arch! After our visit we'll head to Bettendorf, IA for an overnight at the Isle Casino for a little gaming fun for those who enjoy this experience.

**Day 12: Bettendorf, IA to Home (B)**

Today is our final breakfast together before we head home with memories of our fabulous Southern Style Christmas. One final stop brings us to everyone's favorite Russell Stover's to satisfy your sweet tooth or to get that last-minute Christmas gift before we get home!



**Deposit of  
\$200 Per Person  
by Aug 1, 2022 to  
Reserve your Spot !**

**Final Payment  
Due  
Oct 15, 2022**



**Price Per Person:**

**\$2,599 - Double  
\$2,499 - Triple/Quad  
\$2,749 - Single**

**3% Service Charge added  
For Credit Card  
Payments. Cash or  
Check preferred.**

Personally  
Hosted Together  
By:  
*Patty Chmielewski  
& Michael Bell*

**Highlights Include:**

Motor Coach Transportation, 11 Nights Lodging, Luggage Handling, Kentucky Derby Museum, Derby Dinner Playhouse, Kentucky Artisan Center, Billy Graham Museum, Carolina Opry, Pawley's Island, Alabama Theatre, Ripley's Teas & Trees, Pirate Voyage Dinner Show, Biltmore Estate, Carriage tour of Charleston, Harbor Cruise, Gaylord Opryland Resort (2 Overnights), Tickets to Ice Exhibit, Tickets to ride the Flat Boats, Oak Ridge Boys Christmas Show, St. Louis Arch, Isle Casino and more!



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