

# Sterling Travel with Jill Aikin

## Charleston, Savannah and Jekyll Island

featuring Two Nights at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel

**Travel Dates: May 17 - 23, 2024**



**DAY 1 Arrive in South Carolina:** Welcome to beautiful Charleston, South Carolina with a transfer to your hotel. Tonight, get to know your Tour Manager and fellow traveling companions during a welcome dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the hotel. **Meal: D**

**DAY 2 The Charm of Charleston and Boone Hall Plantation:** Through the stories of those who founded Charleston, the local guide makes history come alive along these antebellum home-lined streets. See the Old Market and Exchange and the famous "Battery at the Harbor," which overlooks Fort Sumter. At Boone Hall Plantation enjoy a taste of the Old South with a traditional

Low Country Plantation lunch before a tour of the grounds. One of America's oldest working plantations, Boone Hall has been continually growing crops for over 320 years and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. **Meals: B, L**

**DAY 3 Beaufort and Jekyll Island:** Depart Charleston for one of Georgia's "Golden Isles" Jekyll Island. En route, a stop is made at charming Beaufort, one of only a handful of towns in the nation that has had its entire downtown designated an historic district by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Beaufort is known for its southern hospitality, scenic waterfront charm, quaint shops and historic homes. Later, arrive at the romantic Victorian-style Jekyll Island Club Hotel, originally built as an exclusive island getaway for the Rockefeller and Vanderbilt families. **Meal: B**

**DAY 4 Jekyll Island and the Golden Isles:** Begin the day with a narrated tram tour of Jekyll Island's National Landmark Historic District and hear the fascinating stories of the island's beginnings and development by the "rich and famous" of the late 1800s. In the afternoon, visit the largest of the Golden Isles, St. Simons, where Spanish moss-draped oaks line the island's charming streets. See St. Simons Lighthouse, in operation since 1872, and Bloody Marsh, where British and Scottish soldiers defeated the Spanish. The balance of the day is free to relax and enjoy the natural beauty of the Jekyll Island Club. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 5 Savannah:** Travel to Savannah, the "Belle of the South" and discover why General Sherman found this city much too beautiful





Spend two nights in the heart of Charleston's Historic District

to burn during the Civil War. On a narrated trolley tour your driver-guide recounts the tales and secrets of the stately mansions of the lovely squares of Savannah's Historic District. Pass the 1820 birthplace of Juliette Gordon Low, founder of the Girl Scouts, the squares and streets where movies such as *Forrest Gump* and *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* were filmed. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 6 Tybee Island and Free Time in Savannah:** This morning it's off to Tybee Island to visit the lighthouse that has been the guardian of the Savannah River since 1736. Visit the museum that features exhibits of early life on the island, and if you are feeling adventurous, take the exhilarating walk up the 154-foot-tall lighthouse. Later, feel free to discover the many shops along River Street and enjoy the beauty of the quaint squares perfect for relaxing. Tonight, dinner is served family-style at Mrs. Wilkes' Boarding House, a Savannah legend. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 7 Home:** Bid a fond farewell to Savannah and leave with wonderful memories of the South's most beautiful cities. **Meal: B**

#### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**Days 1 and 2** – Hilton Garden Inn, Charleston, South Carolina

**Days 3 and 4** – Jekyll Island Club Hotel, Jekyll Island, Georgia

**Days 5 and 6** – The Desoto, Savannah, Georgia

Rooms for the night before and after the tour are available.

Cost for a room in Charleston is \$359 and in Savannah is \$359, tax and breakfast included.

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## Tour Highlights

- 11 Meals: 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 4 dinners
- Round trip airport transfers
- Spend two nights in the heart of Charleston's Historic District
- Guided tour of Charleston, regarded as one of the most beautiful cities in America
- Touring and lunch at Boone Hall Plantation, one of America's oldest working plantations and listed on the National Register of Historic Places
- Stop at Beaufort, known for its southern hospitality and historic homes
- Spend two nights at the historic Jekyll Island Club Hotel, once the playground of the Rockefeller and Vanderbilt families
- Narrated tram tour of Jekyll Island, a Golden Isle rich with majestic oak trees, Spanish moss and palmetto
- Visit St. Simons Island, the largest of the Golden Isles
- Spend two nights in the Historic District of Savannah, the "Belle of the South"
- Guided trolley tour of Savannah, the city deemed "too beautiful to burn" by General Sherman during the Civil War
- Dinner at Mrs. Wilkes' Boarding House, steeped in Savannah history

Tour Dates	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
May 17 - 23, 2024	\$3,849	\$1,299

**Price includes round trip air from Denver.**

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#### Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – \$250 per person

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- 30 to 15 days prior: 30% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 day prior: 40% of tour cost
- Day of departure or early departure from tour: 100% of tour cost
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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