

# 231017 BRA Savannah GA Visit

## RESTAURANTS

Carolina Cider Company US 17; located along US 17 approximately 45 minutes south of Charlotte. It's a great place to stop for a taste of the Lowcountry.

You may want to not eat at the hotel, or on the way and stop here on your way out of town. It's really worth the effort. So quaint, so clean and so typical of the south. Well worth the stop.

### Authentic unique



Make some time to stop here. It's really worth your time. You can get ciders of different flavor, southern ingredients, hot sauces, and more.

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## Southern charm



A beautiful small café. Well, apportioned and complete with any type of hot or cold drink you might like. Try the sweet peach iced tea.

## Wide variety



It looks like just what it is, quaint , old country store in the traditional style. You really can't stop looking at it because it's just so well done. You feel at home here and I doubt if there are many people that can walk in and not buy something.

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## Southern delights



Ciders of different flavors I've never seen before. There's scuppernong, peach, apple, and muscadine ciders. Raspberry, strawberry and blackberry ciders as well. At \$9.99 for a 750 mL bottle is well priced. Yes there are samples to have as well.

## Down-home feeling



There are jellies, jams and butter. Southern grits, and other ingredients. If you need any type of greeting card, small gift, or anything southern, they have a small boutique selection.

## Clean, organized need



My hats off to the proprietor. This is a clean, organized, attractive establishment. We turned around to go back to it and we're glad we did. Look for this and make time for it if you can. It's worth a stop.

## DINNER

## ATTRACTION

Old Savannah Tours; it's a hop on hop off service. It includes a guide. It's a good way to see the city. \$38 per adult fee allows all day travel.

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## Adults



There are historical actors who board and play roll. They range from Rosie the Riveter to Jackie Robertson.

## Tour Bus Visitors Center



This is the 14 stops for the bus which are not advertised online. It's pretty complete and I would say it's worthwhile to take the bus if you don't want to walk.

# Old Savannah Hop On Hop Off

## Old Savannah Tours

**1 VISITORS CENTER**  
**11 OLD SAVANNAH TOURS VISITOR DEPT**  
 255 Montgomery Street Visitors Dept., Visitor Info, Orientation Film, Parking, Gift Shop, Snack Bar

**2 WELCOME CENTER** - 215-217 W. Boundary St  
 • The Round House • Residence Inn • Battleground Park • Courtyard Market • Regis M. Gilbert Civil Rights Museum • Savannah Children's Museum • Savannah Coffee Roasters • Embassy Suites • Hampton Inn & Suites • Thunderbolt Inn

**3 SAVANNAH THEATRE/ CHIPPEWA SQUARE**

**4 SORREL WEED HOUSE**  
 (Bull Street at Harris Street)  
 • St. Johns Episcopal Church • The Green Medford House • Armstrong House • DeSoto Hotel • Sixth Prince Pub

**5 FORTSYTH PARK**  
 (Corner of East Hill and Clayton Street)  
 • Forsyth Park • Mansion on Forsyth • The Fort on Forsyth

**6 MASSIE SCHOOL**  
 • Clara's Cafe • Mrs. Wilkes • Mercer Williams House • Mchive Israel Synagogue

**7 CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN the BAPTIST**  
 (Corner of Liberty and Aberneth Streets)  
 • Andrew Low House • Colonial Park Cemetery • Old South Free National Headquarters • Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home • Beach Institute • Hampton Turner Inn

**8 THE PIRATES HOUSE**  
 (20 East Street Street)  
 • The Colonial District • Chatham Artillery Monument • International Seaman's House • Homewood Suites • Trustees Garden • Fort Wayne • The Brick • Castro Casa Monument • Sennel Park • Marriot Riverfront • Vietnam Vet. Monument

**9 OWENS THOMAS HOUSE**  
 (Hibernian Street between State & President St)  
 • Cowart House • 17th/18th St Inn and Restaurant • Owens Thomas House • Webb Military Museum

**10 TELFAIR SQUARE**  
 (Corner of Barnard Street and State Street)  
 • Ballantine Inn • First Jewish Cemetery • Savannah Theatre • Tompkins Monument • Lutheran Church of the Apostles • Telfair Museum • Jepson Center of Arts • Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace

**11 REYNOLDS SQUARE**  
 (201 East Bay Street at Abercorn Street)  
 • Old Pink House • Leopold's Ice Cream • Lucas Theatre • Planters Inn • East Bay Inn • Daybridge Hotel • Holiday Inn Express • Hampton Inn • The Marshall House

**12 RIVER STREET MARKET LANDING**  
 (300 Block East River Street at Lincoln Street Range)  
 • The Waving Girl • The Olympic Calderon • Old Harbour Inn • Factors Walk • African-American Family Monument • Savannah River Boat Cruises

**13 EXCHANGE BELL**  
 (Factors Walk on Bay Street)  
 • Washington's Guns • Cotton Exchange • Christ Episcopal Church • River Street Inn • Savannah Chamber and CVB • Visit Savannah

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- International Goods & Products
- Old Savannah Tours Ticket Booth

**Map of Savannah, Georgia**

The stops are shown. Time to walk from point 3 to 6 is only 3 minutes. The area is very small.

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The stops are frequent and there is not always room to board. It may be that you may need to wait for the next bus. In fact this happened early on the day and often. Do not start the tour other than at the company main bus stop. They will now allow you to board and you must wait for

their shuttle van to take you to stop 1. Some riders were upset about this.

## Circuit Tour



In fact, if I had to do over again, I would only use the service in two ways. One would be to be aware of what the stops were upfront and that get off at each one look at the area and then get back on and continue to the next stop. The other Way would be to just pay a lower price which is almost half the total for hop on hop off and ride at the entire route one time which takes 90 minutes and use it as a general tour of the historic area. It's not a good form of transportation as I thought, and as was advertised by a reviewer of the service. You cannot just ride it around to the next stop you are interested in because it's a full hour and a half circuit.

Also, this tour service ends at 4:30 in the afternoon. That is really early and leaves a lot of the day available for tourist activities without transportation services. Add to this the fact that they don't start until almost 10 as it takes them 40 to 45 minutes to organize the trips and double and triple check the tickets before they begin their tour.

In summary, if you are in good health, and can walk, you should walk the historic district and forget about this bus circuit. In

fact, we paid for hop on hop off and ended up walking all the way back to our car in any event. If you're not in good health, use it just to go around once once to see what's interesting and pick up any historical tidbits from the driver. Otherwise make other arrangements.

Historic Savannah; Located in Franklin Square is a monument to the first colored regiment that ever fought for the United States. They fight in the revolutionary war. This is unknown history and not generally well-known.

### Illusionary war colored regiment



We got off the tour at the stop 14 which is city market. City market it's really not one building but an open area between two squares with shops, and a beautiful walk path.



## City Market



City market is really well done. It's really clean, Tony and upscale. It's a beautiful open area with lots of shops. You really should come here if you like shopping, crafts and snacks.

## Mars Attack Meets Old Savannah



The Riverwalk is also a wonderful opportunity to stroll along the savanna river. If you go to stop number 14, you can walk 1 mile back to stop number 11. There are plenty of restaurants, bars, and specialty shops along the way. You also pass the Jorge A Queen.

## Monument World War II, Riverwalk



The Riverwalk had cotton brokers and also houses the factors row. The last Cotton broker office was closed in 1953. The Riverwalk area was not rehabilitated until 1977.

## Factors walk



The factors would walk back and forth from the shoreline, which is on the 40 foot Bluff, where Savannah was established, to the cotton offices, where they work. Factoring means being paid upfront in cash for your cotton crop. This allows the factor to take charge and be responsible for the shipment to its final destination and provides the farmer immediate cash. The farmer does not have to wait for the final sale or be responsible for the cotton in its shipment. The factor would then get the rest of the value of the Cotton plus any markup that he could get at the final sale. But the factor



took the risk during the voyage. Factoring is still done today in commerce.

## Restored Riverwalk



The American disabilities act or ADA, has not caught up with the stairs and handrails in old Savannah. Refreshing to see people actually use a stair at their own risk.

## Kids will be kids



Just a great place to stroll. And highly recommended in October. Temperatures 68 to 70° and the skies are clear. It's crisp and cold and dry. You can't beat it.

## It's the season



The biggest pumpkin I've ever seen in my life. It is real and measures 3 1/2 feet across. Lord knows what it weighs. Can you imagine carving this? You would have to have a lantern inside to light it.

## Real pumpkin



This is a Family favorite, artillery punch. We have never seen anywhere else. Of course, the recipe could be different from what the family would prepare, but who knows.



## FACTORY



Wright Square is where justice was rendered in the colonial days of early Savannah. The gallows was here as well as the first cemetery, which has long been removed. The CVS store located at an adjacent corner was at that time the jail.

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## Gordon Monument



This is Oglethorpe Square and where Forrest Gump's bench was located. The walkway that Nancy is standing on, was grassed over, and the bench was at its base. The bench has been taken away and is a national historical artifact, because the movie was so popular.

## Foreat Gump Square



Unusual for its time in the deep south is a Catholic church that was built by French immigrants early in the colonial time. Recently restored in 2000 and rebuilt after a fire at the turn of the century 1900. The



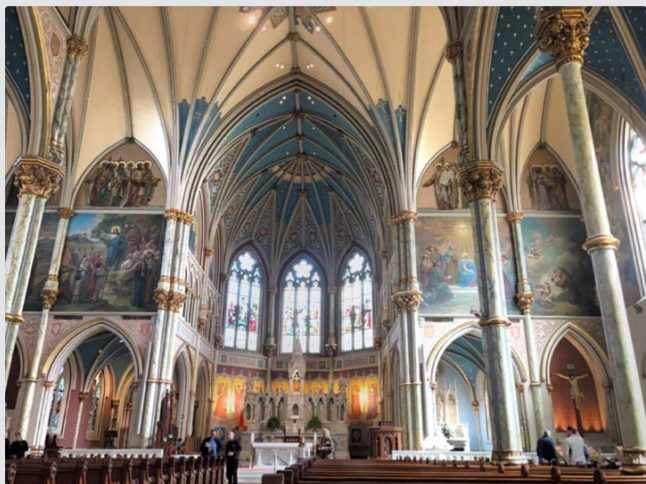
church is open for visitors at 4 PM in the afternoon.

## Cathedral In Savannah



Beautiful French style naive. The altar has no crucifix, it's off to one side. It was nice to see the church for tourists. Everyone was respectful and quiet and it was a nice time for meditation.

## John The Baptist Catholic Church



The largest stations of the cross I have ever seen. These pieces of art were easily 4 to 6 feet tall and a full three or 3 1/2 feet wide. They are traditional representations for Catholics of the final stages of Jesus'

suffering.

## Stations Of The Cross



Again, usual for the days in colonial America, a Jewish synagogue was also allowed to be established. This is a testament to the people who landed here and to their attitude. They were in a New World and wanted to start in a new way. They obviously did not want to continue the patterns of the old world and allowed different peoples to practice their faith openly. Sadly, this would not extend to the worldwide practice of slavery, which is a separate story.



## Jewish synagogue



George Washington himself wrote the synagogue a letter in support of their official establishment. It was followed by official recognition of the state of Georgia for the synagogue.

Read the history of these wandering Jews. Amazing. We were told by the Tour Guide that when they approached the harbor, there was yellow fever rampant within the young colony. They were warned that there were no doctors available and to stay on ship or go elsewhere. When the Jewish passengers told them that they had doctors with them they were promptly allowed to settle and permanently became part of the community.

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## Mickve Israel



One of the many shops for arts and crafts, you'll find in the area. Sometimes the contents seem to blend together, but this one had artifacts and crafts from Mexico. We recognize a lot of them from our personal collection and past travel.

## FOLKLORICO



We were surprised to see a taste of Italy as well. This massive residence is a beautiful classical example of Italian northern renaissance architecture. Completely made of marble it's an imposing building.

## IL PORCELLINO



Statuary at the Armstrong Kessler mansion on Bull Street. This is a spectacular re-creation of an Italian Mediterranean house. It is set on a beautiful lot adjacent to Forsyth Park. This mansion occupies nearly an entire block.

## Re-creation of the boar of Tuscany



This is definitely not a fixer-upper. They always say if you have to ask how much something cost you can't afford it. I don't even want to know on this one.



## Italian renaissance



Forsythe fountain is a spectacular piece of work. As the pineapple fountain is the landmark for Charleston, South Carolina this fountain is the famous landmark for Savannah Georgia.

## Forcythr Square



If there's one square you need to visit its Forsyth square on a beautiful October crisp dry cool afternoon.



## Classic Fountains Always Please



There are so many classic homes in and around Savannah. It's hard to know which ones to take pictures of but this one is a great classical example, and now serves as an animal Hospital of all things.

## Built 1903 animal Hospital



The River, Queen, Georgia's blast from the past. Go aboard during the day for brunch, lunch and dinner cruises. You can go up and down the Savannah River and have a great view of the city from the river side.

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## River Dinner Cruise



## River Queen



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