GO AHEAD TOURS



South Carolina & Georgia: Charleston to Savannah

7 days

Down south, every historic house and delicious meals carries with it the stories of the past. It's not until we face the scars of slavery that we can truly begin to understand and appreciate the beauty of Southern cuisine and culture. Learn about the realities that lie behind the grand pastel facades as you find hope for the future (and fill up on all cornbread you can find).



Your tour package includes

6 nights in handpicked hotels
6 breakfasts
2 dinners with beer or wine
1 tasting
4 sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

Charleston's Rainbow Row
Middleton Place plantation and gardens
Beaufort
Heyward House Museum
Savannah

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 2 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with few hills.

Group size

15–35

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Charleston, South Carolina → 3 nights

Day 1: Arrival in Charleston
Welcome to South Carolina! Transfer to your hotel and get settled in. Then, the rest of the day is free for you to relax or explore the city.

Day 2: Sightseeing tour of Charleston
Included meals: breakfast, welcome dinner
Enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of the city's landmarks and surrounding plantations.

- See the Old Slave Mart Museum, restored to recognize and educate on Charleston's role in the slave trade industry
- Pass by the Old Citadel, the College of Charleston, and the Four Corners of Law
- View the Battery, Rainbow Row, and the Charleston Museum
- Admire the Old Exchange Building and City Market

This afternoon head outside of Charleston to visit the Middleton Place plantation and gardens.

- Discover this National Historic Landmark on a guided tour of the House Museum
- Walk through the gardens, which sit on a sprawling 65-acres of Lowcountry land
- Enter the carefully preserved Eliza House and learn more about the lives of the Middleton slaves

Gather with your Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner this evening.

Day 3: Free day in Charleston
Included meals: breakfast
Enjoy a free day in Charleston or add an excursion.
+ Charleston Harbor Cruise & Lunch

Savannah, Georgia → 3 nights

Day 4: Savannah via Beaufort & Heyward House Museum
Included meals: breakfast, tasting
Travel to the charming city of Beaufort on Port Royal Island.

- View the scenic waterfront and historic homes of Beaufort
- Enjoy free time for lunch in Beaufort's Historic District, a National Historic Landmark-listed neighborhood

Then, head to Bluffton and visit the Heyward House Museum.

- Take a self-guided tour of the historic Heyward House Museum and enjoy free time to enter the welcome center
- Visit a local bakery after the tour to enjoy pastries and tea

Then, continue on to Savannah, Georgia.

Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Savannah
Included meals: breakfast
Learn about Savannah's storied past as you follow a local guide on a sightseeing tour.

- Pass landmarks such as Forsyth Park and River Street
- View the Waving Girl statue, the Cotton Exchange, and Colonial Park Cemetery

Enjoy free time in Savannah or add an excursion.
+ Southern Dinner & Music

Day 6: Free day in Savannah
Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner
Spend a free day in Savannah or add an excursion.
This evening, join your group for a farewell dinner featuring traditional Lowcountry cuisine.
+ Pin Point Heritage Museum & Gullah Geeche Lunch

Flight Home

Day 7: Departure
Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)
Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save $10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: **goaheadtours.com/ASO | 1-800-597-0350**

Day 3: Charleston Harbor Cruise & Lunch
$119/$129* (4 hours, departs in the morning, lunch included)
Head to Charleston harbor and board a boat to see the sites of the city from the water during a harbor cruise. You'll view legendary docks and pass Fort Sumter, where the first shots of the Civil War were fired. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant after the cruise. Then, enjoy free time to walk along the quaint streets and see the city's historic candy-colored homes. Please note: This excursion is seasonal and runs February through November. It is also weather-dependent.

Day 5: Southern Dinner & Music
$135/$145* (6 hours, departs in the evening with dinner)
Start your evening with some authentic southern cooking, from fried chicken to fresh seafood to Lowcountry boil. Then, head to the historic Savannah Theatre for an evening of theatrics. Having opened its doors in 1818, the theatre has hosted many famous players through the years, including Sarah Bernhardt and Oscar Wilde.

Day 6: Pin Point Heritage Museum & Gullah Geeche Lunch
$75/$85* (4 hours, departs in the morning, lunch included)
Head outside of Savannah and visit the Pin Point Heritage Museum to learn about the Lowcountry Gullah Geechee culture. The Gullah Geechee people trace their ancestry back to West Africa, but were forcibly brought to America during the trans-Atlantic slave trade. This community of people were enslaved on southern islands and coastal plantations. Together, the Gullah Geechee people developed a native creole language of the same name, as well as distinct music, art, and traditions. You'll discover their well-preserved cultural heritage alongside a local guide. The ground that the museum is on was founded by freed slaves and was their first opportunity to independently purchase and build on the land. Your guide will bring you through the museum, which focuses on celebrating the lives, work, and history of the Gullah Geechee people who live here. The exhibits highlight their craft and culinary work, such as the storytelling traditions and rice-based cuisine, which pull influence from Central and West African ways of life. After the tour, head to a local restaurant to enjoy a traditional southern meal.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.com/terms