



South Carolina & Georgia: Charleston to Savannah

7 days

Down south, every historic house and delicious meal 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
- 1 lunch
- 1 dinner with beer or wine
- 4 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- Charleston's Rainbow Row
- Middleton Place plantation and gardens
- Beaufort
- Pin Point Heritage 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.

- 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.

+ Fort Sumter Cruise & Lunch

Just outside of Savannah stop to visit the Pin Point Heritage Museum to learn about the Lowcountry Gullah Geechee culture.

- Immerse yourself in the museum which focuses on celebrating the lives, work, and history of the Gullah Geechee people who live here and highlight their craft and culinary work, such as the storytelling traditions and rice-based cuisine.
- Learn how the Gullah Geechee people trace their ancestry back to West Africa, before their ancestors were forcibly brought to America and enslaved.
- See how they developed a native creole language of the same name, as well as distinct music, art, and traditions.

Then, continue on to Savannah, Georgia and enjoy a free evening in the city, or add an excursion.

+ Southern Dinner & Music

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 to explore Savannah on your own this evening.

Day 6: Free day in Savannah

Included meals: breakfast, farewell lunch

Spend a free day in Savannah or add an excursion.

Rejoin your group to celebrate your trip at a farewell lunch this afternoon.

+ Sweet Praline Cooking Demonstration

Savannah, Georgia → 3 nights

Day 4: Savannah via Beaufort & the Pin Point Heritage Museum

Included meals: breakfast

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.

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.ca/ASO | 1-800-754-5066

Day 3: Fort Sumter Cruise & Lunch

\$129CAD/\$139CAD* (4 hours, departs in the morning, includes lunch)

This morning, head to Charleston Harbor for a picturesque cruise. Board a boat with a local guide and push off from its legendary docks, skimming atop the bay en route to Fort Sumter. Once there, take a self-guided tour of the 19th-century fortress, site of the opening volleys of the Civil War. Afterward, return to the docks and sit down at a local restaurant for an included lunch. Transfer back to your hotel, then call it a day—or find a second wind and enjoy a leisurely walk down the city's quaint streets. Please note: This excursion is seasonal and runs from February to November. It's also weather-dependent.

Day 4: Southern Dinner & Music

\$185CAD/\$195CAD* (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: Sweet Praline Cooking Demonstration

\$85CAD/\$95CAD* (1.5 hours, departs in the morning)

Nutty, sweet, and quintessentially southern, the praline is a beloved regional treat—and today, you'll try your hand at making these melt-in-your-mouth confections. Begin with a short history lesson, where you'll learn how they found their way from France to the American South. Then, after a brief demonstration, you'll split into teams and craft your own batches. Pack them up and bring them home as a delectable souvenir (if they last that long).

*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.ca/terms