

TRAVEL PLANNERS INTERNATIONAL



Southern Hospitality Tour
Featuring
Gone With The Wind
September 15-September 22

Wednesday, Sept. 15: Welcome to Marietta!

Spend the first day of this Southern Hospitality Tour northwest of Atlanta, in the quaint and historic City of Marietta. Union forces occupied Marietta on July 3, 1864 and remained until November when they burned most of the town. Today, Marietta is home to four National Historic Districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

This afternoon it's All aboard! Board the Marietta Trolley for an awe-inspiring sight-seeing tour to experience this city's rich heritage from the vibrant Downtown Square, past Grand Antebellum homes. The tour will end at the Gone With the Wind Museum. The museum delights film buffs with its collection of "Gone With the Wind" memorabilia, such as a dress worn by Vivien Leigh during the filming and props that were used on the movie set. We will tour the museum and finish the evening with Dinner.

Meals: Dinner

Hilton Conference Center, Marietta

Thursday, Sept, 16: Marietta, Georgia and Kennesaw

After breakfast, we board our motor coach for a tour back into history. Our first stop is Kennesaw Mountain, where some of the most important events to affect the outcome of the Civil War occurred. Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield commemorates these events, as well as preserving the battleground of Kennesaw Mountain.

Our second stop of the day takes you back in time to the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History in Kennesaw, Georgia. This world class attraction offers a wide range of exhibits, including a glimpse into the daily lives of soldiers in its Civil War Collection; a reproduction of a turn-of-the-century locomotive assembly line from the Glover Machine Works; and an exciting depiction of the Civil War's Great Locomotive Chase, featuring the General locomotive. After a lunch stop we head to Atlanta where we will stay at the Historic Georgian Terrace Hotel for the next two nights.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Georgian Terrace, Atlanta



Friday, Sept. 17: Atlanta, Georgia

Today's driving tour takes you to Margaret Mitchell House, Oakland Cemetery, and the Cyclorama. We will tour the apartment where Margaret Mitchell wrote *Gone With the Wind*, and view an exhibition showcasing the life and times of one of America's most famous authors

We will also visit Oakland Cemetery less than 2 miles from the heart of downtown Atlanta. This garden cemetery, founded in 1850, is the final resting place of many of Atlanta's settlers, builders, and most noted citizens like Margaret Mitchell, Bobby Jones, and Maynard Jackson. It is also a showplace of sculpture and architecture, and botanical preserve with ancient oaks and magnolias. From a hilltop in Oakland Cemetery, Confederate General John B. Hood watched the Battle of Atlanta.



Our itinerary also includes a stop at the Cyclorama., where history comes alive through spectacular music, art and sound effects. The Cyclorama is home of the world's largest painting, "The Battle of Atlanta" and home of the historic Civil War locomotive, "Texas" (hero of the "Great Train Ride"). Tonight, we step back to the days of Scarlett, Rhett, and the time of the War between the States with dinner at Stately Oaks Plantation, located 15 miles south of downtown Atlanta. The crown jewel of the property is the Stately Oaks Plantation House, which was built in 1839 and is a true example of plain Greek Revival architecture. It is believed to be one of the inspirations for Margaret Mitchell's beloved Tara.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Georgian Terrace, Atlanta

Saturday, Sept. 18: Enroute to Savannah.



After breakfast, we travel to Savannah, Georgia the, "Hostess City of the South"; a beautiful old city, with great tours, numerous attractions and plenty of great restaurants. Relax aboard your luxury air conditioned motor coach enroute to Savannah while enjoying Margaret Mitchell's award winning movie "Gone With the Wind". Savannah was established on February 12, 1733 when General James Oglethorpe founded Georgia. Oglethorpe carefully planned the city's streets by using a grid pattern with 24 park-like squares. Savannah has the distinction of being the first city in the state of Georgia. It is also home to a National Historic Landmark District of 2.5 square miles, and more than 1,000 architecturally significant buildings. The Victorian District is one of the nation's largest collections of that period's architecture. Savannah is a river town, so

what better way to get an overview of her harbor and port than to sail on a Riverboat! Sit back and relax while our riverboat slowly takes you down the Savannah River. Enjoy a gourmet buffet dinner with something to satisfy everyone's taste buds.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Inn at Ellis Square, Savannah

Sunday, Sept. 19: Savannah, Georgia

Today, we discover Savannah at our leisure with a Trolley Tour. See the most popular sights of Savannah...visit Davenport House, Forsyth Park, world famous River Street, City Market, Colonial Park Cemetery, Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace, Mercer House, Broughton Street, Andrew Low House, Telfair Museum, The Waving Girl and much, much.

Don't forget Lunch! What better way to experience the South's Southern Hospitality than with a true Southern lunch at The Lady and Sons where our tour will end. Yes, this is Paula Deen's restaurant. Bite into genuine southern cuisine, from fried green tomatoes and fried chicken to shrimp and grits and pecan pie. The lunch buffet let's you eat all that you can in the great tradition of Southern Hospitality. You can be certain you'll be well-fed before it's all said and done. Ya'll Come Back! After lunch you are free to explore Savannah on your own,

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Inn at Ellis Square, Savannah



Monday, Sept. 20: Savannah, to Charleston

This morning after breakfast we depart the River City for Charleston, South Carolina, a city rich in history, tradition, and Southern culture. Come explore Charleston and stroll the cobbled streets and gas lit alley ways. Before we arrive in Charleston we stop at Drayton Hall one of just three plantation houses on the Ashley River to survive the Civil War. After a tour and a boxed lunch we head for Liberty Square for a boat ride over to Ft. Sumter, located in Charleston Harbor. Ft. Sumter National Monument commemorates defining moments in American history within a military continuum that spans more than a century and a half. Ft. Sumter is best known as the site where the first engagement of the Civil War took place on April 12, 1861.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Charleston Place, Charleston

Tuesday, Sept. 21: Charleston

After breakfast, we meet in front of our hotel and Clippity Clop our way back to earlier times with a truly traditional old Southern horse drawn carriage ride. This is the very best way to see the city of Charleston and to learn about its rich and vast history. Unveil 300 years of Charleston history including antebellum mansions, churches and cobblestone streets. Your afternoon and evening are free to explore this beautiful city.

Meals: Breakfast

Charleston Place, Charleston



Wednesday, Sept. 22: Charleston

After Breakfast it's a free day to explore and shop the markets and streets of Charleston.

Tonight is the final night of our tour. Take in Charleston's beautiful waterways while enjoying fine food, live music and fantastic views of Charleston Harbor aboard your dinner cruise. You'll have an opportunity to see the beauty of Charleston from the water. During the cruise, you'll sail by Charleston attractions like the famous Battery, the Arthur Ravenel Bridge, Patriots Point and Waterfront Park and learn some interesting facts about the city along the way.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Charleston Place, Charleston

Thursday, Sept. 23: Charleston, South Carolina to Marietta, Georgia

After breakfast, board your luxury motor coach for the trip back to historic Marietta, Georgia.

Meals: Breakfast

Highlights:
8 nights 9 days
1 night Marietta, Georgia
2 nights Atlanta, Georgia
2 nights Savannah, Georgia
3 nights Charleston, SC
8 Breakfasts
5 Dinners
2 Lunches

Price Per Person \$1995.00

Featuring:
Gone With The Wind Museum
Stately Oaks
Margaret Mitchell House
Cyclorama
Drayton Hall
Trolley Tours
Dinner Cruises
Fort Sumter

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