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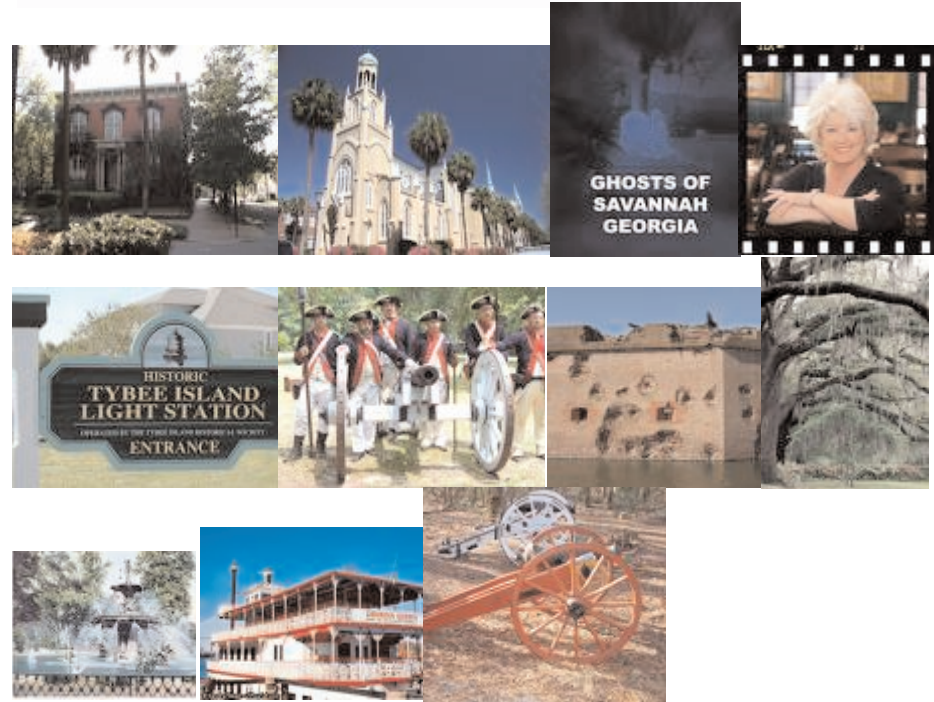
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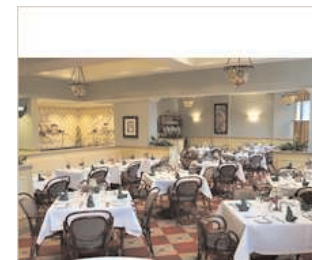
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*Savannah Tour*  
May 19-24 | 08



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Saturday, May 24th, 2008

◆ Depart for Savannah Airport – 10:00 am

◆ Return to Austin via Delta Airlines

◆ Return to San Marcos via bus

Monday, May 19th

◆ Bus from San Marcos for Austin Airport

◆ Delta Airlines to Savannah

◆ Bus from Savannah Airport to Doubletree

**Riverboat 2-hour Evening Boat Cruise**  
6:00pm-9:00pm



The Riverboat will leave from the River Street Dock and cruise down the Savannah River passing by River Street and coastal marshland. As the boat returns up the river, the attendees will enjoy viewing the Port of Savannah. The Riverboat is a triple-decker, red, white and blue stern-wheel vessel offering climate controlled dining areas.

During the Monday Night Gospel Dinner Cruise, experience "local" Gospel entertainment and enjoy Southern Cuisine. The chef will prepare a tasty feast with all the trimmings. Choose from a buffet of salads, Fried Chicken, Barbecue along with vegetables, biscuits, and dessert. A cultural and culinary experience you don't want to miss!

Tuesday, May 20th

**The Historic Downtown Trolley Tour and Lunch at The Lady & Sons**  
9:00am-1:00pm



This leisurely tour by trolley covers a lot of ground as you explore the city's architectural gems and historic landmarks.

The tour includes a stop at The Davenport House for a house museum tour. The Isalah Davenport House Museum is devoted to the American Federal style house completed by master builder Isalah Davenport in Savannah, Georgia in 1820. The house includes furnishings and other artifacts relevant to the period and the Davenport family. The house is intimately connected with the establishment of the Historic Savannah Foundation and the birth of the restoration movement in Savannah. The second stop, always the highlight of the tour, the breathtaking 19th century Gothic Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.

**11:00am-Arrive at the Lady & Sons**



The lunch stop today is The Lady & Sons restaurant located in City Market. Some food experts have said Paula Deen's cooking is Southern, some have said Georgia Coastal; others have termed it Plantation country cuisine. She calls it a good home cooked meal in an atmosphere of true Southern Hospitality. Some may recognize Paula and her sons from her cooking show that airs weekly on the Food Network.

Attendees will enjoy the Southern Buffet which features a variety of items including fried chicken, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, macaroni and cheese, green beans, black eye peas and much more including homemade dessert.

The tour will be limited to the first twenty-four travelers who send in their deposits.

**PRICE: \$1,750 (Double occupancy)**  
\$2,150 (Single occupancy)

\*Tour guides, transportation, attraction admissions, and all gratuities

\*One Dinner Cruise

\*Four lunches

\*Five buffet breakfasts

\*Five nights lodging

\*Bus transportation between DoubleTree Hotel and Savannah airport

\*Roundtrip airfare

\*Bus transportation to and from Austin airport

**TOUR INCLUDES:**

Double: \$600 deposit by Jan. 15, 2008; \$600 - Feb. 15th; \$550 - Mar. 15th

Single: \$800 deposit by Jan. 15, 2008; \$700 - Feb. 15th; \$650 - Mar. 15th

**DEPOSIT/PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

*Itinerary*

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### Historic District Ghost Tour

**6:00pm-7:30pm**

During this tour the group will hear the stories behind the things in Savannah that 'go bump in the night' as they walk through the Historic District and view some of Savannah's most haunted places. The group will learn about reported sightings of the ghosts of pirates, soldiers and grieving widows.

**Wednesday, May 21st**

### The Mercer House and Bonaventure Cemetery Tour with Lunch at Mrs. Wilkes

**10:00am-2:00pm**

This tour will include stops that were made famous in the book "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil".

"The Book" as many Savannahians refer to it was on the New York Times best sellers list for 4 years!

Highlights on this tour include a stop at the Mercer House, the home which Jim Williams owned and the infamous murder of Danny Hansford took place and Bonaventure Cemetery where The Bird Girl Statue who flanks the cover of the book once stood.

### 10:30am-Mercer House Tour

The Mercer House was designed by New York architect John S. Norris for General Hugh W. Mercer, great grandfather of Johnny Mercer. Construction of the house began in 1860, was interrupted by the Civil War and was later completed, circa 1868, by the new owner, John Wilder. In 1969, Jim Williams, one of Savannah's earliest and most dedicated private restorationists, bought the then vacant house and began a two-year restoration. Previously open only to benefit local historic and charitable organizations, this is the first time the house has been open to the public since its restoration was completed.



### 11:30am-Arrive at Mrs. Wilkes Boarding House for lunch

Mrs. Wilkes Boarding House a Savannah tradition starting in 1943. Today, Mrs. Wilkes Boarding House is operated by her great-grandson, Ryon and his family. This is a must stop when visiting Savannah. The restaurant offers Family Style-Southern Cuisine. Homemade buttermilk biscuits, crispy fried chicken, squash casserole, butterbeans, mashed potatoes which are just a few of the many items your group can expect to see on the table.

### 12:45pm-Arrive at Bonaventure Cemetery

Our last stop on this tour is the beautiful and worldly Bonaventure Cemetery, located on a bluff overlooking the Wilmington River, one of the most photographed areas of Savannah. Dirt roads lead deep into the cemetery that is a beautiful resting place for many of Georgia's historically important founders and governors. Johnny Mercer, the Songwriter, is probably the most famous person buried here as well as Conrad Aiken, American poet and short story writer.

### Thursday, May 22, 2008

### The Get-Out-of-Town and See the Low Country Scenic Tour & lunch at Johnny Harris

**Harris**

**9:00am-3:30pm**

We will then make our way down world famous Victory Drive, a memorial for the veterans of World War I and one of the longest Palm Drives in the country. We pass under the moss draped Live Oaks and by the lovely homes of the early 20th century.

The tour continues on to the Majestic Oak. A giant 300 plus year old live oak tree, which was here when Oglethorpe landed and founded the colony. The Majestic Oak has a trunk 23 feet, four inches in circumference and a crown with a 148-foot spread.

The tour then winds it's way down Bluff Drive in Isle of Hope. The Isle of Hope Historic District, on the National Register of Historic Places, is on a bluff overlooking the Skidaway River. Now a residential area,

the island was a popular resort community as early as the 1870s. Old summer cottages and large antebellum homes still dot Bluff Drive, which winds along the river.

Our next stop is Bethesda Home for Boys. George Whitefield, Bethesda's founder, was a visionary leader. In 1738, Whitefield visited Savannah with his life-long friend, James Habersham. It was then that his dream of establishing an orphanage was first spawned. Whitefield and Habersham received a grant from England of 500 acres of land on the banks of what is now known as Moon River. It was here that the first bricks were laid for Bethesda. Bethesda Home for Boys is the oldest continuous operating orphanage in the United States.

### 11:00am- Arrive Byrd Cookie Company serving Savannah since 1924

**12:00pm-Lunch at Johnny Harris Restaurant a local favorite since 1924**

### 1:15pm-Depart Johnny Harris for Tybee



As we make our way to Tybee Island, we will pass through the fishing village of Thunderbolt is located about five miles southeast of Savannah, situated on a high bluff overlooking the Wilmington River The river promoted Thunderbolt as a colonial settlement, military outpost during the American Revolution and Civil War, summertime resort, and as a 20th century fishing village.

We travel on to Tybee Island where we will visit the oldest and tallest Lighthouse on the Georgia coast.

**3:30pm-Return to hotel**

### Savannah Theater's Return to the 50's Show

**7:15pm-Depart for Savannah Theater**

**7:30pm-Arrive at Savannah Theater**

**8:00pm-Show starts**

**10:00pm-Transportation available for boarding for return to DoubleTree**

### Friday, May 23, 2008

### Revolutionary and Civil War Tour

**9:00am-3:00pm**

During this tour the group will enjoy visiting a Revolutionary War site in downtown Savannah and two Civil War Forts located on the Savannah River.

**8:45am-Transportation and tour guide arrives at the DoubleTree**



### 9:00am-Depart for Revolutionary and Civil War Tour

**9:15am-At Battlefield Park** the story begins on October 9, 1779, when French, Haitian, and American troops clashed with British soldiers defending Savannah. Seven-thousand soldiers from three continents took part in the battle. When the smoke cleared, the British still held the city-and more than 800 troops from both sides were wounded or killed.



**10:05am-Fort Jackson**, located down river on the Savannah River is the oldest standing fort in Georgia. Fort Jackson has been in use since the 1740's and served as the headquarters for the confederate river defenses during the Civil War.

**11:30am-Our lunch stop today is Uncle Bubba's**, the restaurant owned by Paula Deen's brother.

**1:15pm-The defining events of Fort Pulaski** occurred during the American Civil War. In April of 1862, Union troops directed rifled cannon fire at the fort breaching the southeast angle. The park includes scenic marsh and uplands that support a variety of animal life characteristic of southern barrier islands.

**3:00pm-Return to DoubleTree**