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# **Southern Charm**

**April 7 – 13, 2025**



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**7 Days • 9 Meals:** 6 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Historic Charleston, Choice on Tour: Walking Tour or Fort Sumter Cruise in Charleston, Boone Hall Plantation & Gardens, Savannah, Choice on Tour: Savannah Trolley City Tour or Walking Tour, St. Simons Island, Jekyll Island, Sea Turtle Hospital

#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Days 1, 2	Emeline Hotel Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina
Days 3, 4	The DeSoto Savannah, Savannah, Georgia
Days 5, 6	Jekyll Island Club, Jekyll Island, Georgia
<i>On some dates alternate hotels may be used.</i>	

**Day 1: Monday, April 7, 2025 Charleston, South Carolina - Tour Begins** Experience warm Southern hospitality in America's southeast. Come to know its rich history and deep traditions on this tour highlighted by stays in Charleston, Savannah and Jekyll Island. Begin your journey in Charleston, a city that has defied all odds. Charleston has survived the Civil War, major fires, an earthquake, and hurricanes – and still exudes elegance, charm, and grace. With free time upon arrival, perhaps you will visit Patriot's Point Naval Museum, the Aiken-Rhett House, or just settle into your accommodations in the Historic District.

**Day 2: Tuesday, April 8, 2025 Charleston** Decide how to see the city because **it's your choice!** Stroll through Charleston's historic center with a local guide, exploring hidden alleys and quaint areas that are only accessible by foot **-OR-** take a harbor cruise to Fort Sumter, where the first fired shots of the Civil War were fired, and chat with a ranger before exploring on your own. Later, make your way to bustling City Market, one of the country's oldest public markets and the central hub for Gullah sweetgrass basketry – an intricate handicraft of African origin. Explore Boone Hall Plantation and Gardens, where you'll experience Southern living as you come to know one of America's oldest plantations. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 3: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 Charleston - Savannah, Georgia** Enjoy a morning at leisure to explore Charleston on your own. Perhaps you will join an optional horse-and-carriage tour with lunch. Then, travel down the coast through South Carolina's Low Country to historic Savannah. This evening, spend some time exploring Factors Walk and River Street, where old cotton warehouses have been converted into trendy shops, taverns and restaurants. Tonight, gather at a popular local restaurant on Savannah's famous River Street for a cooking demonstration and dinner showcasing regional specialties. (B, D)

**Day 4: Thursday, April 10, 2025 Savannah** This morning, **it's your choice!** Take in the ambiance of the "Old South" with a trolley **-OR-** walking tour highlighting Savannah's sprawling Historic District. Lively, informative commentary brings the city to life as you travel along the cobblestone-paved streets and beneath moss-draped oaks. Allow the stately mansions, beautiful squares and romantic riverfront promenades to capture your heart. Both tours will end at the Mercer Williams House, where you will receive a guided tour of the famed home from *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. The rest of the afternoon and evening is yours to do as you wish. (B)

**Day 5: Friday, April 11, 2025 Savannah - St. Simons Island - Jekyll Island** Before saying so long to Savannah, stop at the Pin Point Heritage Museum to learn about the Gullah Geechee people. Then journey to Georgia's legendary Gold Coast and visit the quaint St. Simons Island. Enjoy time to explore the area on your own, meandering along the unique shops and restaurants in the village. Continue on to the exclusive Jekyll Island Club hotel, your home for the next two nights. (B)



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**Day 6: Saturday, April 12, 2025 Jekyll Island** Situated grandly in the middle of the Golden Isles, Jekyll Island was once the beloved vacation spot for prominent families, including the Rockefellers, Vanderbilts and J.P. Morgan. With a morning at leisure, enjoy the old-world atmosphere of this iconic resort. Gather for a tram ride that brings you on a tour of the island and the Jekyll Island Historic Landmark District – one of the nation's largest restoration projects. Then, visit the Georgia Sea Turtle Center where injured and sick sea turtles are rehabilitated and returned to the wild. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner at the Jekyll Island Club hotel. (B, D)

**Day 7: Sunday, April 13, 2025 Jekyll Island - Jacksonville, Florida - Tour Ends** As your tour draws to a close, leave for home with memories of a trip well-traveled. Your days spent experiencing true southern charm and gracious hospitality will stay dear to your heart for years to come. (B)

### Experience It! Jekyll Island

Situated in the Atlantic Ocean off the Georgia coast lies Jekyll Island, the smallest of Georgia's barrier islands. In 1886, Jekyll Island was transformed from a quiet little island into an exclusive winter retreat for America's rich and famous and became known as the Jekyll Island Club. The Rockefellers, Morgans and Pulitzers were a few of the families that vacationed here in its heyday. Today, the island is owned by the State of Georgia which has implemented restrictions on development that leaves one third of the island to nature preserves. Its open spaces, pristine beaches, quaint shopping and dining district, and a fascinating historical museum have made this island flourish over the recent decades.

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#### PLEASE NOTE:

**Book Now rates valid until Oct 07, 2024, valid on air inclusive packages only.** The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can partake in a two-hour leisurely walking tour, covering up to two miles (with included breaks). Should you choose the walking tour in Charleston, expect to walk up to two and a half miles with few included stops. You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. There may be 1 to 2 days on this tour when walking tours can cover 3 to 4 miles over uneven terrain. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

Due to flight schedules, a pre-night in Charleston may be required (at an additional cost). Please inquire at the time of booking.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

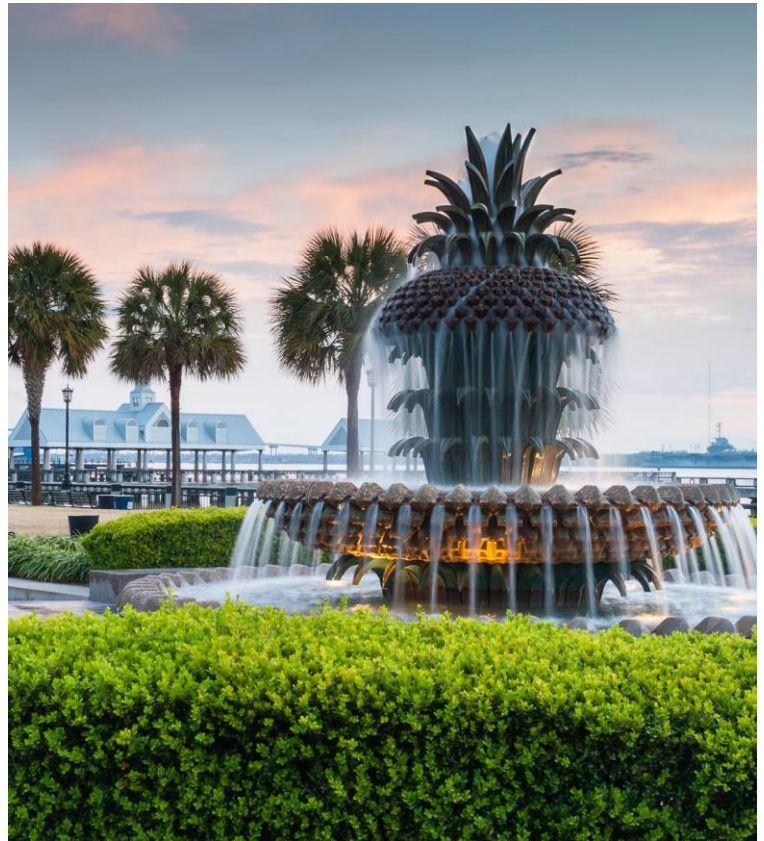
Due to tour scheduling, return flights should be booked after 12:00 p.m.

#### IDENTIFICATION

##### Travel within USA

For travel completed by May 6, 2025, all airlines will ask for identification when you check in. It is recommended that you carry a passport if you have one. A driver's license (with a photo I.D.) is also acceptable for domestic flights.

Effective for travel May 7, 2025 forward, the REAL ID Act standards for identification while travelling will be in effect. This means a standard issued driver's license used as a form of identification will no longer be accepted for domestic air travel within the United States. Instead, a Real ID compliant form of identification must be presented both at the time of booking air travel with Collette and upon checking in at the airport to board any flight. Any fees associated with changing a reservation resulting from a



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Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

**A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of September 30, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by February 06, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until October 07, 2024.**

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