

Charleston to Savannah:

The Antebellum South

October 16 - 22, 2017



Registration opens on Monday, September 19

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Slow your pace, sip a mint julep and feel yourself inadvertently slip into a drawl. The antebellum South will entice you with its elegant architecture, its lush scenery and its effortless hospitality. From luxurious plantations and Civil War forts, to Lowcountry landmarks and waterfront cities, you'll discover the unique culture and indisputable charm of the South.

This Seven-Day Trip Includes:

- Three nights lodging in Charleston and three nights lodging in Savannah *
- Air from Detroit to Charleston and from Savannah to Detroit.
- Ground transportation from SVSU to the Detroit airport.
- Guided sightseeing and entrance fees as outlined in the itinerary.
- Eleven meals, including six breakfasts, two lunches and three dinners with beer or wine.
- Pre-trip dinner at SVSU.

* We have not yet finalized flights for this trip. If we do have an early flight to Charleston on the 16th we will book a block of rooms near the airport. There will be an additional charge of approximately \$60 per person.

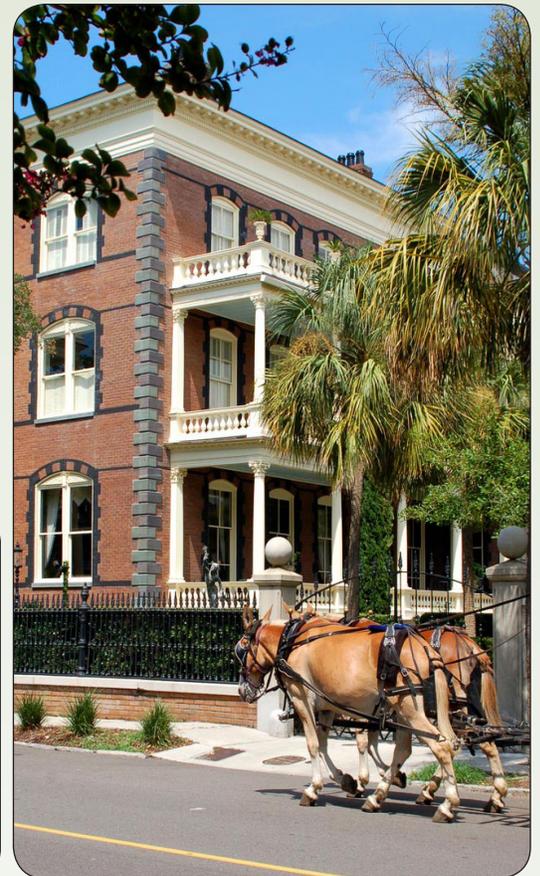


About Our Lodging

Both of our hotels are centrally located and within walking distance of restaurants and other attractions. Our Charleston hotel will likely be the Hampton Inn Charleston - Historic District and our Savannah hotel will likely be the Holiday Inn Savannah Historic District. Please note hotels are always subject to change.

About Our Trip Provider

This educational travel experience is offered by the SVSU Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in conjunction with Go Ahead Tours. Founded in 1990, Go Ahead offers over 85 itineraries to 60 countries across the globe. They are part of Education First, the world's largest private education company whose mission is "to break down the barriers of language, culture, and geography that divide us." Go Ahead was the travel provider for our Tuscany, Canadian Rockies and Spain trips.



Trip Itinerary



■ Day 1: Monday, October 16

Depart SVSU by motorcoach in the morning for the Detroit airport. Our flights have not been finalized yet, but we are anticipating a late morning flight to Charleston. You will arrive in Charleston and settle into your hotel. Later, gather with your tour director and fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. D

■ Day 2: Tuesday, October 17

After breakfast at the hotel, you'll depart for a guided sightseeing tour of the city's landmarks and surrounding plantations. Highlights will include the Old Citadel, the College of Charleston, and the Four Corners of Law. You'll view the Battery, Rainbow Row, and the Charleston Museum. You will also admire the Old Exchange Building, and the City Market. We'll visit Drayton Hall Plantation, one of the oldest working plantations in the South and stop at the nearby Middleton Place Plantations and Gardens. Lunch and dinner will be on your own today. B

■ Day 3: Wednesday, October 18

After breakfast at the hotel, you will take a carriage ride through Charleston's historic district neighborhoods before embarking on a guided tour of the harbor. See the sights of the city from the water as you cruise Charleston harbor. You'll view legendary docks and pass Fort Sumter where the first shots of the Civil War were fired. After your cruise, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant on the waterfront. The afternoon is free for your exploration. B/L

■ Day 4: Thursday, October 19

Today we travel to the charming city of Beaufort on Port Royal Island, then continue on to St. Helena Island and finally Savannah. You'll view the scenic waterfront and historic homes of Beaufort. Enjoy free time for lunch on your own in Beaufort's Historic District, a neighborhood considered a National Historic Landmark. After lunch, visit Penn Center to learn about the sea islands' Gullah-Geechee culture. After checking into your Savannah hotel, you will have time to relax and select a dining venue. B

■ Day 5: Friday, October 20

After breakfast at the hotel, you will learn more about Savannah's storied past as you follow a local guide on a sightseeing tour. You'll pass landmarks such as Forsyth Park, River Street, the Waving Girl statue, the Cotton Exchange, and Colonial Park Cemetery. We'll tour the house where the founder of Girl Scouts USA, Juliette Gordon Low was born in 1860. After lunch on your own, you may choose to explore the town or participate in an optional Civil War walking tour (\$39). Today you'll start your evening with some authentic southern cooking, which will include fried chicken, fresh seafood and a Lowcountry boil. Then we 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. B/D

■ Day 6: Saturday, October 21

After breakfast at the hotel, begin your foray into the antebellum homes of the South in Savannah, where you enter the American Federal-style Isaiah Davenport House and the Mercer-Williams House Museum, a prominent figure in John Berendt's best-selling novel *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. Then, cross the border into South Carolina for a guided visit to the historic Rose Hill Mansion, widely known for its reputation as the most beautiful plantation house in the Lowcountry. After your tour, you'll enjoy a sampling of tasty treats before making your way back to your hotel. You will have the balance of the afternoon at leisure. This evening, join the group for a farewell dinner. B/L/D

■ Day 7: Sunday, October 22

Sadly our southern journey comes to an end today. After breakfast at the hotel we will transfer to the Savannah airport for our flight home. We'll arrive in Detroit in the early afternoon and then travel by motorcoach back to SVSU. B



General Information

Information and Registration

Call the OLLI office at 989-964-4475 for further information or to register. Our office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Registration begins Monday, September 19.

Trip Cost, Deposit & Cancellation Fees

\$2,112 for members (double occupancy) and \$2,172 for non-members (double occupancy) **until September 23**. The single supplement is \$590. A \$450 deposit will hold your spot (\$510 for non-members). Your final payment is due August 1, 2017. After September 23, the price increases by \$150.

All cancellations must be made in writing to the OLLI office. If we can fill your spot with someone from a waiting list prior to July 1, 2017, you will receive a full refund less a \$20 processing fee. After July 1, the Go Ahead and airline's cancellation policies will need to be considered. Please note, trip insurance is never refundable.

Trip Insurance

You may elect to purchase Go Ahead's TravelSafe trip insurance upon registration. The cost is \$209 for double occupancy travelers and \$229 for singles. Details about the insurance will be mailed to you upon registration. Or, you may purchase insurance on your own. **Remember, insurance has to be purchased within 14 days of your deposit to cover pre-existing conditions.**

Activity Level

You will walk for about two hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with a few hills.

Weather Projection

The weather in Charleston and Savannah should be pleasant in October with average highs in the 70s and average lows in the 50s.

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Registration

Name _____
(as it appears on driver's license)

Roommate's Name _____
(as it appears on driver's license)

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Home phone _____

Cell _____ Birth Date _____

Roommate's Phone Number _____

Trip Costs:

- Members \$2,112 * until 9/23/16 (double occupancy)
- Non-members \$2,172** until 9/23/16 (double occupancy)
- Single Supplement \$590

*The price is valid until 9/23/16. After that date, the price increases by \$150. Your deposit locks in the lower rate.

**Non-members receive 2016-2017 membership, expiring 8/31/17

Deposit:

- \$450 Members/\$510 Non-members will hold your spot.
- The final balance is due by August 1, 2017

Payment Method

Check (payable to SVSU) Amount Enclosed _____

Credit Card: MasterCard Visa Discover American Express

Card Number _____

Four Ways to Register:

- Call 989-964-4475
- Walk-in registrations should go to C111
- Fax the registration form to 989-964-2656
- Mail form with payment to:
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