



Gems of the South

Charleston & Savannah

APRIL 6 -12, 2024





SATURDAY, APRIL 6

We'll start our journey with a pre-night at the **AeroStay Hotel** next to the Sioux Falls airport.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Today our flight takes us to **Charleston, South Carolina**. Founded in 1670, the port city of Charleston is renowned for its Civil War history, splendid antebellum architecture, lovely neighborhood gardens, cobblestone streets, and beautiful water views from its Battery promenade. Upon arrival, we will check into the **Courtyard by Marriott Historic District** for three nights. Our hotel is within walking distance of many of the wonderful attractions that Charleston has to offer. The afternoon and evening are free for you to enjoy this beautiful city.

MONDAY, APRIL 8 (BREAKFAST, DINNER CRUISE)

This morning we will have a comprehensive **guided city tour** of lovely **Charleston**. There is no better time to visit than April when the colorful azaleas are blooming. We will see the gracious southern homes, gardens, and parks, and take a tour of the **Edmondston-Alston House**, one of the oldest houses along the High Battery. You will see a fine collection of furniture, silver, and decorative arts, largely original to those who owned the house, and are a reminder of the rich, complex history of Charleston in the 19th century.

Next, take time to shop and have lunch at the **Charleston City Market**, one of the nation's oldest public markets and the cultural heart of Charleston. Spend some time browsing through the 300 vendors that create a fun and exciting shopping and dining atmosphere. There are a wide variety of iconic, rare, and unexpected items to be found like the handmade sweetgrass baskets made by hand by the Gullah women.

This afternoon we will visit **Boone Hall Plantation and Gardens**, a National Historic Site, founded in 1681, that interprets both colonial and slave life on a 738-acre estate. Enter by way of an impressive live oak alley and be welcomed by a costumed guide on the colonnaded portico. Walk through the public rooms of this colonial-revival style mansion built in 1936 with brick manufactured on the plantation. Our guide will introduce us to the families who lived here and describe the home's antique furnishings. Then wander down one of the few remaining slave streets in America and see the cabins where the skilled and house slaves lived and where you might catch a live presentation on Gullah culture. We will return to the hotel to refresh before boarding the **Spirit of Carolina** for a wonderful **sunset dinner cruise** in beautiful Charleston Harbor. Be entertained by local live artists and enjoy a delicious dinner as you pass by Fort Sumter, along the Battery and underneath Ravenel Bridge. The sunsets can be amazing!



TUESDAY, APRIL 9 (BREAKFAST, DINNER)

This morning, we leave on a day trip to explore **Brookgreen Gardens**, the floral jewel of South Carolina's coast. Registered as a National Historic Landmark, these stunning gardens are home to the largest collection of spectacular American figurative sculptures in the country. We will stroll with a guide through the **Huntington Sculpture Garden** and learn about founder Anna Hyatt Huntington and the natural and artistic beauty of one of America's premier gardens.

Enjoy lunch and shopping at the **Island Shops at Downtown Pawleys Island**. Stroll around the quaint outdoor setting which offers a truly vibrant collection of shops, galleries, retail venues and more. Have lunch at one of the many restaurants that offer Lowcountry inspired dishes to fine dining. No visit is complete, without a stop at the Original Hammock Shop.



Return to the hotel before dinner at one of Charleston's most famous restaurants, **Hyman's Seafood**. Find out for yourself why Southern Living Magazine's Reader's Poll has voted Hyman's #1 in the Southeast for nine years running!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 (BREAKFAST, BOX LUNCH)

This morning, we bid Charleston a fond farewell. Our first stop today will be at **Magnolia Plantation and Gardens**, selected as one of "America's Most Beautiful Gardens" by *Travel + Leisure Magazine*. Founded in 1676 by the Drayton family, Magnolia Plantation has survived the centuries and witnessed the history of our nation unfold before it from the American Revolution through the Civil War and beyond. Experience history and wildlife on a **tram tour** of the plantation's wetlands, lakes, forests, and marshes. We will also experience **From Slavery to Freedom: The Magnolia Cabin Project Tour**. These former slave dwellings now serve as the focal point for an award-winning 45-minute program in African American history. No visit to Magnolia can be complete without an understanding of the families who have lived here throughout Magnolia's 350-year history, first as enslaved workers and then as paid garden staff.



Pick up your box lunch in the picnic area and enjoy it before we depart for **Savannah, Georgia**. This historic, coastal city is known for its manicured parks, horse-drawn carriages, and fabulous antebellum architecture. Its cobblestone streets, beautiful city squares and Spanish moss-covered oaks make this charming city unlike any other. Upon arrival we will transfer to the **Hampton Inn** for two nights. This lovely hotel is perfectly situated in the heart of Savannah's historic district.

After getting settled in your rooms, take time to walk along the riverfront or through Reynolds Square to take in the wonderful ambiance of the city. There are many restaurants within easy walking distance of our hotel.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11 (BREAKFAST, DINNER)

This morning, we will take a **combination driving and walking tour** with a costumed guide who will share with us the history of beautiful **Savannah**, the first planned city in the United States. The 19th century neighborhoods boast homes featuring gingerbread trim, stained glass windows and imaginative detailing. Even more remarkable are the town's 22 squares, all peaceful and beautifully landscaped. See **Forsyth Park** with its iconic fountain and the **Cathedral of St. John the Baptist**, an elegantly restored architectural masterpiece.

After our tour, you will have plenty of time to discover, **City Market**, the art and soul of Savannah. Explore boutique art galleries that highlight up and coming artists. Browse through quaint gift shops and choose from a large variety of restaurants for lunch. Look for eateries that serve low-country cuisine and select a meal that features bounty from the area's rich estuary system including fresh fish, shrimp, crab, and oysters. Southern-style fried chicken is also, a favorite in Savannah.

This evening our group will dine at the popular **Pirates' House**, the most historic spot in Georgia. The Herb House, erected in 1734, located inside the Pirates' House, is said to be the oldest house in Georgia.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 (BREAKFAST, LUNCH)

After breakfast, we are on our way to **Jekyll Island, GA** one of the Golden Isles of Georgia's barrier islands. On a guided trolley tour, we will learn why Jekyll Island is renowned for its landmark Historic District, termed the "Millionaire's Village." Jekyll Island is a Georgia State Park and maintains a strict conservation clause which dictates that 65% of the island always remain natural and wild. We will have lunch at the elegant **Jekyll Island Club**. Founded in 1888, this award-winning resort boasts old-world charm.

After lunch, we head for the Jacksonville airport to catch our flight home. We will be taking with us wonderful memories of the history, culture, architecture, and cuisine uniquely found in the "Gems of the South."



Tour Cost per person:

Double: \$4,289 Single: \$5,109 Triple: \$4,065



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INCLUDED

ROUND LOCAL AIRPORT TRANSFERS
ROUND TRIP AIRFARE
6 NIGHTS HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS
FIVE BREAKFASTS, TWO LUNCHES,
AND THREE DINNERS
ALL ACTIVITIES AND ADMISSIONS AS LISTED
BAGGAGE HANDLING
ALL TOUR RELATED TAXES AND GRATUITIES
SERVICES OF A FIRST DAKOTA TRAVEL HOST
SERVICES OF A CRUISES AND TOURS
WORLDWIDE TOUR MANAGER

NOT INCLUDED: Airline baggage check fees;
Optional travel protection plan premium of **\$309**
per person in double occupancy, **\$368** per person in
single occupancy, and **\$293** per person in triple
occupancy.



RESERVATIONS

Please complete a reservation form and mail it with
your **\$100 per person deposit** plus **travel protection**
premium, if desired, to:

First Dakota National Bank

Attn: Fran Rietveld

P.O. Box 1306

Mitchell, SD 57301

Phone: 605-995-7910

Email: frietveld@firstdakota.com

Please make checks payable to:

First Dakota Travel

BALANCE DUE: DECEMBER 22, 2023



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Please print

Legal Name: _____

Exactly as it appears on the ID you'll be using at the airports (driver's license, etc.)

Gender: Male _____ Female _____ Birth date: _____
Month/day/year

Familiar/Nickname: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Cell: (_____) _____

Your roommate's name (if applicable): _____

Room preference: _____ King OR _____ Two double beds
King cannot be guaranteed

Do you require a special diet (vegetarian, Diabetic, gluten-free)? _____

Do you need wheelchair assistance in the airports? Yes _____ No _____

If your anniversary occurs during the trip, please give us the date: _____

Known Traveler Number (if applicable) – for TSA Pre Check: _____

Please check one: _____ **Double \$4,289** _____ **Single \$5,109** _____ **Triple \$4,065**

Deposit: \$100 per person

Balance due: December 22, 2023

Credit card processing is available ***for the final balance only*** and will incur a 3% handling fee.

Travel Documents: Each participant is required to carry valid identification (driver's license, passport, etc.) and to ensure that accurate passenger information has been submitted on this form. See the TSA's website – www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/identification - for a list of all acceptable forms of identification to board a commercial flight. First Dakota Travel and Cruises and Tours Worldwide cannot be responsible for those who are unable to travel due to non-compliant identification or incorrect information submitted.

OVER FOR CANCELLATION, TRAVEL PROTECTION, AND WAIVER INFORMATION



This policy must be read and signed before your tour reservation is accepted.

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☐ **I ACCEPT** the optional travel protection plan and have paid the premium. I agree **First Dakota Travel and Cruises and Tours Worldwide** are not liable for any losses, financial or otherwise.

____\$309 per person in **double** occupancy ____\$368 in **single** occupancy ____\$293 per person in **triple** occupancy

☐ **I DECLINE** the optional travel protection plan and in doing so realize that I may lose all or part of my trip payment if I have to cancel after the cancellation date noted on the trip flier. I also realize that I will be 100% responsible for all expenses incurred if I become sick, injured or die while on the trip; or if I must leave the tour to return home. I agree **First Dakota Travel and Cruises and Tours Worldwide** are not liable for any losses, financial or otherwise.

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INFECTIOUS DISEASE / COVID-19 WARNING: The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization and is reported to be contagious. The state of medical knowledge is evolving, and while the exact methods of spread and contraction are unknown, the virus is believed to spread from person-to-person contact and possibly by contact with contaminated surfaces and objects or in the air. Both vaccinated and unvaccinated people reportedly can be infected and show no symptoms and therefore spread the disease. Evidence has shown that infectious diseases including COVID-19 can cause serious and potentially life-threatening illness and even death, even among those who have been fully vaccinated. While governments and independent businesses have relaxed COVID-19 restrictions (masks, negative test, and/or proof of vaccination), these could be reimplemented at any time without notice.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I have read and understand the above warnings concerning infectious diseases such as COVID-19 and vaccine/mask requirements, and I voluntarily assume risks associated with exposure by virtue of my presence on this tour. Cruises and Tours Worldwide and First Dakota Travel cannot prevent you or anyone in your group from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading any illness, including COVID-19, while on tour. I understand that exposure to infectious diseases including COVID-19 may cause personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and/or death. I understand that if governments or private businesses reinstate their requirements of full vaccination against an illness such as COVID-19 as a condition of entry and I am unable to provide proof, I may be denied access to some or all components of the tour without refund. If I test positive for an infectious disease such as COVID-19 while on tour, I understand that I may have to quarantine for an unspecified amount of time until I am cleared for travel by local authorities. I understand that I am responsible for the up-front costs associated with quarantine (lodging, meals, transportation, etc.), if necessary, and that travel protection may not reimburse me for all my out-of-pocket costs.

WAIVER OF LAWSUIT/LIABILITY: I, my family, my heirs, my legal representation, and my assigns hereby forever release and waive the right to sue Cruises and Tours Worldwide, First Dakota Travel, their parent companies, their owners, officers, directors, managers, officials, trustees, successors, agents, employees, or other representatives in connection with exposure, infection, and/or spread of any disease/illness, including COVID-19, as well as any financial losses related to quarantine or my inability to access some/all components of a tour due to vaccination status requirements, testing requirements, and/or my inability or unwillingness to follow local protocols. I understand that this waiver means I give up my right to bring any claims including for personal injuries, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence and give up any claim I may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen, or unforeseen.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____