

Southern Atlantic States Tour

Charleston, SC

Savannah, GA

Jacksonville Beach, FL

\$2290 Per Person

10 Days / 9 Nights

Day 1 - Wayne Fitzgerrall State Park

We start our travels with a drive through Illinois, stopping at **Wayne Fitzgerrell State Park** on the shore of Rend Lake, for lunch. We will be on the lookout for wildlife, birds and waterfowl. We will make our way on through Kentucky to **Nashville, TN** for the first night.

Day 2 - Bell Meade Plantation

Our first stop this morning will be **Bell Meade Plantation** and its beautiful grounds and architecturally significant buildings. We will hear the history told through the eyes of those who worked to make the Plantation America's premier thoroughbred horse farm. The day will end at our hotel in **Hendersonville, NC**.

Day 3 - Fort Sumter

Today we will make our way to **Charleston, SC** with our morning stop at **Fort Sumter** where the first shots of the Civil War were fired. There will be time to take in some of the sights and sounds of this 350 years old coastal South Carolina city with its cotton-candy-colored homes, cobblestone lanes and walled gardens, before settling into our Charleston hotel.



Day 4 - Magnolia Plantation and Gardens

This busy day will begin with a tour of **Magnolia Plantation and Gardens**. It is the oldest public tourist site in the Low country, and the oldest public gardens in America. We will view the beautiful flowers and plants and learn the rich history of the family home. **Charleston City Market's Great Hall** will offer us an afternoon of shopping in one of the nation's oldest public markets and the cultural heart of Charleston. Then, on to **Savannah, GA** for tonight.

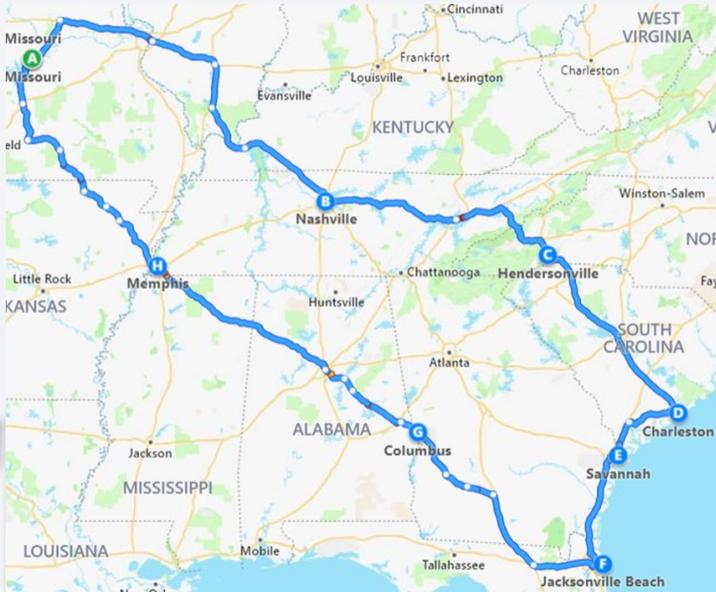


Day 5 - Savannah, GA

We will see the best of Savannah, called "Georgia's First City", during a **narrated trolley tour**. You can hop off and on at 15 different locations as you wander this city packed with Southern charm and elegance of a rich architectural legacy. We will end the day with a view from **Tybee Island Lighthouse**, Georgia's oldest and tallest lighthouse. We will be ready for a second restful night at our hotel in **Savannah, GA**.

April 28 - May 9, 2020

October 20 - October 29, 2020



Day 6 - Jacksonville Beach, FL

Early to rise, as we leave Georgia for the **beautiful beaches** in **Jacksonville Beach, FL**. This coastal resort city offers sun, sand and surf, along with sightseeing attractions and shopping. We will have time to relax and enjoy this part of the “sunshine” state.

Day 7 - St. Augustine, FL

This will be the day to step back into the past as we delight in the European flavor of **St. Augustine**, with brick-lined streets and centuries-old buildings. There will be much to see and explore in the nation’s oldest city. As we tour the city, you will be able to choose on your own from the **Castillo de San Marcos National Monument** to the **Ripley’s Believe It Or Not! Museum** and everything in between. We will spend a second night in **Jacksonville Beach, FL**.



Day 8 - National Infantry Museum

Today we will travel to Georgia with a visit to the **National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center** in **Columbus**. With thousands of artifacts, monuments, interactive exhibits and video presentations on display, this museum is one of the nation’s leading military history destinations. Later in the evening, we will take a leisurely stroll along the **Chattahoochee River** through the city’s historic district before checking into our hotel for tonight.

Day 9 - National Civil Rights Institute

The first destination today is the **National Civil Rights Institute** in Birmingham, AL. We will explore Birmingham's contributions to the Civil Rights Movement and human rights struggles. After lunch we will travel to **Memphis, TN**. There our evening will be spent on **Beale Street**, a national landmark that shows the impact Memphis has had on American blues. We will have dinner, catch some “blues” before heading to our hotel.



Day 10 - Rock ‘n’ Soul Museum

Before leaving Memphis, we will stop at the **Rock ‘n’ Soul Museum**. This exhibition, about the birth of rock and soul music was created by the Smithsonian Institution. It tells the story of musical pioneers who, for the love of music, overcame racial and socio-economic barriers to create the music that shook the entire world. From there, we are bound for home.