

# Southern Comfort: Savannah & Charleston

## April 7 – 13, 2014



Be seduced by Savannah and charmed by Charleston. Join ROMtravel as we explore these cities famous for their history, hospitality and graciousness.

At Savannah's heart is its Historic District, built around 24 squares filled with azalea bushes and moss-hung oaks. Spared destruction in the Civil War – General Sherman notoriously presented the city to President Lincoln as a Christmas gift – Savannah abounds in well-preserved architecture. Enjoy private tours of historic houses and galleries, take a carriage ride through the tree-lined avenues, and dine in a beautifully restored private home built in 1855. Visit the Mercer House and atmospheric Bonaventure Cemetery, sites made famous in the bestselling *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, a book so notorious in Savannah it is simply referred to as "the book".

After stopping for lunch in the idyllic ante-bellum town of Beaufort, in the heart of the low country, it's on to Charleston. Founded in 1670, Charleston has survived hurricanes, enemy bombardment and an earthquake to be voted Top World Destination by readers of *Condé Nast Traveler* in 2012. Palmetto palms and church spires reach into the sky. In the area south of Broad Street, cobbled lanes are lined with slate sidewalks, shady verandas, gas lanterns and hidden gardens. Had enough of history? Charleston is a wonderful shopping destination. Stroll down King Street to discover boutiques selling everything from antiques to the latest luxury fashions. Finish your evening with a walk along The Battery, Charleston's tranquil riverside park with its view out to distant Fort Sumter.

Of course no trip to the South would be complete without sampling some of the delicious low country cooking. We will dine at some of the area's finest restaurants highlighting local produce and regional dishes such as she-crab soup, shrimp and grits, smoked pork and pecan pie!

### Tour Itinerary & Highlights

#### Day 1 Savannah

Individual arrivals in Savannah. Group bus transfer to hotel for those arriving before, or at the same time as, the ROMtravel Coordinator. City bus tour followed by a welcome reception and dinner at a private historic home. Carriage ride back to the hotel.

#### Day 2 Savannah

Private tours of the Telfair Academy, the Jepson Center and Owens-Thomas House. Reception and private tour of Davenport House. Dinner at The Olde Pink House followed by a ghostly bus tour.

#### Day 3 Savannah

Walking tour of atmospheric Bonaventure Cemetery and private tours of the Andrew Low and Mercer Houses. Lunch at the Gryphon Tea Room. Afternoon and evening at leisure.

#### Day 4 Savannah – Charleston

Bus departure to Beaufort, SC. Private tour of John Mark Verdier House. Lunch at the Wren Restaurant. Walking tour of Beaufort with time to browse the shops afterwards. Continue to Charleston. Reception at the hotel.

#### Day 5 Charleston

Walking tour, including private visits or tours of The Old Slave Mart, Heyward Washington House, Mrs. Whaley's Garden, and Thomas Rose House. Lunch at 82 Queen. Continue walking tour, including private tours of Nathaniel Russell House and St. Michael's Church.

#### Day 6 Charleston

Bus departure for private connoisseur tour of Drayton Hall, the finest Georgian Palladian Plantation house in the South. Afternoon at leisure for lunch, shopping or visiting other attractions. Farewell reception and dinner at Circa 1886.

#### Day 7 Charleston

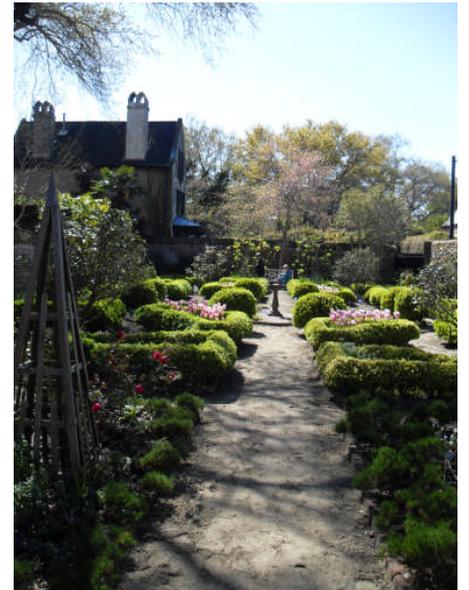
Bus departure for a private tour of Middleton Place Plantation, a registered national historic landmark. Lunch at the plantation. Group bus transfer to Charleston Airport for individual departures.

### Hotels

Savannah Mulberry Kimpton House, 3 nights  
Charleston French Quarter Inn, 3 nights

### ROMtravel Coordinator

**Virginia Van Vliet** is a ROM volunteer in several public education programs. An experienced traveller, Virginia looks forward to sharing the rich history of this area.



Tour Cost	
Double Occupancy	\$ 3,945
Single Supplement	1,100

**International flights are NOT included.**  
Tour starts at Savannah airport.  
Tour ends at Charleston airport.

### Photos

- All photos are courtesy of Virginia van Vliet.
- Mercer House, Savannah.
- Forsyth Park, Savannah.
- A house in Charleston.
- The garden at Heyward Washington House, Charleston.

# Terms & Conditions

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#### Tour Cost

**Double Occupancy:** \$3,945 per person  
**Single Supplement:** \$1,100

**International flight costs are NOT included. Georgia Hardy Tours can assist in booking international flights.**

#### Tour Cost Includes

- Group bus transfer from Savannah Airport to hotel on April 7, 2014 for those arriving before or at the same time as the ROMtravel Coordinator.
- Group bus transfer to Charleston Airport on April 13, 2014 for those departing at or after the time of the ROMtravel Coordinator.
- Portage of one standard sized suitcase per person.
- Ground transportation in a deluxe bus for excursions as per itinerary.
- Accommodation in double occupancy room with private facilities.
- Meals: breakfast daily; 4 lunches; 3 dinners with wine. All meals include coffee, tea, or soft drinks. 4 receptions. Bottled water daily.
- All visits, entrance fees, speakers' fees and events as per itinerary.
- All taxes & tips for all goods and services, drivers, hotels, restaurants & guiding staff related to the basic tour; all hotel & local taxes.
- Services of a ROMtravel Coordinator, English-speaking local guides, and Georgia Hardy Tours.
- Pre-trip orientation, a travel handbook, and a post-trip reunion.

#### Not Included

- International flight costs. Airline baggage fees where applicable.
- Items of a personal nature, e.g., laundry, telephone calls, internet.
- Meals, snacks, and beverages unless specified.
- Trip cancellation and hospital/medical insurance.

#### Costs

All prices quoted herein are based on rates, fees and taxes as of June 3, 2013. Costs are subject to change without notice. Should tour costs increase, Georgia Hardy Tours (as per TICO regulations) reserves the right to increase the price accordingly up to a maximum of 7%. Note that the itinerary may be subject to change without notice.

#### ROM Membership Requirement

Participants must be members of the Royal Ontario Museum. Individual annual membership is \$97; family annual membership is \$149 (if both partners join the tour, only one needs to be a member). Non-resident family annual membership (outside L/M postal zones) is \$102. Prices are subject to change without notice.

#### Deposits and Final Payment

**A non-refundable deposit of \$1,150.00 per person** is required at the time of booking. Optional trip cancellation and hospital/medical insurance, and single supplement are also payable at this time. **A second deposit of \$1,397.50 per person is due December 6, 2013. The balance of payment, \$1,397.50 is due February 7, 2014.**

#### Reservations

As the number of participants is limited, reservations should be made as soon as possible. In the event of over-subscription, a waiting list will be maintained.

#### Physical Limitations or Disabilities

Any physical limitation or disability requiring special attention or treatment must be reported when reservation is made. Georgia Hardy Tours and/or its agents reserve the right to decline to accept or retain anyone who may in their sole judgment require care or attention beyond that which can be provided.

#### Cancellations

Should a confirmed participant cancel, notification must be received in writing by Georgia Hardy Tours. **All payments are non-refundable.** Optional trip cancellation insurance may provide compensation in the event of cancellation. No refund will be issued for unused services. No claim or refund will be considered unless submitted in writing and received by Georgia Hardy Tours within 30 days of the termination of the tour.

#### Documents

A passport valid for six (6) months after the return is required. Neither Georgia Hardy Tours nor ROMtravel is responsible for missing or incorrect travel documents.

#### ROMtravel values your Privacy

Your contact information will be published in the Trip Handbook unless you advise NOT to do so. It is for the sole use of trip participants, ROMtravel and the Travel Agency, and will not be shared with anyone else.

#### Insurance

Comprehensive insurance to afford protection against penalties caused by cancellation of trip due to injury, illness or death of tour participant or member of participant's family is recommended. It is underwritten by TIPS Insurance. The insurance premium is non-refundable and must be submitted at time of deposit. A waiver will be necessary if insurance is not taken. Taxes are included in the quoted prices. The rates quoted below are subject to change until insurance policy is issued.

Based on accommodation in double occupancy room					
Age	Deluxe	Non-Medical	Age	Deluxe	Non-Medical
To 59	\$205.63	\$185.76	65-69	\$319.46	\$248.78
60-64	\$241.92	\$210.82	70-74	\$411.26	\$290.09

For single accommodation, or for those aged 75 and over, or for other non-comprehensive coverage, please contact Georgia Hardy Tours.

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