

DEEP SOUTH DISCOVERY.

Itinerary

Day 1. Atlanta

Welcome to Atlanta, Georgia. During the Civil War, Atlanta was one of the most important Southern Cities as it provided war materials to the South. In 1864, General Sherman marched into Atlanta and burned the entire city. The city recovered from its losses and today is one of the most dynamic in the South, boasting a successful cultural and business hub. Transfer independently to your hotel where you will meet your Tour Director.

ATLANTA

Day 2: This morning, enjoy a comprehensive city tour of Atlanta, including a visit to the boyhood home of Martin Luther King. You will also learn about another of Atlanta's most famous residents, Margaret Mitchell, who wrote the historical novel that became a masterpiece of American cinema, "Gone with the Wind." Visit the Road to Tara Museum and Stately Oaks Plantation, which was the inspiration for plantation in the film. You will have the opportunity to see memorabilia from the movie including costumes worn by the stars Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh. In the evening, enjoy a welcome reception which will give you the opportunity to meet your fellow travelers.

ATLANTA - AUGUSTA - CHARLESTON

Day 3: Leave Atlanta today and head west to Augusta. Augusta is the second oldest city in Georgia and is home to the prestigious Masters golf tournament. In the late afternoon, you will arrive in Charleston one of the most historic and charming cities of the South. For evening activities, you may wish to consult your Tour Director for the possibilities.

CHARLESTON - ANTEBELLUM PLANTATION - SAVANNAH

Day 4: In the morning, enjoy a locally guided tour of Charleston Walk the streets of Charleston's preserved historic district, the best protected in the nation. Natural disasters, the Revolutionary War, and the Civil War all took their toll on this beautiful city, yet it stands out as a historic gem of the South. In the afternoon, you may wish to participate in an optional excursion to historic Boone Hall Plantation with its famous Avenue of Oaks. The property has appeared in numerous American movies, among them "North and South". En route to Savannah, route stop on Port Royal Island and see Beaufort, South Carolina's second oldest city. Its impressive Antebellum architecture has been backdrop for many shows and films, including "Forrest Gump."

SAVANNAH

Day 5: Today, enjoy the charm of Savannah, once the world's largest cotton port. When cotton was king, Savannah controlled the prices of the world cotton market at her cotton exchange. Founder James Oglethorpe laid out the famed city squares. The Civil War destroyed a large portion of Georgia, but Savannah was spared. Numerous buildings around the tree-shaded squares are hundreds of years old; providing the setting for the popular novel "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil."

SAVANNAH - MONTGOMERY

Day 6: Set course west across the state of Georgia and into the heart of the Deep South, Alabama. Upon arrival in Montgomery, Alabama's capital city and a central backdrop of the American Civil Rights Movement, visit the Rosa Parks Library and Museum. Learn about the Montgomery Bus Boycott inspired by Parks, which ignited the Civil Rights movement and changed American history. You may also wish to visit the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church, where Martin Luther King Jr. led the Boycott with his powerful sermons.

MONTGOMERY - SELMA - NEW ORLEANS

Day 7: Depart Montgomery this morning to discover Selma, Alabama, another centerpiece of

the Civil Rights Movement. Visit the Edmund Pettis Bridge where the historic March from Selma to Montgomery began and where the brutal events of Bloody Sunday took place. Experience another historic site of the Civil Rights Trail, the Brown Chapel AME Church before heading south through Mississippi to New Orleans, a city immersed in Creole culture. The city today is a unique blend of Spanish, French, Caribbean, African and Anglo-Saxon influences. This is obvious in the food, architecture and of course, the music. Experience this melting pot aboard a Riverboat Dinner Cruise (optional) and enjoy the rhythms of a Dixieland jazz band.

NEW ORLEANS

Day 8: The day is yours to explore the charm and excitement of one of America's most unique cities and for you to take in the French flavor & grandeur of New Orleans. May we suggest starting the day with a visit to a working plantation (optional). Explore the French Quarter with its trademark wrought iron balconies overlooking the narrow cobblestone streets.

Day 9 . New Orleans

Your Tour Director will be available to assist you in arranging individual transfers to New Orleans International Airport. We hope you have had a memorable journey on our DEEP SOUTH DISCOVERY tour!

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- + Welcome Reception and meet your fellow travelers
- + Visit Stately Oaks Plantation and museum, the inspiration for "Tara" from Gone with the Wind
- + Sight-seeing tour of Atlanta including MLK's boyhood home and visitors' center
- + Tour historic Charleston and see the iconic piazzas of the beautiful homes
- + Travel to Beaufort, the filming site of the movie Forest Gump
- + Trolley Tour the historic downtown district of Savannah
- + Experience historic landmarks of the Civil Rights Trail in Montgomery and Selma, Alabama
- + See New Orleans, home to jazz and beignets

EXPERIENCE MORE (OPTIONALS)

- + Tour and explore Boone Hall Plantation
- + Take a riverboat dinner cruise of Savannah
- + Traditional Steamboat Jazz Cruise on the Mississippi River
- + Swamp tour and jazz brunch in New Orleans