

*Frances Parnell Travel Adventures*  
*Christmas in the Deep South - Savannah, Georgia*  
*December 11, 12, 13, 2017*

**Monday, December 11, 2017**

**07:15 AM:** Begin boarding motor coach at Winter Park Baptist Church

Depart from the back parking lot (adjacent to Pine Grove Drive) of Winter Park Baptist Church which has no back street number. You can exit S College Road on either Pine Grove Drive or Peachtree Street. For clarity, please note that Winter Park Baptist, Pine Grove Office Park and Wesley Memorial Methodist Church all have parking that comes together at the intersection of Pine Grove and Peachtree Streets.

**07:30 AM:** Bus rolls toward Savannah, GA

**09:30 AM:** First rest stop with regular stops at 2 hours intervals including lunch (on your own).

**4:30 PM:** Group arrives for check in to hotel at newly renovated ***Doubletree Hotel Historic Savannah***. Our hotel boasts bold colors, but has kept the Southern charm and architecture that has made Savannah the belle of the South. Situated between iconic River Street and City Market, our location allows you to immerse yourself in the city and discover many nearby attractions. Walk to historic Ellis Square, one of Savannah's "lost" squares that has been revived and is surrounded by City Market, shops, and restaurants. Just two blocks from the world-famous River Street, you can follow the cobblestone & brick-paved walk to restaurants, shopping, the outdoor market and of course the sweet shops with Savannah's famous pralines! Watch the ships come in to port – you may even see one of the new "super" ships.

**5:45-6:00 PM:** Depart hotel for cruise boarding.

**7:00 PM:** Climb aboard for ***River Street Riverboat's Monday Night Gospel Dinner Cruise***. Decorated in traditional riverboat red, white, and blue, these floating palaces continue to transport visitors back to a time when elegance and relaxation were expected from river travel. Experience live Christmas Gospel music holiday entertainment and enjoy a truly Southern Cuisine dinner. The chef has prepared a tasty buffet with all the trimmings. A cultural and culinary experience not to miss!

**9:00 PM:** Cruise ends. Return to hotel.

**Tuesday, December 12, 2017**

Breakfast included at your hotel.

**8:30 AM:** Step On Guide will meet group at your hotel for transfer to museum.

**9:00 AM: *Savannah History Museum***. Did you like the movie *Forrest Gump*? Would you like to find out about "Buster the coal saving dog"? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then the Savannah History Museum is the place for you! The Savannah History Museum showcases the city's history from its founding in 1733 to the present day, and has everything from an interactive component about Native American cultures to a 1902 Crestmobile, a car that pre-dates the Ford Model A. Visitors can learn about the Revolutionary War in Savannah or see Johnny Mercer's Oscar and Grammy awards. A history of Savannah video loops continuously every 20 minutes.

**10:00 AM:** Begin your ***Historic Savannah "Snapshot" Tour***. Savannah is one of the world's premier tourist destinations, home to the largest urban National Historic Landmark district in the country. Highlights of your tour today include the 2.2 square miles of the Historic District's rich history with its restored 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings and the picturesque waterfront where cotton warehouses are now restaurants, hotels, and shops. Time permitting and based on availability we will unload on Lincoln Street for a short stroll to Calhoun Square and tour ***Wesley Monumental Church***. We may proceed to John Wesley Monument at Reynolds Square, and to Telfair Square for a windshield view of ***Trinity Methodist Church*** – the oldest Methodist and "mother" church in Savannah. *Touring today also includes stopping to unload for a short stroll to tour **The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist** built in 1873, except when services in progress. A \$2.00 per person donation would be graciously accepted, but is not required.* A knowledgeable & experienced City of Savannah registered Step-On-Guide will present your tour, in an engaging and factual manner.

**12:30 PM:** Tour ends at hotel; enjoy lunch on your own and free time before evening activities.

**3:30 PM:** Guide will meet your group at hotel.

**4:00 PM: *Old Fort Jackson.*** Old Fort Jackson is a must-see National Historic Landmark offering daily cannon firings and exciting interactive programs! Only minutes away from historic downtown Savannah, you can experience unique views of Savannah's riverfront and walk on the grounds of one of the oldest brick fortifications on the East Coast. Step back in time with a uniformed soldier from the Civil War and learn about this fort's remarkable history as one of America's most important coastal defenses. After your tour, the program is culminated with a dramatic and impressive 12-pounder ***Field Cannon Firing*** demonstration! Feel free to explore the Fort's casemate museum and theater, open for your enjoyment at a leisurely pace.

**5:00 PM:** Depart for River Street.

**5:30 PM:** Enjoy a group dinner at the ***River House Seafood Restaurant*** - a restored cotton warehouse overlooking the Savannah River. Menu selections made on arrival.

**7:00 PM:** Transfer to theatre.

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**8:00 PM:** Welcome to the ***Savannah Theatre.*** Having opened its doors on December 4, 1818, this historic theatre is the oldest one of its kind still operating on the original site in the U.S. Today, the theatre is restored in the classic 1940's Art Deco style. Enjoy this evening's Broadway-style musical show. ***A Christmas Tradition*** is a glittering, spectacular musical performance where the theatre is transformed into a holiday perfect picture. Sprinkle in a little comedy and audience participation for the greatest event of the season.

**10:15 PM:** Show ends. Return to hotel.

### **Wednesday, December 13, 2017**

BAGS OUT! Check out and settle incidentals. Enjoy breakfast before departing for today's activities.

**9:00 AM:** Guide will meet your group at the hotel to begin today's activities. ***Atlantic Ocean Low Country Tour.*** View outlying areas that showcase river inlets, marshes, and tidal creeks as we travel to Savannah's Beach at Tybee Island. Hear about the ***Fort Pulaski National Monument & Park, and Cockspur Island*** where John Wesley first stepped onto the shore of Colonial Georgia in 1736. We will continue with a brief overview of Tybee Island's unique Coastal living style and enjoy a drive-by view of Georgia's oldest and tallest ***Lighthouse.*** Across from the lighthouse, we'll stop & unload for a ***photo op and a beach walk*** weather permitting. (Restrooms available).

**11:30 AM:** Group lunch at ***The Crab Shack*** - *where the elite eat in their bare feet!* Unique indoor-outdoor setting, plus baby alligators in a lagoon with feeding stations & a fun gift shop.

**1:30 PM:** A fitting end to your Savannah tour and dessert after lunch with cookie-sampling at the ***Byrd Cookie Company*** flagship store and factory. You can smell the cookies baking from the parking lot! Enjoy delicious cookies and browsing their marketplace for a huge selection of locally made gourmet foods, holiday décor, and unique gifts from Savannah.

**2:30 PM:** Depart for home with one last stop in the historic district.

**COST:** \$850 per person-double occupancy, \$975 per person-single occupancy

**DEPOSIT: \$300 due on/before Friday, August 25.** Write check, no credit cards this time, payable to: Natural & Family Resources, Inc. Mail ***check and reservation form*** to: 6451 Quail Run Road, Wilmington, NC 28409.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** \$550 (double occ.) or \$675 (single occ.) due on/before Monday, Nov. 6, 2017.

**TOUR INCLUDES:** Round trip motor coach travel, lodging for 2 nights at an upscale hotel in the historic district, porter in/out hotel, all tours and entertainment as defined in the itinerary, coffee service in your room, two breakfasts, one lunch, one dinner, one dinner cruise and cookie sampling at Byrd Cookie Company. Gratuity suggestions as follows: for your motor coach driver: \$3 per day per person; tour guide: \$3 per day per person; \$2 at Cathedral of St. John the Baptist; step-on guide: \$1-2 per person.