

## Frances Parnell Travel Adventures Invites you to Join Frances and Jim Parnell and

## EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF MIDDLETON PLACE PLANTATION Singles and couples welcome!

Give hundreds of camellias instead of a dozen roses this year! **February 14, 2017** 

Middleton Place, a National Historic Landmark, has been declared the "most important" and most interesting garden" in the US by the Garden Clubs of America. You will have access to a 65-acre wonderland that is a "sprawling Ashley River Rice Plantation" near Charleston, SC. Here you will see the oldest landscaped gardens in the US. Mid-February is considered the peak season for their centuries-old Camellias to bloom. Your general admission will permit you to explore the gardens on your own, however, you will also have guided tours of both the house and gardens. There is more to see and do that includes touring the stable yards and examining Charleston's culinary heritage from a plantation point of view.

**07:00 AM:** Motor coach rolls from the back parking lot of Winter Park Baptist Church with a rest stop near Myrtle Beach. Arrive at Middleton Place in time for restrooms and admission to the Gardens.

11:15 AM: Garden Tour 1: Guided tour of Middleton Place Gardens

or Optional narrated Carriage Tour of Scenic Perimeter Areas of Middleton Place to avoid walking\*

**12:00-1:00 PM:** Low Country Lunch Buffet of Gumbo, Chicken Salad, Fried Chicken, BBQ, Collards, Hoppin' John, Corn Pudding, Green Beans & Pecan Pie

**1:15 PM:** Garden Tour 2: "Beyond the Fields" walking tour (an inside look at plantation life)

or Garden Tour 3: "Nature Walk"

2:30 - 3:15 PM: House Tour

**4:00 PM:** Depart Middleton Plantation for Wilmington with fast-food (on your own) in route. Return to Wilmington approximately 9:00 PM.

**Cost:** \$152 per person includes everything on the itinerary except the carriage ride. Those who opt to view the perimeter of the plantation via carriage (to avoid walking) will pay \$162\* per person.

**Tour departs from/returns to:** Winter Park Baptist Church that <u>fronts</u> on 4700 Wrightsville Avenue. You will park <u>behind</u> the church between Park Avenue and Pine Grove Drive. The parking lot has no

street number, but you will see the WPBC vans and buses back there. You may leave your vehicle parked for the day at your own risk.

Now taking Reservations: Mail reservation form and check for \$152 or \$162\* made payable to:
Natural & Family Resources, Inc.
6451 Quail Run Road, Wilmington, NC 28409
Reservations due ASAP or by February 8, 2017 WHEN THE FINAL HEAD COUNT IS REQUIRED

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