



# THE TRAVEL CLUB

## *Pre-Departure Itinerary* **Charm of the South** *At the Holidays*

**Monday, November 30 – Saturday, December 5, 2009**

Southern hospitality is never more appealing than during the holidays. Begin at the **Jekyll Island Historic Landmark District** and see the “cottages” of the Rockefellers, Vanderbilts and J.P. Morgan—all decorated for the season. Enjoy a candlelight tour of the **Jekyll Island Club** holiday decorations followed by dinner. Travel north along the Georgia coast past marshlands, rivers and beaches to **Savannah**, the largest National Historic Landmark area in the U.S. The shops, homes and restaurants will cheerily beckon you with their holiday lights. Visit charming Beaufort, **Queen of the Carolina Sea Islands**: sparkling with Christmas cheer. In Charleston you’ll experience James Island County Park, where more than 500,000 lights illuminate the enchanting three-mile tour. Here you’ll glimpse southern plantation living during the holidays at **Boone Hall**, a working plantation. Holiday lights, history, southern charm and cuisine will make this a memorable present to yourself!

### **Includes**

- Round-trip regularly scheduled flights from Boston to Jacksonville, FL, and Charleston SC, to Boston
- Five nights’ first class hotel accommodations
- Eight meals, five breakfast, three dinners
- Round-trip airport/ hotel/dock transfers
- Sightseeing and touring

### **Rates**

**\$1,729** per person double occupancy

**\$1,699** per person triple occupancy

**\$2,209** for single reservations

Add \$50 for current air taxes, fees, charges and surcharges. Cancellation waiver and travel insurance is \$140. Although not required, we recommend purchasing the waiver. Purchase must be made at time of booking.

### **FEATURES:**

Jekyll Island Historic Landmark District, Golden Isles of St. Simons Island, Jekyll Island Club tour and dinner, Savannah Historic District tour, Beaufort, SC, James Island Country Park, Charleston tour, Boone Hall plantation

## **DAILY ITINERARY**

### **Day 1: Jekyll Island, Georgia**

Today, you will fly from Boston to Jacksonville Florida and transfer by motor coach to the Jekyll Island Club in Jekyll Island Georgia. Revel in the hospitality and rich history of America’s South on this scenic holiday tour featuring the best of Georgia and South Carolina.

### **Day 2: Jekyll Island - St. Simons Island - Jekyll Island**

This morning you are treated to a tram tour of the Jekyll Island Historic Landmark District - one of the nation’s largest restoration projects. Here you will explore the 240-acre river edge and see the grand “cottages” once belonging to such notables as the Rockefellers, Vanderbilts and J.P. Morgan, beautifully decorated for the season. Next, visit the famed and fabled Golden Isles of St. Simons Island and take some time to view the 106’ tall St. Simons Lighthouse and the Museum of Coastal History. Enjoy leisure time to explore the quaint shops. This evening, experience the Jekyll Island Club by candlelight with a guided tour of this historic hotel, beautifully decorated for the season. Later, join your fellow travelers for a dinner at the Jekyll Island Club. **(B, D)**

### **Day 3: Jekyll Island - Savannah**

This morning you travel north along the coast of Georgia, home of the Golden Isles, where you see vast marshlands, winding rivers and beautiful beaches. Later, arrive in the historic riverside city of Savannah, the largest National Historic Landmark area in the United States. This afternoon you'll enjoy a guided tour of Savannah's Historic District. Experience southern charm first-hand with a stroll along the cobblestone-paved Factors Walk and River Street, where old cotton warehouses have been converted into shops, taverns and restaurants, all decorated in holiday themes. Your local tour concludes with a visit to the Andrew Low Home and Gardens. Here you will learn the history of the start of the Girl Scouts and its founder, Juliette Low. Enjoy the home's beautiful formal gardens and Carriage House, the first national headquarters of the Girl Scouts. Tonight's dinner features authentic southern cuisine at Mrs. Wilkes' Dining Room. Once a popular boardinghouse, this Savannah institution has served hearty Southern fare - family-style, for over 60 years. **(B, D)**

### **Day 4: Savannah - Beaufort, South Carolina - Charleston**

Travel north along South Carolina's scenic coastal route and visit the charming town of Beaufort, the "Queen of the Carolina Sea Islands." You may opt to tour this seaside town in a horse-drawn carriage or take your time to stroll around the streets at your own pace. At Christmas time, the many faces of Claus, antique doll collections, and special Christmas decorations make this lovely town sparkle. Later, arrive in Charleston, your home for the remainder of the tour. Tonight, experience James Island County Park where over 500,000 lights provide you with an enchanting 3-mile driving tour. You may choose to board a train to view the lights in a different fashion or just roast a marshmallow by an open fire. **(B)**

### **Day 5: Charleston**

See for yourself why Charleston has been deemed the "charm spot of the south." Embark on a guided tour of the city highlighting the many historic homes and restored buildings decorated with outstanding 18th-century Christmas decorations. Stop at the battery overlooking Fort Sumter where, on April 12, 1861, the first shots of the Civil War were fired – see where it all began! Following your tour, go beyond the moss draped oaks and step back in time to experience southern plantation living during the holiday season at stately Boone Hall. This is one of America's oldest working plantations and you will be able to view the remarkably preserved original slave cabins, unusual in their brick construction. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner at a fine local restaurant. **(B, D)**

### **Day 6: Charleston - Tour Ends**

Your experience of true southern hospitality and holiday cheer is sure to stay dear to your heart for years to come. **(B)**

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.*

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