



# THE TRAVEL CLUB

## *Pre-Departure Itinerary* **Hilton Head Island** *Including Charleston and Savannah* **Saturday, May 15 - Friday, May 21, 2010**

Our advice is to head south...south to genteel and elegant **Charleston**, south to historic and hospitable **Savannah** and south to relaxing **Hilton Head Island**, the first ecologically-planned U.S. destination where salt marshes, beaches and lagoons remain unspoiled. Charleston brims with historic homes and magnificent gardens as you'll see on a visit to **Magnolia Gardens**, parts of which are 325 years old, making them the oldest un-restored gardens in America. Beachfront accommodations in Hilton Head await you as well as a **Sea Pines Plantation** tour, free time in **Harbourtown** and a short cruise. A tour of **Savannah** showcases the largest restored urban historical district in America and whets your appetite for lunch at Paula Deen's famed **The Lady & Sons Restaurant**. As you head north we know you'll be "putting on your southern."

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### **Rates**

**\$969** per person double occupancy

**\$959** per person triple occupancy

**\$1269** single reservations

Cancellation/unused services waiver is \$75. Although not required, we recommend purchasing the waiver. Purchase must be made at time of booking.

## **DAILY ITINERARY**

### **Day 1: Arrive Fredericksburg, VA**

After a pleasant day's drive, you arrive in Fredericksburg, Virginia where your accommodations for the evening will be provided at the Quality Inn. After a chance to freshen up, you rejoin the group for dinner. **(D)**

### **Day 2: Charleston, SC**

This morning, you'll travel through the states of Virginia and North Carolina before arriving at one of the South's most historic seaports- Charleston, South Carolina. Tonight, you'll reside at the Holiday Inn. This evening, you'll dine in a local popular restaurant. **(CB,D)**

### **Day 3: Charleston Touring/Southern Gardens**

Charleston, considered one of the charming spots of the South, is the focal point of your specially guided tour this morning. Traveling along cobblestone streets, you'll view historic homes, restored public buildings, as well as the famed Battery, which overlooks Fort Sumter, the site where the Civil War began. Next, you will visit Magnolia Gardens to explore one of the most impressive and oldest gardens in America. This evening you'll arrive at one of the premier resorts on the East Coast, fabulous Hilton Head Island. Excellent accommodations for the next three nights are provided at the beautiful Holiday Inn Oceanfront Hotel located right on the beach. Here, you'll enjoy

swimming, a relaxing walk on the beach, do some shopping at Coligny Plaza or nearby golf and tennis. This evening dinner is provided at the hotel. **(CB,D)**

#### **Day 4: Guided Tour/ Dolphin Cruise/Dinner & Jazz Entertainment**

You begin your first morning on Hilton Head with breakfast before joining your local guide. This morning you'll tour scenic Sea Pines Plantation with its moss-covered trellises and lovely homes. You'll have time to explore Harbortown with its famous Lighthouse and many boutiques and restaurants. Next, enjoy a scenic dolphin cruise in the waterways surrounding the island. The rest of your day is free to enjoy the many amenities your hotel has to offer. This evening, enjoy dinner and great entertainment. **(B,D)**

#### **Day 5: Savannah Touring/Lunch at Paula Deen's Restaurant**

After breakfast this morning, you're off for a full day of sightseeing as you cross the border into Georgia and arrive in the port city of Savannah. You'll enjoy a guided tour of this lovely city which has the largest restored urban historical district in America, as well as 1,100 buildings on the National Register of Historic Places. Next, you'll visit the Owens-Thomas House, considered one of the finest examples of English architecture in the United States. Lunch is a highlight at the famed Lady & Sons Restaurant owned by TV Personality Paula Deen. Later, you'll have free time to explore Savannah's waterfront shopping area where 19<sup>th</sup> Century Warehouses have been converted into craft shops, unique boutiques and eateries. Late afternoon, you'll return to Hilton Head and enjoy a free evening. **(B,L)**

#### **Day 6: Fredericksburg, VA**

You begin your final morning on Hilton Head Island with breakfast. Then you must depart South Carolina coast and retrace your route northward into North Carolina. After a pause for lunch, you again enter Virginia and proceed to the Fredericksburg area, your final night's resting place. **(B,D)**

#### **Day 7: Depart for Home**

Your ride home today is filled with pleasant memories of a grand vacation on spectacular Hilton Head Island. **(CB)**

**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.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2–3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information.*