

Charleston & Savannah

The Southern Charm Garden Tour



Presented by the



Minnesota Landscape
ARBORETUM

March 23-30, 2010

Air, Hotel & Tour Package

From \$2,499.00 per person

Price is per person based on double occupancy. Single supplement from \$300.00 per person. Airfare from Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport is included. Approximate taxes and fuel charges of \$66.00 are not included and are subject to change.

Included Features:

- Roundtrip airfare from Minneapolis/St. Paul to Charleston, SC, with return flights from Savannah, GA
- Three nights hotel accommodations at the Renaissance Charleston Historic District Hotel
- Four nights hotel accommodations at the Staybridge Suites Savannah Historic District
- Breakfast daily
- Six lunches
- One dinner
- Sightseeing and transfers as included in the itinerary
- Warm southern hospitality
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- A contribution to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
- Expert hosts throughout tour: Peter Olin of MNLA and Robin Fox of Macy's Group Travel

Join the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum for an intriguing and fun-filled journey to historic Charleston and Savannah. While in Charleston, your tour will participate in events associated with the 2010 Festivals of Homes and Gardens. You will be able to experience special tours to private homes and gardens not ordinarily available to the general public.

The historic downtown district of Charleston has stood as the cultural capital of the South and is considered by many to be a living museum.

Savannah is historic, robust and refined and you will find amazing architecture, spooky cemeteries and a rich history with global sophistication, intriguing nightlife and fabulous low-country cuisine.

The azaleas will be in bloom and the weather is bound to be sunny and warm. Join us where history lives and become inspired.

For more information, contact Robin Fox at
Macy's Group Travel 800-533-0324
or **612-375-3639 Monday-Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM**

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Travel Itinerary

Tuesday, March 23 - Depart for Charleston:

Morning departures from Minneapolis/St. Paul to Charleston, SC. Upon arrival, you'll retrieve your luggage and be transferred to the Renaissance Charleston Hotel. Upon arrival, you will check-in and shortly depart for a light lunch at the well known and reviewed Gaulart & Malichet—the restaurant features award winning French cuisine. Following lunch, you will walk to Legare Street for a guided tour. The tour features some of the finest mansions of the city. Dinner will be on your own tonight.



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Wednesday, March 24 - Charleston: After breakfast, you depart for a private tour of Brookgreen Gardens. Brookgreen is a garden museum created to preserve the native flora and fauna while displaying objects of art within that natural setting. Brookgreen is a National Historic Landmark, with the most significant collection of figurative sculpture in an outdoor setting by American artists in the world. After the tour, enjoy a box lunch in the gardens with time to explore on your own. Upon return to Charleston you will be picked up at the hotel for a horse and carriage tour. Dinner will be on your own.

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Thursday, March 25 - Charleston: After breakfast, you will travel to Middleton Place. Middleton Place is a National Historic Landmark; 18th-century plantation that has survived a revolution, a civil war, and an earthquake. You will tour the spectacular gardens and home as well as enjoy a charming and delicious southern home cooked lunch after which you will have time to visit the garden and museum. Upon return to Charleston, you will begin the "Glorious Gardens" tour. This tour will provide you the opportunity to explore eight or more of Charleston's private, secret gardens. The tour will be followed by a wine and lemonade reception at the Nathaniel Russell House garden. Dinner will be on your own.

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Friday, March 26, - Charleston to Savannah:

After breakfast, you will depart for Savannah. On the way you will stop at Boone Hall and experience plantation life as it was in the 1800s. Due to its magnificent live oak line approach, this plantation is one of the most photographed plantations in the U.S. It is also the oldest, still working plantation. Following lunch, you will continue on to Savannah. Upon arrival in Savannah, we will check-in to the Staybridge Suites Hotel. The rest of the day will be on your own.



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Saturday, March 27 - Savannah: After breakfast, you will depart for a "Hop-on, Hop-off" trolley tour of Savannah. On this tour you will be able to visit museum houses, twenty-four city park squares, cemeteries and more. At the end of the day, you will gather at the famous Olde Pink House to share our experiences. The Olde Pink house is known for its cuisine steeped in the tradition of the Low Country and features seafood entrees.

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Sunday, March 28 - Savannah: After your included breakfast and a leisurely morning, you will take a tour of private homes and gardens. Our guide is a very special, southern lady who will charm us with her insights, gossip, and knowledge of gardening. You will have a boxed lunch in one of the beautiful city squares. Following lunch you will have the rest of the day and evening at leisure.

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Monday, March 29 - Savannah: After breakfast, you will meet for a morning tour of Savannah guided by horticulturist Roy Heizer. Heizer is author of *Savannah's Garden Plants* and will provide insight and information on a variety of gardening topics. During the tour, you stop to have a wonderful lunch at the famous Mrs. Wilkes Boarding House. Following lunch, Heizer will take you on a tour of the Savannah Botanical Garden. Dinner will be on your own tonight. An optional Haunted Ghost Pub Tour will be available.

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Tuesday, March 30 - Savannah to Minneapolis: You will have the opportunity this morning to enjoy a leisurely breakfast as well as some last-minute sightseeing on your own. Peter and Robin will be on hand to recommend sites of interest. You will check-out of the hotel in the early afternoon and be transported to the Savannah airport for your flights home.

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B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

Not included in the tour: Airline taxes and fuel surcharges, any airline fees for checked pieces of luggage, optional sightseeing activities, gratuities to drivers and guides, meals not indicated in the itinerary, excess baggage charges, travel insurance, any other items not specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary.



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Deposits: \$500 per person at the time of booking. Travelers will be provided with a deposit and payment schedule.

Not an Arboretum Member? You can still come along!

Non-members will need to add \$100 per person to the tour price. To qualify for the Arboretum member's price, each traveler must be a member of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Please contact the Arboretum at 952-443-1440 for membership information.

**To join the journey, book your trip
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