

ATLANTA IN SAVANNAH – WHERE IT’S ALWAYS 5 O’CLOCK

PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Please note all tour costs include any required admission fees, gratuities and transportation costs. Bottled water will be available on all trips. Meals are only included where indicated. All tours are subject to cancellation if we do not reach a minimum number of participants.

Tuesday, Aug. 6

Charleston, South Carolina 9:00am – 7:00pm \$80.00 per person

Charleston has a rich history as a major harbor city. You will be transported by motor coach (2 hour bus ride each way) and dropped off at the Straw market. You will have plenty of time to wander the historic district or even take a carriage ride through the area. Then it is off to visit Patriots Point, home to a number of retired US military vessels, including the USS Yorktown aircraft carrier. Admission is included in your price. Lunch will be on your own. Please wear comfortable shoes as you can expect considerable walking, although most of Charleston, including Patriots Point, is handicap accessible. We will be back in time for those who want to also do the late evening Ghost tour.

Ghosts and Gravestones Trolley Tour 9:00pm departure \$30.00 per person

Savannah is the most haunted city in America. Ride the haunted trolley through the streets of the historic district in the dark of the evening, while a guide tells stories of famous ghosts and strange occurrences around town. Tour includes a stop at the Colonial Cemetery which has the reputation for being the most haunted cemetery in the country and a haunted shipping chandlery. Come and see if you can spot one of the ghostly residents of Savannah! Limited walking involved. Make sure you bring your camera so you can attempt to capture one of the resident spirits on film.

Wednesday, Aug. 7

Historic City Tour and Lunch at Lady and Sons 10:30am departure \$60.00 per person

A narrated trolley tour through Historic Savannah, where you will be entertained by stories of the colorful history of the city and see many interesting buildings and beautiful parks. We will end with a stop at 12:30pm for a buffet lunch at one of the most famous restaurants in town, Paula Deen’s Lady and Sons. Bring your appetite and wear your loosest clothing for this one folks as you will want to try all of her celebrated southern specialties. Many of you will find you don’t need to eat dinner this night! Lunch is included.

Pub Crawl 6:30pm to 12:30am (continuous departures) \$20.00 per person

Our annual homage to the local bar scene will take place on River Street, which, true to its name runs for an entire mile along the Savannah River. This cobblestone street is lined with fun drinking establishments located in restored shipping warehouse buildings. Sample the widely varied bars that include an Irish pub, a British tavern, a sports bar and many more including the wildly popular Wet Willie’s! Due to the wide variety of dining options available inside the hotel, close to it and all along River Street, and the fact that we think too many of you will still be way too full to eat again this soon after eating Paula Deen’s southern specialties, we will not be offering an organized group dinner. We will give you a list of our favorite recommendations to help you decide what to do. A continuous loop of trolley runs from start to finish time will allow for you to head down to the river and return whenever you are ready. Those who opt to stay out later than the final trolley will be responsible for their own return transportation.

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Thursday, Aug. 8

Tybee Island

9:00am to 4:00pm

\$80.00 per person

Savannah's neighboring beach community, Tybee Island, will be our destination. We will start our day with a visit to Fort Pulaski, which was built in the early 1800's to guard our coast, but ultimately ended up being a major Civil War battle site. There are both indoor and outdoor exhibits as well as scenic trails at the fort. Rumor also has it that the fort is haunted. The fort is a totally accessible location. Our next stop will be the Lighthouse that has guided mariners safely into Savannah harbor for 270 years. The complex includes the Keepers Cottage and for energetic folks, a 178 step climb to the top of the light for a spectacular view. The Lighthouse complex is only partly accessible. Next we will stop for lunch at the Crab Shack, Where "The Elite Eat in their Bare Feet", an island favorite, which serves the freshest of seafood (they do not fry anything!) and some entrees that did not start their life in the water. After lunch, you will be dropped off for free time at The Pavilion and Strand area along Tybee Beach. Please wear comfortable shoes as you can expect considerable walking and don't forget your sunscreen! Please note: Backpacks are not allowed in the gift shop at The Crab Shack due to its small and crowded layout. Lunch is included in your price and a cash bar is available. You will be back in plenty of time to go on the Dinner Cruise.

Savannah Riverboat Dinner Cruise

6:00pm to 9:00pm

\$80.00 per person

Join us for the event that has quickly become a convention traditiona dinner cruise! This adventure on one of the Savannah Riverboat paddlewheel boats will feature sightseeing from a different view of the city and its majestic skyline. A yummy dinner will be served and entertainment will be provided. It should be one great party! A cash bar will be available.

Friday, Aug. 9

Bonaventure & Mighty 8th Air Force Museum

9:00am to 1:45pm

\$50.00 per person

Bonaventure Cemetery, made popular by its appearance in the novel, "Midnight in The Garden of Good and Evil", has been a world famous tourist destination for more than 150 years. Experience the old tree-lined roadways, the many notable persons interred, the unique architecture, the hauntingly beautiful statuary and the folklore associated with the site and the people. We will be led on a tour of this eerie, yet surprisingly pleasant graveyard with its old sculptures and markers, some going back to the mid 1700's, as we wander among the huge old oaks heavily draped with Spanish moss. From Bonaventure, we will travel to The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum, in nearby Pooler GA, which honors the men and women of this noble group from World War II to the present. Lunch is not included, but food is available for purchase at the museum. Please wear comfortable shoes as you can expect considerable walking.

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"The Book" Book Club

Day and Time TBA

FREE!!!!

Those of you who signed up for this, will be happy to know we have enough folks signed up to make possible a book club discussion of the book "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil". We will wait to schedule this until we see what everyone's plans are so that you can hopefully all participate.

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PRE-CONVENTION TRIP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____ **CLUB:** _____

DAY	TRIP DESCRIPTION	TIMES	COST	CHECK X	AMOUNT DUE
TUESDAY, AUG 6TH	Charleston, SC	9:00am-7:00pm	\$80	_____	_____
	Ghosts and Gravestones	9:00pm	\$30	_____	_____
WEDNESDAY, AUG 7TH	City Tour/Paula Deen Lunch	10:30am	\$60	_____	_____
	Pub Crawl	6:30pm-12:30am	\$20	_____	_____
THURSDAY, AUG 8TH	Tybee Island	9:00am- 4:00pm	\$80	_____	_____
	Dinner Cruise	6:00pm-9:00pm	\$80	_____	_____
FRIDAY, AUG 9TH	Bonaventure/Mighty 8 th	9:00am-1:45pm	\$50	_____	_____
TOTALS				_____	_____

Please note: Payment for these activities is due with the March 1, 2013 payment. Late registration will be subject to availability on a first-come basis. All tours are subject to cancellation if we do not reach a minimum number of participants.