



# SAVANNAH

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## EST. 1733

Savannah, Est. 1733, blends the old and the new with gracious hospitality and intriguing surprises around every corner. Let the city captivate you with her various charms and subtle eccentricities. Savannah is known for her natural beauty, architecture, history and romance. A hidden treasure on the southeastern coast, Savannah intrigues visitors year-round.

### Savannah's Top 5 Must Do's

- 1. Take a Tour:** Get to know Savannah by experiencing a city tour. The Savannah Visitor Information Center is a good place to join a tour. This will help you get better acquainted with our genteel Southern beauty and give you a sample of the attractions you will want to explore on your own.
- 2. Enjoy some Soul Food:** Savannah loves food, and much of her hospitality and charm seasons the dishes popular to this region. For lunch, dine at a restaurant that specializes in Southern cuisine to get a sample of some Savannah good'ole home cooking.
- 3. Walk the Squares:** Get a closer look at some of Savannah's magnificent architecture and her 22 splendid squares. The Bull and Abercorn Street corridors are a good start. These routes take you past some of Savannah's famous landmarks and nine of our squares. Make sure you visit beautiful Forsyth Park, one of Savannah's iconic landmarks.
- 4. Explore the Beach for a Day:** Just 20 minutes from Savannah's Historic District is Tybee Island, Savannah's beach. Spend the day enjoying the sea breezes and seeking eco-adventures. Take a dolphin tour, kayak tour or deep-sea fishing excursion. Climb to the top of Georgia's oldest and tallest lighthouse or track war time battles at two of Tybee's forts.
- 5. Golf & Spas:** Savannah has more than 30 golf courses within 30 miles featuring some of the toughest holes around. Mild year-round temperatures make for perfect golfing, anytime. Relax at a spa before hitting the streets; Savannah has several day spas featuring the latest techniques to help you relax your stress away.

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# Savannah Story Ideas



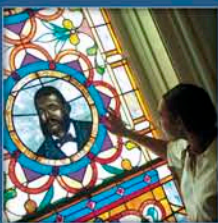
## Restoring Savannah

By the 1950s, Savannah's Historic District had lost its affluence of the century past. Groups like the Historic Savannah Foundation and the Savannah College of Art and Design, along with private residents, have restored more than 1,200 buildings with architectural or historical significance in Savannah.



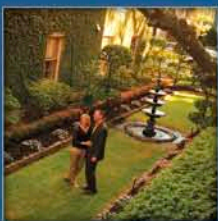
## Savannah's Food is Piping Haute

Savannah is known for her elegant and authentic coastal cuisine. Dining in Savannah has become just as famous as her historic sites. Savannah gives visitors the vacation their taste buds deserve. Here, not only our food is making history but the destination is too.



## The African Influence

The Geechee and Gullah people, decedents of African slaves who settled along the Georgia Coast, influences on Savannah are chronicled through its food, music, churches and culture. Savannah, Georgia's oldest black community is one of the most historically significant African-American cities in the nation and the richness, culture and their struggles are told in the many historically significant African-American monuments and museums in Savannah.



## Grandeur & Gardens - Touring Savannah

More than 40 tour companies offer a peek into the past and the present offering tours on a variety of Savannah's themes. Architecture and garden tours can be enjoyed in the spring when our gardens and squares burst with color, while Savannah's role in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars can be told through the monuments and settings of the Lowcountry.



## Ghostly Tales in America's Most Haunted City

Savannah is one of America's oldest cities; its founding goes back the 1733. Sprinkled among the living are quite a few ghosts. Savannah has a thousand ghost stories to tell and several interesting and unique ways to get you spooked!

## Savannah's Secrets

Underneath the obviously appealing aesthetics of this centuries old city are some historical accounts and quirky facts that helped to shape our nation.

Read on to learn some of Savannah's Secrets.

- The Pirates' House, a famous Savannah restaurant, was actually a tavern frequented by pirates who sailed the Caribbean in 1794. Events at the Pirates' House were the inspiration for Robert Lewis Stevenson's novel *Treasure Island*.
- While the Spanish moss that hangs from Savannah's majestic oaks is a true reminder that you are in the romantic Deep South, Spanish moss does NOT make a great souvenir. Often undetectable by the naked eye, small biting bugs called "chiggers" make Spanish moss its home.
- When the Colony of Georgia was founded in 1733, Catholics, lawyers and hard liquor were banned.
- Besides English, the other languages spoken in the early days of the colony were Native American languages, Spanish, Portuguese, Yiddish, French, Gaelic and German.
- Savannah over the years has become the fictional home of some of the silver screen's most memorable movies including "Forrest Gump," "Roots," "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," and the Robert Redford golf epic, "The Legend of Bagger Vance."

