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Wednesday, April 25, 2019

- 4:15 AM Boarding begins at the AAA Travel and Insurance Center, 100 International Drive in Williamsville, NY. Depart at 4:30 AM.
- 5:45 AM Boarding begins at the RIT Inn and Conference Center, 5257 West Henrietta Road in Henrietta, NY. Depart at 6:00 AM.
- 8:15 AM Boarding begins at the AAA Administrative Office, 7485 Henry Clay Blvd in Liverpool, NY. Depart at 8:30 AM. Rest will be made en route at your own expense.
- 6:00 PM Approximate arrival for your **1-night stay** at Courtyard by Marriott in Raphine, Va. Baggage Handling is not included at this hotel. Please let your tour director know if you need assistance with your luggage.
- The rest of the evening will be on your own. Your Tour director will order a few Pizza's for the group for dinner tonight at the hotel.

Thursday, April 26, 2019

- Morning Enjoy an included continental **breakfast** at the hotel this morning.
- 8:00 AM Meet in the lobby and board the motorcoach and depart for Charlotte, NC.
- 2:00 PM Approximate Arrival the Billy Graham Library.
- 2:30 PM Begin your tour of the Billy Graham Library. The Billy Graham Library is a 40,000-square-foot experience where you'll discover the life and legacy of America's Pastor. Designed to reflect Billy Graham's journey from a humble farm boy to an international ambassador of God's love, the barn-shaped building is situated on 20 landscaped acres, only miles from where Billy Graham grew up in Charlotte, N.C.
- The Journey of Faith: Retrace Billy Graham's dynamic journey through engaging films, rare photos, fascinating memorabilia, and inspiring exhibits.
- The Graham Family Homeplace: Tour the home Billy Graham lived in from age 9 until he left for college. Meticulously restored, the homeplace will give you an intimate look at Billy Graham's roots.
 - Billy Graham's Personal Book Collection: See over 3,700 titles from his private library, which are now on display.
 - Ruth's Attic: Browse this unique bookstore for gifts, Bibles, and Christian classics, including books written by Graham family members.
 - The Graham Brothers Dairy Bar: Relax over fresh sandwiches, salads, cookies, and ice cream. The dairy bar seats 140.
 - The Memorial Prayer Garden: Take time to reflect in a peaceful setting beside the burial sites for Ruth Bell Graham, George Beverly Shea, Cliff Barrows, and Cliff's wife Billie, early Crusade pianist.
- 5:00 PM Group will meet the motorcoach and depart for the hotel.



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- 5:30 PM Approximate arrival for your **1-night stay** at Hampton Inn & Suites Charlotte SouthPark. Baggage Handling included at this hotel.
- 6:15 PM Meet your coach and driver for an optional trip to SouthPark Mall . There are many Restaurant options available at the Mall along with some premier shopping. This is OPTIONAL.
- 9:00 PM Approximate arrival back to the hotel for the evening.

Friday, April 27, 2019

- Morning Enjoy an included Hampton Hot **breakfast** at the hotel this morning.
- 10:00 AM Meet in the lobby and board the motorcoach and depart.
A lunch and comfort stop will be made enroute (at your own expense)
- 4:00 PM Welcome to Savannah Georgia! Approximate arrival to the Holiday Inn Historic Savannah for your **2-nights** stay.
After a short time to rest and refresh the group will meet our local guide and depart for the Savannah Theater.
Dinner is included this evening.
#1 Downtown entertainment extravaganza....enlivens the city's nightlife in the refurbished C.1818 Historic Savannah Theatre. See one of a number of productions rich in music and dancing as well as comedy. Don't Miss it!
After we will return to the evening for a good nights' rest.

Saturday April 28, 2019

- Morning Enjoy an included **breakfast buffet** at the hotel this morning.
Meet our local guide at the hotel.
Board a trolley at the hotel to begin a 90-minute Historic District Overview. You will enjoy a fully narrated sightseeing tour of one of the largest National Urban Historic Landmarked District in the United States. The guide will guide you through more than 270 years of American history. As you journey through the Historic District, you will ride along cobblestone paved streets beneath moss-draped oaks and experience the "Old South" with her stately mansions beautiful squares, romantic riverfront and abundance of artifacts.

Free time in the City Market for browsing in the shops and lunch on own. Free afternoon to explore on River Street or in some of the neat shops along Broughton Street.

After we will return to the hotel to refresh before our evening activity.



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Tonight the group will prepare our own dinner with the freshest, local ingredients available. Chef Darin is a well known Savannah chef who has taught class at The Mansion in Savannah and Disney School of Learning in Orlando prior to starting his own school. Chef Darrin has created a wonderful environment for this type of class. The facility is state of the art with amazing equipment, wonderful atmosphere and his passion for teaching really shines through.

He takes the time to teach standard skills (like Knife skills) and also teaches new techniques many have never seen and even talks about why you do some of the things you do. He even teaches you to measure flour...we bet you don't do it right!

The dinner that is prepared with audience participation is a real low-country treat, Shrimp & Grits, Fried Green Tomatoes, homemade biscuits and some other specialties. For those who can't eat shellfish there is a chicken alternative.

After this fun evening, the group will return to the hotel for the rest of the evening.

Sunday, April 29, 2019

Morning Enjoy an included **breakfast buffet** at the hotel this morning.

Check out of the hotel this morning.

Depart for a ride through the South Carolina Lowcountry.

Meet a guide at Parris Island. Tour Parris Island. Since 1915, Parris Island's primary resident is Parris Island Marine Corps Recruit Depot. "We make Marines mission to train new Marines. Over a million men and women have trained at the Depot, and have served the United States all over the globe. Explore the long and rich legacy of the United States Marine Corps, with your own private Marine guide, as well as the exciting history of the Port Royal region. Thousands of artifacts, images, and other materials illustrate the varied stories within the exhibit galleries from Native American to modern Marines.

Lunch will be on own in Beaufort at any of the quaint restaurants that line the waterfront. (At your own expense)

Join your guide for Walking Tour of Historic Beaufort. It includes a costumed guide in period dress, photos from the 19th century and the songs of the past as you stroll the streets. Enjoy a close look at our homes and architecture, church yards and plant life. **The walking distance is one mile.**

Continue on toward Charleston



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Tour the Charleston Tea Plantation, America's ONLY tea garden is pleased to offer you an experience that is not only educational but more importantly one-of-a-kind. Located on picturesque Wadmalaw Island in the heart of the Lowcountry, the Charleston Tea Plantation is home of American Classic Tea. Come to experience the beauty and charm. View acres and acres of breathtaking tea plants as far as the eye can see, learn first-hand how tea is made during an informative Factory Tour, take the enjoyable Trolley Ride through the tea fields and help yourself to all the Iced American Classic Tea you can drink.

Check into the hotel, Springhill Suites Charleston for your **3-night** stay.

You will have some time to relax and refresh before dinner.

Dinner at the Charleston Crabhouse overlooking the water. The Charleston Crab House located on James Island has a wonderful waterfront view where you can enjoy the south's beautiful sunsets. All of the menu items are made with the freshest ingredients available, from the greens in our salads to the seafood on our plates. So relax and enjoy the food, the spirits, and the fun.

Return to the hotel for a good night's rest.

Monday, April 30, 2019

Morning Full breakfast at the hotel this morning

Meet your tour director and local guide this morning for departure.

Tour the Historic District. Welcome to beautiful Charleston, a city steeped in history, heritage and culture. The tour begins at the Charleston Visitor's Center, where you have the opportunity to see the original plan of The Walled City. Departing the Visitor's Center, you will begin the tour Charleston Historic District Tour. Hear about all the firsts of the great city of Charleston, the First Chamber of Commerce, the First Museum, the First Pharmacy. The First Municipal College, all right here in beautiful Charleston. We visit The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, where you will have the opportunity to visit the Cadet's Chapel where they worship based on availability. One of the hallmarks of a Citadel education is a strong faith and belief in God. Continuing on you will see the Joseph P. Riley Stadium, named in honor of the longtime Mayor of Charleston and home to the Charleston River Dogs and on to The Battery, one of Charleston's most historic sites. View White Point Garden, part of the Old Walled City, Rainbow Row and the beautiful houses along The Battery.

Lunch will be on your own with some free time in the City Market for shopping and exploring in the area.



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The Charleston Historic Foundation welcomes visitors to explore daily life in one of Charleston's most exquisite dwellings. Located in Downtown Charleston near High Battery, the Nathaniel Russell House Museum is widely recognized as one of America's most important neoclassical dwellings. Today, the interiors are restored to their original 1808 grandeur and surrounded by formal gardens. At the Nathaniel Russell House, visitors learn about the Russell family, as well as the enslaved African Americans who were responsible for maintaining one of the nation's grandest antebellum townhouses and the relationship of these enslaved domestic servants and the Russell family. An exhibition in the original kitchen house highlights artifacts uncovered during archaeological investigations at the site—pottery shards, beads, and part of a slave tag. These objects reveal the everyday duties performed by slaves and the spiritual beliefs of the enslaved men and women that maintained the grand townhouse.

After we will return to the hotel for a little bit.

Dinner tonight will be at RB's Seafood Restaurant.

The rest of the evening will be on your own back at the hotel

Tuesday, May 1, 2019

Morning Full breakfast at the hotel this morning

Tour Magnolia Plantation & Gardens. Founded in 1676 by the Drayton family, Magnolia Plantation has survived the centuries and witnessed the history of our nation unfold before it from the American Revolution through the Civil War and beyond. It is the oldest public tourist site in the Lowcountry, and the oldest public gardens in America, opening its doors to visitors in 1870 to view the thousands of beautiful flowers and plants in its famous gardens. Board a tram to tour the Audubon Swamp Garden. It is a unique world where trees grow from the water, islands float, and everywhere wild creatures go about their secret lives. It boasts a diversity of living things almost unequaled anywhere else in America. Thousands of plant and animal species coexist amongst the cypress and tupelo gum trees, surrounded by blackwater. Each year, hundreds of egrets, herons, and other waterfowl nest within feet of the walking path. You can explore this wild and otherwise inaccessible landscape on boardwalks, bridges, and dikes. There will be time for a self-guided tour of the gardens.

Buffet Lunch at Middleton Place. Dining at Middleton Place Restaurant offers visitors a taste of the old south. Low Country plantation fare, such as Hoppin' John and ham biscuits, okra gumbo, she-crab soup, collard greens, and Huguenot torte are just a few of the tempting dishes served for lunch.

Tour Middleton Place Plantation. Middleton Place is one of South Carolina's most enduring icons – a proud survivor of the American Revolution, Civil War, changing fortunes and natural disasters. First granted in 1675, only five years after the first English colonists arrived in the Carolinas, this National Historic Landmark has history, drama, beauty and educational discoveries for everyone in the family. For over two and a half centuries, these graciously landscaped gardens have enchanted visitors from all over the world. Today, as they did then, the



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gardens represent the Low Country's most spectacular and articulate expression of an 18th century ideal-the triumphant marriage between man and nature. The formal garden at Middleton Place is the oldest formal garden in America.

Return to the hotel to refresh and relax

There's no better way to experience Charleston and her history than from the deck of a Spirit Line yacht. The Spirit of Carolina offers a unique dining experience with breathtaking views of the Charleston harbor.

The Spirit of Carolina features two enclosed climate controlled dining salons, open observation decks, and a full-service onboard galley. She is finely appointed with handmade bars, brass fixtures, oriental carpets, ten-foot ceilings, spacious, handicap-accessible restrooms, and expansive bay windows.

Enjoy an unforgettable three-hour harbor tour as you savor a three or four-course gourmet meal choosing one of five entrees. All entrees are served with rice or potatoes, fresh seasonal vegetables, rolls and butter, coffee and tea. We also offer music, entertainment, and dancing on each of our two dining decks.

Charleston Harbor is rich with history and has played a major role in the naval history of the United States, adjusted particularly during the Civil War. The harbor is formed by the junction of the Ashley River and the Cooper River. In 1670, the first settlers arrived on the west bank of the Ashley River and established a settlement they called Charles Towne. Charleston Harbor saw its share of bloodshed during the Revolutionary War after a siege on April 2, 1780, that lasted 40 days.

The first shots of the Civil War were fired on Fort Sumter in the harbor on April 12th, 1860 by Confederate forces. Our modern harbor plays a pivotal role in the state's commerce through the SC State Port Authority. We welcome many thousands of travelers into the Charleston Harbor weekly aboard cruise ships and folks of all ages come from around the world to see our beautiful harbor sunsets. Charleston Harbor is as much a part of our city as the peninsula itself.

When you cruise Charleston Harbor with Spirit Line you will see all the landmarks you expect such as Castle Pinckney, Patriots Point USS Yorktown, Charleston Battery and of course Fort Sumter, but you will see some unexpected sites as well. Everyone loves dolphins and the dolphins love our boats. They often make appearances along-side as we cruise through the water. The harbor birds are a constant and with a keen eye you might even spot a manatee dockside as well. The views of the city from the harbor are magnificent, and when you add in the natural wildlife, it's a special treat for all.

After we will return to the hotel for the evening so you can pack and rest before our trip back North tomorrow.

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Morning Full breakfast at the hotel this morning

9:30 AM This morning we will depart the hotel for Virginia. Lunch and comfort stops will be made enroute (At your own expense)

6:00 PM Approximate arrival to the **Holiday Inn Express Fredericksburg, VA. Luggage handling is included.**
We will drop our luggage off and meet our driver at 7:00 PM

There are several restaurants within a mile of the hotel, your tour director will coordinate a shuttle over to that area

8:30 PM Return to the hotel for the evening.

Thursday, May 3, 2019

Morning Enjoy included **breakfast** at the hotel this morning.

8:00 AM Estimated departure time from the hotel. Rest and meal stops will be made en route at your own expense.

5:00 PM Approximate return to Syracuse.

6:30 PM Approximate return to Rochester.

8:30 PM Approximate return to Buffalo.

**Timing, itinerary, inclusions, and order of events are subject to change without notice.*