

# Southern Porches

## VIP St. Patrick's Day Savannah

### March 13-19, 2024

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6:30 AM Depart Weis Markets Linglestown RD, Harrisburg

7:00 AM Depart Sam's Club Mechanicsburg – Rest and meal stops en route “on own”. Enjoy dinner at Red Bone Alley Red Bone features a menu of Southern Comfort Foods. Check in to Homewood Suites by Hilton Florence. (D)



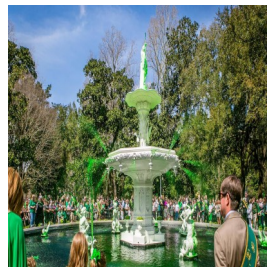
#### March 14, 2024

Prior to checking out, breakfast included at the hotel. Depart for Beaufort, SC. Arrive at the Kazoo Factory Museum, Tour the Kazoo Factory Museum containing historical kazoos and you'll learn all about how the kazoo was invented and how it has come to be America's most beloved musical instrument. Enjoy lunch on your own and free time to shop the unique and independent boutiques, artisan shops, and restaurants in downtown Beaufort. Beaufort has a very comfortable and walkable downtown with no chain retail shops or restaurants. Take a Southern Rose Horse Drawn Carriage Ride and learn about Beaufort's history. See Hollywood movie sets, gorgeous gardens, ancient churches, and many Civil War era Antebellum homes. Check in to the Best Western Sea Island Inn. Enjoy a Front Porch where you will watch the sunset while enjoying dinner. After dinner, enjoy a stroll along the River or sit on the Porch swings located along the promenade. Meals: ( B, D)



#### March 15, 2024

Enjoy Breakfast Included at the Hotel this morning. Arrive at Savannah Visitors Center and meet guide and Trolley Depart on a 90-minute historical tour of Savannah with Tour the Davenport House or other Historic Savannah home. The Davenport House Museum treats visitors to intriguing and vivid experiences centered on a legendary Savannah-centric tale of courage and determination as well as the story of those dwelling in the house, both enslaved and free, in the early 19th century. Noon enjoy lunch on your own in the City Market. Rotate a Golfcart Tour in Bonaventure Cemetery and a visit to the Prohibition Museum with an included drink. Golf Cart Tours at Bonaventure Cemetery! A place of beauty, history and awe! Sit back and relax while your tour guide shares the history, landscape and points of interest while being shaded from the sun and elements. Visit the American Prohibition Museum. Bring the 20s to life with over 20 intoxicating exhibits and a speakeasy. From gangsters to rumrunners, learn about the most famous characters of the twentieth century. Enjoy an included drink while visiting & free time to shop in City Market. Enjoy dinner at The Pirate House. Savannah's World-Famous Pirates House is located on one of the most historic spots in Georgia. It was first opened in 1753 as an inn for seafarers, and fast became a meeting point for pirates and sailors from the Seven Seas. Since then, The Pirates House has been entertaining visitors with a bounty of delicious food, drink, and rousing good times! Return to hotel. (B,D)



### **March 16, 2024**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Today, we'll depart for Savannah and unload 4 very walkable blocks away from our VIP Party and seating at the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The first St. Patrick's Day Parade was held in 1813 and the City of Savannah has hosted Saint Patrick's Day celebrations since 1824. It boasts a celebration rivaling that of New York City in size and fervor. Unlike any other cities, Savannah's historic parade is always held on March 16, not on the neighboring weekend. There was a significant Irish population when Savannah was founded, and the community has held onto and continued to celebrate their heritage. 9:00am-4:00pm Our VIP Party includes Food and Drinks. The seating is located very close to the indoor VIP building where food and beverage is served and offers air conditioning as well as clean restrooms. Depart and return to Beaufort for rest. Enjoy dinner on own. (B, VIP Party)

### **March 17, 2024**

Enjoy breakfast included at the Hotel. Board your Story River Dolphin Cruise! Set sail on your River Dolphin Cruise. While we look for dolphins, your guide will also point out the other wildlife that lives in this river! The Story River is home to nearly 300 different species of birds, including egrets, herons, terns, bald eagles, roseate spoonbills and pelicans. As we enter this saltwater tidal zone, we're sure to see many of these birds as they feed in the estuary. Stop at MacDonald's Marketplace for an included reception of locally produced foods and one-of-a-kind Low Country shopping. Arrive at Gullah Geechee Visitors Center and enjoy a Low Country Shrimp Boil lunch AKA Frogmore Stew, where we will "Hear the Rest of Story" from a local storyteller and historical interpreter. Meet Trolley and guide, at Gullah Geechee Visitors Center who will begin the story of the Gullah Geechee Culture. "The Circle Unbroken" the story of the Gullah Culture. Visit Penn Center, tucked in the heart of South Carolina Sea Islands surrounded by glimmering marshes and nestled beneath the silvery moss-draped limbs of massive live Oaks, is Penn Center, the site of former Penn School, one of the country's first schools for formerly enslaved individuals. Penn Center is one of the most significant African American historical and cultural institutions in existence today. Visit Fort Fremont was a military installation on Saint Helena Island, Beaufort County, South Carolina. The fort and battery are historically significant as an example of the late nineteenth and early twentieth-century military architecture and as one of two surviving coastal fortifications in the United States intact from the Spanish-American War era. The complex at Fort Fremont consisted of almost 170 acres of land with numerous outbuildings, including an Administration building, guardhouse, barracks, hospital, stable, mess hall, bakery, commissary, post exchange, lavatory, and water tower. The garrison's single artillery company operated three 10-inch disappearing guns and two 4.7-inch rapid-fire guns. Many of the bastions and the concrete emplacements for the guns remain today. Continue catching the spirit of island life and its unique history and heritage. Visit the praise house. Pat Conroy Grave and Slave Cemetery. Enjoy dinner at Red Rooster Cafe with live guitarist entertainment. Return to your hotel for the evening. (B, L, D)

### **March 18, 2024**

Enjoy breakfast included at your hotel. Visit Lady's Island Oyster for an Oyster Experience! Learn about how important oysters are to the Eco-system, different farming techniques, and enjoy a tasting. Depart. Check-in to Fayetteville Hotel. Dinner included this evening. (B, D)

### **March 19, 2024**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Visit the Airborne & Special operations Museum, The United States Army Airborne & Special Operations Museum is part of the U.S. Army Museum Enterprise dedicated to preserving and teaching a public history of the Special Operations and Airborne community, as well as broader United States military history. Depart for home rest and meal stops en route on own. Approx. arrival back 9PM (B)

## Terms & Conditions

Our standard terms and conditions apply.

### Payment Requirements

An initial deposit of \$250pp is required to confirm reservation. The balance is due January 13, 2024.

**Cancellation** ~ You may cancel for a full refund without insurance until January 1, 2024.

Payment becomes non-refundable without travel insurance

**Baggage** ~ Portage of baggage is included in program, it is based upon a maximum of 1 piece of standard baggage per person. You may bring and be responsible for a carry-on.

**Items Not Included** ~ Our tours do not include items of a personal nature such as laundry, room service, telephone charges or other hotel extras.

**Gratuities** ~ Baggage handling and included meals are included. Gratuities are not included to the motorcoach driver, tour manager and local guide.

**Insurance** ~ Travel Insurance must be purchased with in two week of deposit to cover pre-existing conditions. Travel insurance is recommended. 65 and under \$200pp / 66-80 \$280pp / 81 + \$450pp

**Responsibility** ~ If Lowee's has to cancel a tour or is unable to carry out all services due to circumstances beyond our control, we will do all possible to secure services of comparable or better standard or refund all monies in full.

### **Hotels:**

- 3/13/24 Homewood Suites by Hilton Florence.  
3450 W Radio Dr, Florence, SC 29501 PH: (843) 407-1600
- 3/14-17/24 Best Western Sea Island Inn.  
1015 Bay St, Beaufort, SC 29902: PH: (843) 522-2090
- 3/18/24 Springhill Suites  
4750 Lake Valley Dr, Fayetteville, NC 28303-6016

### **Trip Includes:**

Trip Includes: Transportation, Professional Escort, 6 Nights Lodging, Luggage Service, 6 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 5 Dinners, 1 VIP ST. Patrick's Day Party w/ drinks & food, Kazoo Factory Museum, Horse Drawn Carriage Rides, Prohibition Museum, Bonaventure Cemetery, River Dolphin Cruise, Guided tours, Oyster Experience, Gullah Geechee Experience, Plus much more Taxes and Meal Gratuities.

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**Package Price:**  
**\$2,199pp Double Occupancy / \$2,599pp Single Occupancy**

Enclosed please find a deposit in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$250 pp) to secure reservation for \_\_\_\_\_ # people

I (We) wish to purchase Travel Insurance      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance must be purchased within 2 weeks of deposit for pre-existing conditions to be covered.  
65 and under \$200pp / 66-80 \$280pp / 81 + \$450pp

Total Payments \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact / Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact / Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Pick up: Weis Markets, Linglestown RD Harrisburg \_\_\_\_\_ or Sams Club Mechanicsburg \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Lowee's Group Tours and mail to:

SERA—Southern Porches

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Amount to be Charged : \_\_\_\_\_ Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit due with registration \$250 per person / Final payment due by January 13, 2024.