

Carolinas & Georgia

Asheville - Myrtle Beach - Charleston - Savannah
 Oct. 13- 23, 2024 11 Days



PRICE INCLUDES:

- Motorcoach Transportation
- Hotel Accommodations
- Utopia Tours Tour Director
- Baggage Handling (1 bag p.p.)
- Schaumburg, IL
- Knoxville, TN
inc meal
- Asheville, NC
 - Biltmore Estate Tour
 - Winery at Biltmore visit
- Myrtle Beach, SC (2 nights)
 - Pirates Voyage Dinner & Show
 - Barefoot Landing
 - "ICONIC" at Alabama Theatre
Barefoot Landing - Inc. meal
- Charleston, SC
 - Cruise to Fort Sumter
 - Charleston City Market
 - Guided City Tour of Charleston
- Boone Hall Plantation Tour &
Inc lunch
- Savannah, GA (2 nights)
 - Drury Inn kick-back - 2 nights
 - Savannah's City Market
 - Guided City Tour of Savannah
 - Tybee Island
- Nashville, TN -Drury kick-back
- Rockford, IL
- 10 Breakfasts & 7 Meals

Sun., Oct. 13: Schaumburg, IL Get ready for a tour full of entertaining, fun attractions and beautiful scenery covering Myrtle Beach, Charleston, Savannah, Nashville, and more! Our first day's drive will take us to Schaumburg, IL, making meal and comfort stops along the way as we get to know our fellow traveling companions.

Mon., Oct. 14: Knoxville, TN (B, D) Breakfast included before we head out traveling through Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky to Knoxville, TN with stops along the way. An **EVENING MEAL** is included here this evening

Tues., Oct 15: Asheville, NC (B) This morning we will travel through the Appalachian Mountains to Asheville, NC. We will visit the beautiful Biltmore Estate for a self-guided tour of the **BILTMORE HOUSE & GROUNDS**. Stroll through America's Largest Home® on a marked route, assisted by knowledgeable guides along the way. You'll drink in all the amazing sights of architecture, artwork, and much more from the Gilded Age. Stroll acres of formal and informal gardens designed by America's foremost landscape architect, Frederick Law Olmsted. From the beauty of the Italian Garden to the breathtaking trees in America's first managed forest, Biltmore's lush landscape is a living tribute to Olmsted's genius. Our horticultural experts continually work to preserve the original vision for the gardens and grounds, including our Rose Garden that features more than 250 varieties. After the tour, we will go to the **WINERY AT THE BILTMORE** for tasting. The evening will be spent here in Asheville, NC at the Comfort Inn Outlet Center with Outlet stores within walking plus a restaurant by the hotel.

Wed., Oct 16: Myrtle Beach, SC (B,D) A beautiful drive takes us to Myrtle Beach, SC, today. We will check in to our lodging for two nights at the Hampton Inn & Suites Oceanfront, enjoying shows and other sights in the area. Our lodging is located right on the beach of the Atlantic Ocean. This evening we will go to Dolly Parton's **PIRATES VOYAGE DINNER SHOW!** filled with thrilling action, delicious food and fun for all in one place. This is based on the spirit of Blackbeard and his buccaneers sailing the coast of the Carolina's with the Crimson and the Sapphire crews battling for the bounty on 2 full sized pirate ships docked in a 15ft deep indoor lagoon. Plus the thrilling show you will enjoy a **4 COURSE HEARTY MEAL** with creamy vegetable soup, chicken & ham, corn, mac & cheese & more!. After the show and fun evening, we'll return to our hotel.

Thurs., Oct 17F: Myrtle Beach SC (B,D) Enjoy an included breakfast this morning, after which you will have some relaxing free time to walk along the beach and enjoy the hotel area. Mid-afternoon, we will head out to **BAREFOOT LANDING** located along the Intercoastal waterway where you will have a one-of-a-kind shopping experience in a relaxed boardwalk atmosphere as you stroll along and enjoy an **INCLUDED MEAL** in one of their restaurants before going to the **ALABAMA THEATRE** where we will attend the show "ICONIC" offering a musical journey, including unforgettable melodies, comedy, country hits, Broadway classics and more by talented musicians and entertainers. After a fun afternoon and evening, we will return to our hotel.

Price per person/Room Occ: Double Occ-\$2,490; Triple Occ \$2,460; Quad Occ-\$2,430; Single Occ \$3.480
 Deposit Per Person: \$200 due upon sign-up. Final balance due by: Aug. 27, 2024. Payments by Cash or check only. (Not taking CC at this time.) * Trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance information is available on our website for more details & pricing.

STATES VISITED ON THIS TOUR: MN-WI-IL-IN-OH-KY-TN-NC-SC-GA

Fri., Oct 18: Charleston, SC (B) We travel to CHARLESTON, SC, this morning. The Charleston area is rich in history, tradition and Southern culture. Upon arrival we will go to Patriot's Point and board the cruise out to Historic Fort Sumter. We will get off the boat and tour FORT SUMTER, learning of the first shots fired here that began the American Civil War. Next we will go to the Charleston City Market, the cultural heart of the city. It is one of the nations oldest public markets with many places to eat and shop for local handcraft items and many shops. Mid-afternoon a LOCAL STEP-ON GUIDE will join us on our motorcoach for a guided tour of Charleston, which has barely changed since it was founded in 1670. You will feel welcome with its charm and beauty. Then check into our hotel in Charleston, SC, for the night. You may wish to explore more of the Market area tonight as the evening is on your own to enjoy.

Sat., Oct. 19: Savannah, GA (B, L,M) After our included bkft this morning, we'll tour the BOONE HALL PLANTATION, which has been open to the public since 1956. The McRae Family purchased the plantation in 1955 and it was Mrs. McRae who furnished the house with antiques and began giving tours. Today, the McRae Family still owns the property, and they continue to make improvements to the plantation so that our visitors can experience what plantation life was like. As you tour each site on the plantation, our knowledgeable staff will help you understand the day to day activities of those who lived on plantations as well the history of the people who lived here at Boone Hall. Boone Hall Plantation was founded in 1681 when Englishman Major John Boone came to Charleston and established a lucrative plantation and gracious home on the banks of Wampacheone Creek. The family and descendants of Major Boone were influential in the history of South Carolina, the colonies and the nation. The McRae family is proud to present that history, covering over 330 years, on a daily basis. Before departing the Plantation, we will have an INCLUDED BOX LUNCH here.

We will then depart for Savannah, GA. SAVANNAH is known for its wealth of history and architecture that few American cities can match. *We will check into our lodging , the Drury Inn for a two-night stay. Here at the Drury Inn enjoy their evening kick-back meal and beverages.*

Sun., Oct.20: Savannah, GA (B, M) After included bkft, a LOCAL STEP-ON GUIDE will join us for a guided tour of Savannah, GA, learning about historical landmarks, houses, museum, squares, and parks abound in this beautiful coastal city. The afternoon will be spent on Tybee Island, a short drive from Savannah. Enjoy the ocean views, relax on the beach, have lunch, do some shopping, and explore the area.

We will then return to the Drury Inn where you can enjoy their kick-back evening w/food & beverages. Or, those that wish, we will go to Savannah's City Market on River Street. Can enjoy a meal while here, plus visit the charming stores, antique shops and delightful markets where you can find everything from art to souvenirs.

Mon., Oct. 21: Nashville, TN (B,M) As we leave the coastal area we will travel through Georgia to Atlanta, then continue on to Chattanooga, TN. Our destination is NASHVILLE, TN for the night. Nashville continues to uphold its Music City nickname, with over 130 music venues here that keep this city alive. We will spend some time downtown and then go to the *Drury Inn Airport for the evening with their kick-back evening food and beverages, visiting with our fellow travelers.*

Tues., Oct. 22: Rockford, IL (B) Leaving Nashville, we head north with meal and comfort stops along the way. Our overnight is in Rockford, IL. at the HILTON GARDEN INN with a restaurant/lounge on property. Relax at the hotel tonight as we visit with our friends we have traveled with on the Carolina & Georgia Tour to the southeast states.

Wed, Oct. 23: Home (B) After our included breakfast, we will return home later afternoon-evening after a great tour exploring Carolinas & Georgia and more! Thank you for traveling with Utopia Tours.

Payments by cash or check only (cc's not accepted at this time). Cancellation penalties apply if you cancel after 8/27/24. If Utopia Tours cancels tour, any payments are fully refundable. See Policy Sheet for more information. Price includes transportation, Utopia Tours tour director, baggage handling (1 p.p.), meals and attractions as noted in Includes section. * Travel Guard Trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance is available. Pre-existing conditions need insurance bought within 10 days of deposit. *Information (dates, inclusions, prices, etc) subject to change without notice. Pick-ups available along route of tour.