

Franklin Synergy Bank *Pineapple Gold Club*

Springtime in the South

Featuring the Macon Cherry Blossom Festival, Savannah and Charleston

March 20 - 25, 2010



Saturday, March 20

Depart on our deluxe motor coach this morning and travel southward to the historic city of **Macon, Georgia**. A morning coffee break and lunch stop will be made en route. On our arrival into Macon we will check into the **Wingate Inn** for one night. Refresh and relax before we depart for dinner at one of Macon's finest restaurants, **Michael's on Mulberry**. Enjoy a delicious dinner as you get to know your traveling companions. **(D)**

Sunday, March 21

After breakfast at the hotel we check out and depart to spend an incredible morning in Macon during its annual **Cherry Blossom Festival**. You will see one of the world's most extravagant displays of springtime beauty on our **guided tour** along the **Cherry Blossom Riding Trail**. Marvel at the soft pink blush of 300,000 flowering Yoshino cherry trees as we make our way through the historic areas and suburban neighborhoods of Macon. Our guided tour will also include a visit to the **Hay House**, a National Historic Landmark known as "The Palace of the South."

This afternoon we're on our way to the charming city of **Savannah, Georgia**. On our arrival we will check into the lovely **Mansion on Forsyth Park Hotel** for two nights. You'll experience the essence of Southern luxury at this magnificently restored Victorian mansion set in Savannah's legendary Historic District. After you're settled in, take time to get out and enjoy the wonderful ambiance of the city. This evening our group will dine at the popular **River House Seafood Restaurant** where you'll experience the genuine flavor of Savannah in an 1850's Kings Cotton warehouse. **(B, D)**

Monday, March 22

A continental breakfast is included this morning before we depart on a **guided tour of Savannah**. A local guide will board our motor coach and acquaint us with Savannah's lovely 19th-century neighborhoods filled with homes featuring gingerbread trim, stained glass windows and imaginative detailing. During the tour, we will visit the beautifully renovated **Cathedral of St. John the Baptist**. This afternoon there will be time for you to have lunch and explore the shops and galleries along the charming brick-lined streets of **City Market**. Then we'll meet at the **Savannah Candy Kitchen** to learn how delicious pralines are made. Return to the hotel this afternoon to enjoy its many amenities.

This evening we'll have fun at **The Wilkes House** where we'll be passing bowls brimming with traditional, southern, comfort food. **(B, D)**

Tuesday, March 23

After breakfast we'll check out of our hotel and make our way to **Charleston, South Carolina**. Along the way, we'll stop at **Magnolia Plantation Home and Gardens** during one of its prettiest times of the year. Begun in the 1680's as a plantation estate garden, it is America's oldest major garden. The garden is famous for the springtime beauty of its 250 varieties of azaleas. You will have tickets for both the **Drayton Family Plantation home tour** and a fascinating **wildlife tram tour**. Enjoy a boxed lunch on the plantation grounds.



Once in Charleston we'll check into the lovely **Holiday Inn Historic District** for two nights. This evening we'll enjoy dinner at **Poogan's Porch**. Nestled in the heart of historic Charleston and named for the dog that sat on its porch, you'll enjoy Low country/Southern cuisine at this 'must dine' establishment. **(B, L, D)**

Wednesday, March 24

After breakfast at our hotel you are in for a real treat as we take a narrated **horse-drawn carriage ride** through Charleston, a 300-year old city that is renowned for its splendid architecture. The homes, historic shrines, old churches, lovely gardens, winding streets and intricate iron lace gateways of this old American city will delight you. Afterwards, there will be time to have lunch and shop in the many boutiques, galleries and restaurants along the charming brick-lined streets of **City Market**.

This afternoon you'll have your choice of two activities. Take a guided tour of the historic **Edmonston-Alston House** with free time afterwards to visit Charleston's antique shops or **cruise to Fort Sumter**, one of our nation's most famous landmarks. Please indicate your preference on your registration form.

Dinner will be a real treat this evening as we dine at **82 Queen**, voted "Best City Restaurant" by *Southern Living* magazine three years in a row! **(B, D)**

Thursday, March 25

Enjoy breakfast before we check out and begin our journey home. We'll be taking with us very fond memories of a most beautiful trip to the old South during its prettiest time of the year! **(B)**



Tour Cost:

Double – \$1,499

Single – \$1,884

Triple – \$1,368

Tour Includes:

- Transportation by deluxe motor coach throughout the tour
- Five nights hotel accommodations
- Baggage handling
- Five breakfasts, one boxed lunch and five dinners
- All activities as listed in the itinerary, all gratuities
- Insurance - 360° Travel Protection Plan*
- Services of a Franklin Synergy Bank escort
- Services of a **Cruises and Tours Worldwide** tour director

Deposit:

\$100 per person to secure your reservation

Final Payment:

Due no later than **January 20, 2010**

Reservations:

Please complete a **Springtime in the South** registration form and send it with your **\$100 per person** deposit to:

Franklin Synergy Bank, Attn: Sandy Green, 3301 Aspen Grove Drive, Suite 106, Franklin, TN 37067

For a reservation form call Sandy at 615-236-4614.

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