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A Getaway to the "Hostess City of the South"

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Keep driving through the state of Georgia until you reach the Atlantic coast and you will find yourself in Savannah, one of the loveliest cities in the South. Huge live oak trees festooned with Spanish moss line the streets in front of sprawling, gorgeous antebellum homes, each with lush gardens more beautiful than the last. The Savannah River, wide and calm, winds through the city beside River Street where cotton warehouse established 200 years ago have been converted to quaint shops, restaurants and beautiful hotels overlooking the river.

There is an atmosphere to Savannah which is unlike any other city; a sexy, sultry, southern atmosphere which is reinforced by the warm, humid summers and the easy-going friendliness of the inhabitants of this fair city. This is not a place where they rush to get things done; this is a place where they relax on shady patios with a tall glass of sweet iced tea and watch the world go by. You are going to love it here.

First, check into the River Street Inn, a charming, historic, riverfront hotel which overlooks the river on one side and the city on the other. Located in Savannah's Landmark Historic District, the five story hotel wraps around a lovely central atrium and has large, comfortable rooms which are beautifully furnished with hardwood floors, four poster beds, and private balconies.

The hotel opens onto River Street where you will want to spend some time strolling around, admiring the multitude of ship traffic on the busy river, and browsing in the dozens of shops. Be sure to stop in Savannah's Candy Kitchen for a free sample of the locally made candy called a pecan praline. You will more than likely walk out with several boxes!

When it's time for dinner, you will have plenty of choices of restaurants on River Street including Spanky's where you should order the grilled shrimp quesadilla – you will not be sorry! If you want a dinner that is not quite so casual, you can easily walk to the Pirates House Restaurant which is just a few blocks away.

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Situated in an inn built in 1753, the Pirates House has quite a history as a place where innocent tavern goers were shanghaied, taken through a tunnel to the pier and forced into becoming a crewman on a ship. The servers at the Pirates House will happily show you the original tunnel. Everything on the menu is wonderful but for a true southern experience, order the shrimp and grits which are delicious.



When you are ready to tour the city, you have several choices. From walking tours to trolleys to Segways, Savannah is more than happy to show you around. The trolley tours are a great way to relax and see the beautiful homes on Forsythe Park and the 22 park-like squares which are one of the most enjoyable parts of the city. Each of the squares is like a small park with statues, fountains and beautiful gardens and each is unique.

But the Segway tours with Segway of Savannah are the best way to see these areas up close and have a lot of fun at the same time. The Segways do require some balance but it's pretty easy to get the hang of it and they will allow you quite a bit of practice time and help before you hit the streets.

You may find you want to see some of the houses and churches of Savannah up close and this is not a problem as many of them are open to tours. Just check the signs out front or their web pages for hours of operation.



One of the best things about Savannah is that there is a quite lovely beach very close by – only about a 15-minute drive. Visiting Tybee Island is a little like stepping back in time as there are hardly any fast food restaurants and no hotel chains on the island; just family-owned hotels, condos and beach houses for rent. Parking on Tybee is a bit of a challenge as there is not much free parking on the island; just be sure to put money in the parking machines in the lots, then put the receipt on the dashboard of your car.

Take a stroll on the pier, have an ice cream cone, and spend some time in the little shops which line the sidewalk beside the beach. The beach on Tybee is flat, firm and a great walking or cycling surface and there are plenty of places to rent bikes on the island.



When you have worked up an appetite, head to Coco's Sunset Grille for some of the freshest seafood you will ever taste. In fact, you will probably see some of the shrimp boats which just netted your dinner moored at the dock nearby. Do not leave Coco's without dessert because they have the most incredible fried strawberries you have ever tasted. Dipped in a doughnut batter, fried and served with a whipped topping, they are worth a visit to Coco's all by themselves!

Head back to Savannah for an evening relaxing in your room as ships pass by on the river and you mull over just how much you have enjoyed your visit to this incomparable location.

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