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How to Get Romantic in Savannah



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Savannah is a sleepy, sexy southern town. So why don't you escape the cold and head to Georgia? And while you're there, follow our tips for a romantic getaway that's dripping in southern charm.



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You might notice the Spanish moss first. Draped over the live oak trees that fill the many squares in Savannah, Georgia, it hangs in ragged festoons from each of the branches and contributes to the relaxed mood of this southern city. Or you might notice the lovely, historic homes, many of which are hundreds of years old and have witnessed the American Civil War. Or possibly it's the ballast stone street that runs along the river, paved with stones tossed out from the cargo ships that had used them as ballast on their long sea voyages; these stones have seen a lot of history.

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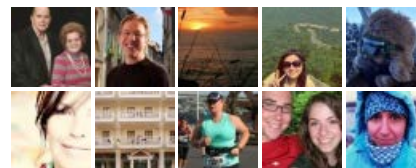
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Savannah is the largest city in Chatham County, Georgia, but still feels like a small, sleepy southern town—and the hospitality of its residents reinforces this feeling. In fact, one of Savannah's nicknames is “The Hostess City of the South.”

There are several ways to see the city as a couple: choose a comfortable trolley tour or be more adventurous and make your way around town on a Segway with [Segway of Savannah](#). Or, since Savannah is considered one of the most haunted cities in the south, take a tour of the haunted homes and cemeteries.

Savannah has a humid, subtropical climate so, if you visit in the summer, take a walking break on one of the breezy restaurant patios for a glass of sweet and cold southern iced tea. And while you are there, be sure to try some of the local seafood—a shrimp po-boy (a fancy shrimp sandwich) is always a good choice. After lunch, make a stop at one of the locations for [Savannah Candy Kitchen](#), since you must try some pecan pralines—and they offer free samples.



If you find yourself too overheated, take a drive to beautiful little Tybee Island, a quiet barrier island often

called “Savannah’s Beach.” Enjoy the wide, smooth beaches—smooth enough to rent a bike and ride on—or dine in one of the local and delicious seafood restaurants like [Coco’s Sunset Grill](#). With fresh seafood right off the local shrimp boats readily accessible, there are no fast food restaurants here!

There are more than 100 distinct neighbourhoods in Savannah, but the most popular tours all cover the downtown area, which includes the Landmark Historic District and Victorian District. Savannah’s historic district has 22 squares, which are basically lovely little parks surrounded by gorgeous homes. Each square is different and varies in size, personality and formality.

You will see the First African Baptist Church, Juliette Gordon Lowe’s birthplace (the founder of the Girl Scouts) and many other gorgeous, historic homes, some of which offer tours of their beautifully decorated interiors. After your tour, stop by the [Savannah City Market](#), where you will find dozens of shops and restaurants. It’s a great place to stroll around and find just the perfect gift to take home.



From the City Market, you can easily walk just a few blocks to River Street, one of the most interesting areas of Savannah. Lined with shops and restaurants converted from the old cotton warehouses that once provided a livelihood for Savannah residents, the old façades of most of the buildings remain and provide a beautiful and charming area to shop and eat. Wear comfortable walking shoes for River Street because the ballast stones that make up the street are not easy to walk on.

When you are ready for dinner, [The Pirates’ House](#) is a fun place to eat with great food. When the restaurant was first established in the early 1700s as an inn for sailors, many an unfortunate grog-drinker found themselves knocked out, dragged through the tunnel hidden in the restaurant, and shanghaied into service on one of the many sailing ships in the harbour.

Spend a day or a week in this wonderful southern city and you may find yourself making plans to return!

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