

## 2019 SAVANNAH, GA TO CHARLESTON, SC TOUR ITINERARY

*Experience the unique atmosphere and culture of the low country, a 200-mile stretch of coastal South Carolina and Georgia. Our trip starts in Savannah, GA and continues through a region acclaimed for its unique landscapes, charming Victorian and Antebellum architectures, delectable cuisines, and incredibly rich history, and ends in historic Charleston, SC. This relatively easier cycling trip will take you through some of the enthralling corridors of history including the Wormsloe Plantation ruins, the historic St. Helena island of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s timeless "I have a dream.." speech fame, and the Gullah Geechee community. Home to breathtaking scenery and Southern cuisine, this trip also features a captivating guided kayak trip, cycling the spectacular South Carolina's town of Beaufort, Sullivan Island, Fort Moultrie, and Fort Sumter National Monument, famously known as the starting point of the American Civil War. In addition to the numerous historical landmarks and activities, guests will be treated to Sojourn's version of southern hospitality staying at luxurious award-winning accommodations, dining at some of the region's most acclaimed restaurants, and receiving incomparable service from our world-class veteran tour leaders. With moderate temperatures and great weather in the spring and fall, this Savannah to Charleston bike tour is one that every cyclist should add to their bucket list.*

**Saturday – Day 1: Savannah, GA** – Meet your Sojourn tour leaders at the luxurious Kimpton Brice Hotel located at the center of Savannah's historic landmark district. This Southern belle beams with rustic yet modern charm prompting Condé Nast Traveler to rate it as one of the 'Top Hotels in the South.' After a group introduction, explore one of the largest historical landmark districts in the US on an afternoon guided walking tour and revel in Savannah's fascinating mysteries and Victorian gems. A welcome dinner will be held at the hotel's own Pacci restaurant, renowned for its Southern fare and Italian classic dishes.

**Lodging:** *Kimpton Brice Hotel* Savannah, GA (912) 238-1200 [www.bricehotel.com](http://www.bricehotel.com)

**Sunday – Day 2: Bonaventure Cemetery & Wormsloe Historic Site** – A morning ride takes you through the enchanting Bonaventure Cemetery and Wormsloe historic site, also known as Wormsloe Plantation. Cycle along a pristine avenue draped with an incredibly photogenic canopy of live Oaks and Spanish moss. Visit the tabby ruin remains to witness the oldest standing structure and estate in Savannah. The ruins happen to be the former home and plantation of Noble Jones, one of the original colonists, who arrived in Savannah with General James Oglethorpe in 1733. Wormsloe offers a precious glimpse into the lives of Georgia's earliest European settlers. Opt for one of the well-marked hiking trails through a beautiful coastal forest with sweeping scenic views of a grassy marshland. In the afternoon, indulge with a visit to the spa or lounge by the pool at the Brice. Dinner is on your own tonight with a variety of delectable Southern cuisine options in walking distance of the hotel.

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**Cycling Options:** 14 or 26 miles

**Monday – Day 3: \*Ebenezer Creek Kayaking and Beaufort** – Start your morning off with a gentle paddle down the sleepy Ebenezer Creek, a tributary of the Savannah River. The creek’s meandering flow offers a tranquil pace as you kayak through the enchanting forest of swamp tupelos, the best remaining cypress-gum swamp forest in the Savannah river basin. Enjoy a picnic lunch at the Salzburger Museum. Established in 1741, this historic site celebrates the heritage of the Georgia Salzburgers who were instrumental in bringing agriculture, raising cattle, lumbering and silk culturing to the region. In the afternoon, depart Savannah and cross the state line to spectacular Beaufort, South Carolina, with its aristocratic antebellum architecture and palatial estates. Located in the heart of Beaufort’s landmark historic district, is the Beaufort Inn, a property that boasts Victorian architecture, carefully manicured gardens, and large open verandas and porches. Dinner this evening is at one of Beaufort’s premier restaurants.

**Lodging:** *Beaufort Inn*                      *Beaufort, SC*                      (843) 379-4667                      [www.beaufortinn.com](http://www.beaufortinn.com)

*\*For optimal tides and weather, Tybee Island will be the location for kayak excursions during October tours.*

**Tuesday – Day 4: Beaufort and St. Helena Island** – This morning we shuttle to the St. Helena Island, where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote his timeless “I have a dream” speech. Visit the Penn center, the site of the former Penn School, one of the country’s first schools for formerly enslaved individuals. In the 1960’s it was the hub of social justice, ushering in the Civil Rights Movement with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conferences. Today, it’s home to the Gullahs, a community that descended from enslaved African Americans of various ethnic groups. Gullah has come to be the accepted name of the islanders in South Carolina, while Geechee refers to the islanders of Georgia. The community initiated a Creole language with strong roots from European and African languages and has since influenced several Southern United States vocabulary and speech patterns. On the way, we stop at Chapel of Ease, an Episcopal church made entirely of oyster shells, known as “tabby”. Built during the Colonial era, these churches delivered sermons to the planters who could not travel to Beaufort for regular services. Later, we make our way to Hunting Island, South Carolina’s most popular state park, to explore a variety of land and marine wildlife including a large population of loggerhead turtles, stroll along idyllic beaches, and visit a rustic lighthouse. Tonight, guests are treated to the highlight of this trip at a plantation: an extravagant Gullah dinner comprising of low country boil of savory crab, crawfish and vegetables.

**Lodging:** *Beaufort Inn*                      *Beaufort, SC*                      (843) 379-4667                      [www.beaufortinn.com](http://www.beaufortinn.com)

**Cycling Options:** *21 or 28 miles*

**Wednesday – Day 5: Charleston, South Carolina** – In the morning, take a final ride around the town of Beaufort before traveling to beautiful Charleston, South Carolina, a city whose southern charm is epitomized by cobblestone streets and horse-drawn carriages. The rest of the day is open to indulge in this whimsical city on your own. Opt for a tour of the charming downtown on a mule or horse-drawn carriage or dine on the best grits and seafood dishes served with a load of gracious Southern hospitality. Accommodations for the rest the trip will be at the extraordinarily elegant French Quarter Inn, one of the most awarded and recognized hotels in Charleston known for its rustic charm.

**Lodging:** *French Quarter Inn*                      *Charleston, SC*                      (843) 722-1900                      [www.fqicharleston.com](http://www.fqicharleston.com)

**Cycling Options:** *10 or 15 miles*

**Thursday- Day 6: Fort Moultrie, USS Yorktown and Cold War Submarine Memorial**

Today, continue your historical and cultural journey through the south with a bike ride to Fort Moultrie on Sullivan’s Island. The ride over the Arthur Ravenal bridge affords beautiful sweeping views of the city and the harbor. Along the way, visit the USS Yorktown as well as the Cold War Submarine Memorial, built to honor those who served in submarines during the Cold War. Fort Moultrie was the site of numerous battles during the Revolutionary war, and then once again during the Civil War. The fort has since been restored to highlight its rich history, offering a unique firsthand look into the events that transpired hundreds of years ago. After the day’s ride, enjoy the afternoon on your own to explore the city. Dinner will be at one of Charleston’s most acclaimed restaurants.

**Lodging:** French Quarter Inn Charleston, SC (843) 722-1900 [www.fqicharleston.com](http://www.fqicharleston.com)

**Cycling Options:** 17 or 21 miles

**Friday - Day 7:** After a delicious breakfast, embark on a short ferry ride to Fort Sumter National Monument, famously known as the starting point of the American Civil War. Fort Sumter is the site of America's most tragic conflict, where the first battle of the Civil War was waged between Union and the Confederate forces. Afterwards, you will be transported back to the French Quarter Inn and conclude the tour.

**TRAVEL & TOUR QUICK FACTS**

<b>Tour Start</b>	1:30PM on Saturday at the Kimpton Brice Hotel in Savannah, GA
<b>Tour Conclusion</b>	12:30PM at French Quarter Inn, Charleston. Any flight reservations out of Charleston should be made after 4PM.
<b>Travel To/From Tour</b>	Fly in to Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport (SAV). Fly out of Charleston International Airport (CHS). At the conclusion of the tour on Friday afternoon, optional transportation (\$100/person) back to Savannah may be pre-arranged with the Sojourn office.
<b>Pre-Tour Lodging</b>	Suggested Hotels upon reservation.
<b>Days/Nights</b>	6 nights/7 days.
<b>Included Meals</b>	All meals except 2 lunches and 2 dinners.
<b>Rating</b>	Daily biking options 11-29 miles over easy terrain.
<b>Activities</b>	Cycling, kayaking, walking

## STANDARD INCLUDED ASPECTS

<b>Equipment</b>	Computer-equipped road or hybrid bike, helmet, rear light, seat bag for road bike or rack bag for hybrid, map case, water bottle, and jersey. Bring clipless pedals, seat, or helmet for a more personalized fit.
<b>Van Support</b>	Rides supported by a Sojourn van as well as a tour leader on a bicycle.
<b>Tour Leaders</b>	Two experienced tour leaders guide each trip from start to finish.
<b>Ride Nourishment</b>	A selection of snacks and refreshments are supplied throughout all rides.
<b>Ride Information</b>	Detailed route directions, maps, and a daily briefing are provided.
<b>Office Support</b>	At your service 9:00am – 6:00pm EST, Monday – Friday. 1-800-730-4771.
<b>Detailed Information</b>	Detailed trip and travel information will be provided for you upon confirmation of trip reservation.

## DATES & PRICING

Savannah to Charleston 2019 Tour Dates	Per Person DBL Occupancy	Single Room Supplement
May 11 – 17	\$3445.00	\$925.00
May 18 – 24	\$3445.00	\$925.00
Oct 26 – Nov 1	\$3495.00	\$925.00
Nov 2 – 8	\$3495.00	\$925.00

## WEATHER

Savannah	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Avg. High	60°	64°	71°	77°	84°	90°	92°	90°	86°	78°	70°	63°
Avg. Low	38°	41°	48°	53°	61°	68°	72°	71°	67°	56°	47°	40°
Avg. Precip.	4.0 in	2.9 in	3.6 in	3.3 in	3.6 in	5.5 in	6.0 in	7.2 in	5.1 in	3.1 in	2.4 in	2.8 in

Degrees in Fahrenheit

Charleston	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Avg. High	59°	63°	70°	76°	83°	88°	91°	89°	85°	77°	70°	62°
Avg. Low	38°	41°	47°	53°	62°	70°	73°	72°	67°	57°	47°	40°
Avg. Precip.	3.7 in	3.0 in	3.7 in	2.9 in	3.0 in	5.7 in	6.5 in	7.2 in	6.1 in	3.7 in	2.4 in	3.1 in

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