# FIRST-TIME VISITORS

# An absolute "must" on your first visit to Savannah is to explore these three main areas of the Historic District.

#### **City Market**

Four renovated blocks in the heart of the historic district really capture the authentic atmosphere and character of the city's old open marketplace. Known as City Market, this spot is also one of the most-visited attractions in Savannah, GA—featuring artists working in their lofts and exhibiting finished works for sale. You'll also find restaurants, open-air cafés, jazz clubs, and shops offering crafts, accessories, and gifts.

#### **River Street**

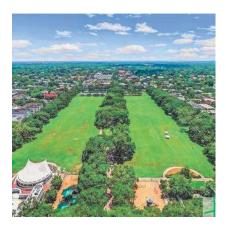
River Street and the Old Cotton Exchange were the center of commerce in 1887—when cotton was king. Iron bridges, cobblestone streets, and sidewalks tie together a unique multilevel collection of 19th-century buildings. Where there once stood old cotton warehouses, you'll now find a multitude of bars, restaurants, and shops.

**Forsyth Park** 

This 26-acre park, starting at the south end of the historic district, is especially beautiful in spring when the flowering trees and azaleas are in full bloom. The large ornate fountain dates to 1858. Joggers and walkers head here to make the mile loop around the perimeter of the park. Forsyth Park is the pride of Savannah, and fortunately, located just a minute's walk from The Gastonian on Gaston Street and the Eliza Thompson House on Jones Street.







# When you're ready to branch out a little bit more, these top sites will be awaiting your arrival.







#### **Colonial Cemetery**

Colonial Park Cemetery - approximately six acres in size - is in the heart of Savannah's Historic District at 201 Abercorn Street. The park-like cemetery has been closed to internments since 1853 and is the oldest intact municipal cemetery in Savannah. Previously known as the Old Cemetery, Old Brick Graveyard, South Broad Street Cemetery, or Christ Church Cemetery, this cemetery served as the primary public cemetery from 1750 to 1853.

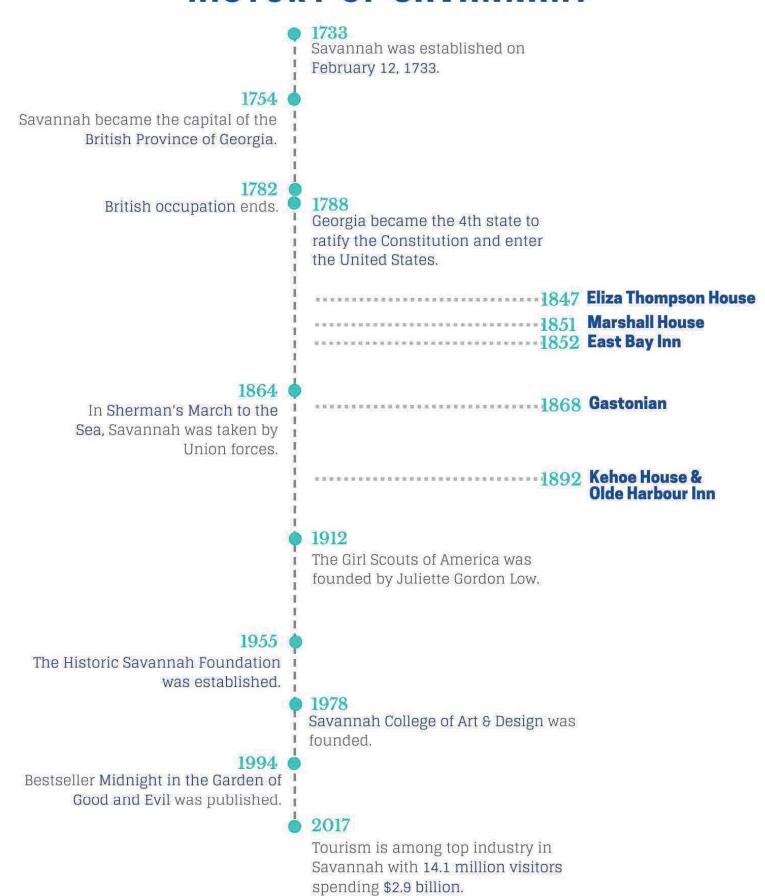
#### The Mercer House

At Monterey Square, you'll find Mercer House, built in 1860 for the great-grandfather of songwriter Johnny Mercer. Purchased in 1969 and restored by Jim Williams, Mercer House remains the principal subject of the book and film titled Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil. Scenes from the movie were shot here. Still privately owned by the family, the Mercer-Williams House is open for tours.

#### The Vibrant Art Community of Savannah

One of the finest art colleges in the nation, the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) has made its home in the heart of the historic district. The diverse talent of SCAD's student body is readily welcomed in many of the art galleries in the area. Our highly regarded art galleries and museums include the Telfair Museum of Art, the Jepson Center for the Arts, and the SCAD Museum of Art.

# WHERE DO OUR HISTORIC INNS FALL IN THE HISTORY OF SAVANNAH?



# CITY MARKET

Centuries ago, people gathered at City Market to buy and sell groceries, goods and services. Some people visited the bustling marketplace solely to socialize, making it a cultural hub for locals from all corners of Savannah.

The market thrived even after two fires, the Civil War, and Savannah's great 1896 hurricane, but was eventually left in need of tender love and care.

In 1954, plans were made to tear down part of the historic areas in favor of progress and a parking garage. After years of heated negotiating, the grand old market building was lost to the wrecking ball in 1954. The remaining market buildings underwent major renovation during Savannah's preservation movement.

Today, four blocks in the heart of the Historic District have been renovated to capture the authentic atmosphere and character of the city's old open marketplace. The market features artists working in their lofts and exhibits of works for sale. There are also restaurants, open-air cafés, theme shops, pubs, and stores offering crafts, accessories and gifts.



#### WHY VISIT CITY MARKET?

- Meet artists and watch them work.
- Shop for fine art, accessories, and hand-crafted jewelry.
- Dining choices to match any desire.
- · Live music indoors and out.
- Take advantage of Savannah "go cups" as you stroll from spot to spot.
- Hop on a horse-drawn carriage tour at the gazebo in the center

# RIVERSTREET

Historic River Street, paved with 200-year-old cobblestones, runs along the length of the Savannah River. Once lined with warehouses holding King Cotton, the neighborhood never fully recovered from the Yellow Fever epidemic and subsequent quarantine of 1820. Abandoned for over a century, the area was rediscovered in the 1970's by local landowners and urban planners determined to revive the history and the glory of old River Street.

In June of 1977, at a cost of \$7 million, a new waterfront was unveiled for the city of Savannah. Some 80,000 square feet of empty abandoned warehouse space was transformed into a colorful array of shops, restaurants and art galleries.

Today more than 70 shops and restaurants call River Street home. Casual and upscale restaurants sit alongside souvenir shops and art galleries.

#### **FACTORS WALK**

Located on a bluff just above River Street, Factors Walk is a unique collection of restored cotton warehouses and merchant offices. The Bay Street buildings have been renovated into antique shops, historic inns, and offices. The old warehouses on River Street have been converted into pubs, restaurants and specialty shops.

#### **River Street Hospitality Center**

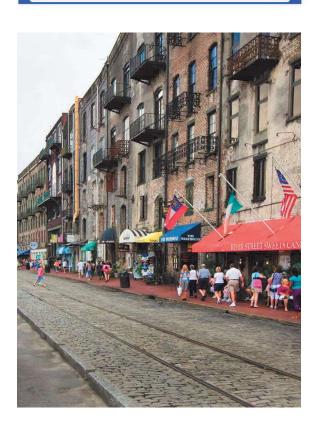
Adjacent to the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the foot of City Hall. Stop here for a restroom break and to pick us some information about Savannah. Open daily 10am-10pm.

#### **Elevator to River Street**

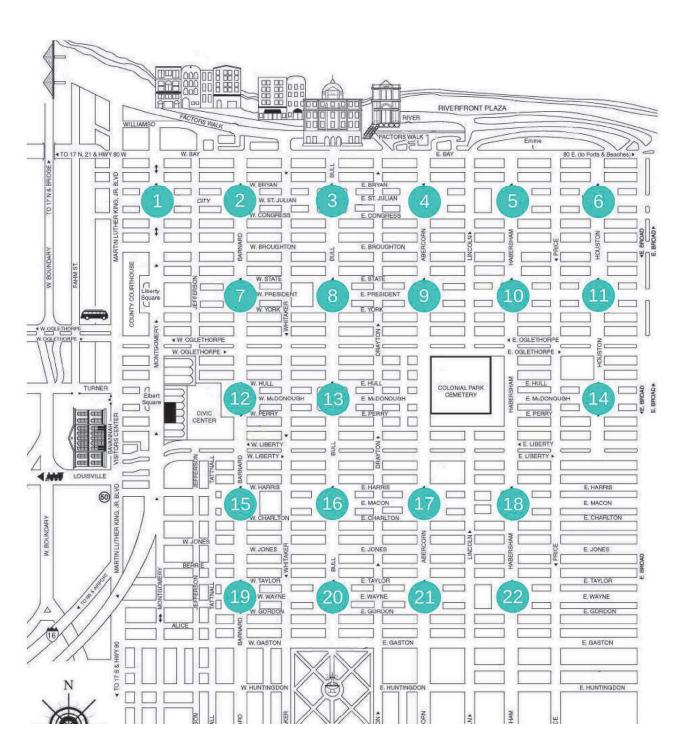
Located immediately to the east of the Hyatt Regency hotel, a public elevator provides service between Bay and River Streets.

#### WHY VISIT RIVER STREET?

- Savannah's Waving Girl Statue
- Olympic Cauldron monument
- Factors Walk
- Water taxi to Hutchinson Island
- River Street Market Place open air shopping.
- First Friday Fireworks at 9:30pm, March-November
- There are many festivals throughout the year, such as Oktoberfest and Seafood Fest.



# THE SQUARES





for girls

# PEOPLE OF SAVANNAH

A melting pot since 1733

#### 1733

35 families arrived as the First Colonists of Savannah on February 12.42 Portuguese Jews arrived on July 11, 1733.

#### 1735

Nearly **200 Highland Scots** arrive in Savannah. They found New Inverness (Darien). **Congregation Mickye Israel** founded on July 12, 1735.

#### 1740

George Whitefield & James Habersham founded **Bethesda**, America's first orphanage.

After unbelievably fast expansion, there were **15,000 slaves** in the state of Georgia (23,375 whites)

#### 1794

The first Salzburgers arrived on March 12, 1734 and soon founded New Ebenezer (Rincon). 40 starving Irish convicts arrived in a storm and were bought by Oglethorpe for £5/each as indentured servants.

#### 1736

John Wesley arrived with 490 more Salzburgers. His time in Savannah was brief but he later founded the **Methodists Church**.

#### 1751

Fewer than 3 dozen slaves in the state of Georgia

#### 1793

Invention of the **Cotton Gin** at Mulberry Grove Plantation brought Savannahians into an era of extreme growth and wealth

- 1794 \$500,000 in export revenues
- 1819 \$14,000,000 in export revenues

#### 1820

More than 1/10 of Savannah's population died in the **Yellow Fever Epidemic** 

#### 1821

March 7 ad recruiting Irish Emigrants

#### 1850

Steady recruitment of Irish emigrants resulted in 1 in 5 Savannah citizens being Irish born.

#### 1860

Savannah was on the brink of Civil War and had a population of 14,000 white and 8,000 slaves.

#### 1864

During the Civil War **Savannah Ladies** were described as "the toughest set I ever knew" by General Sherman.

#### 1865

After the ravages of war, **Reconstruction** began.

Old mansions were shabby and vandalized.

Jobless men wander the streets looking for work.

Complexions are sallow, skinny legs, lusterless hair.

Smallpox is decimating the Negro population.

#### 1876

A bad fire destroyed the waterfront.

Yellow fever returned, claiming over 1,000 lives.

The upside is this resulted in a sanitation department with a sewer system, garbage disposal, and a series of wells.

#### 1893 & 1896

Large hurricanes hit damaging 1,000 buildings, wrecking 30 ships, and killing dozens...

Newly freed slaves struggled to find balance in their freedom. Not wanting to return to the same work as before, and no longer forbidden from leaving the plantation where they were born, relocation was the ultimate statement of freedom. Many settled in areas on the outskirts of towns, where they were susceptible to smallpox through lack of sanitation.

#### 1883

Fire destroyed **Yamacraw Village** and left 1,200 homeless.

#### 1912

The Girl Scouts of America founded by Juliette Gordon Low.

#### 1951

A bill was approved by the Georgia General Assembly to raze the old City Market, igniting rage among Savannahians.

#### 1955

The Historic Savannah Foundation met for the first time on June 28. Their first focus was the scheduled demolition of the Isaiah Davenport House.

#### 1978

**Savannah College of Art & Design** was founded and was a huge boost to the Historic District.

#### **1990**

Savannahian Clarence Thomas was appointed as the second Black Supreme Court justice.

The Historic Savannah Foundation was one of the most admired restoration groups in the nation. Tax assessments in the city doubled with millions invested in the Historic District. Tourism added over \$546,000,000 to the local economy.

#### 2017

The total population of Savannah is now 136,286 with 55% Black and 38% White.

# FIRES TODO

With its pedestrian-friendly layout and innovative urban design, Savannah serves as a balm for the senses. The city of Savannah inspires visitors with its emerald tree canopy, quaint cobblestone streets and majestic architecture. You can wander off the beaten path and experience the history, beauty and charm of this beloved coastal city.

In the field of hospitality, guest reviews and feedback are KING! These are the Top 25 guest-rated sites and activities on WWW.TRIPADVISOR.COM

- 1. THE HISTORIC DISTRICT
- 2. FORSYTH PARK
- 3. BONAVENTURE CEMETERY
- 4. CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
- 5. RIVER STREET SAVANNAH
- 6. OWENS-THOMAS HOUSE & SLAVE QUARTERS
- 7. SORREL WEED HOUSE
- 8. OLDE PINK HOUSE RESTAURANT
- 9. AMERICAN PROHIBITION MUSEUM
- 10. MICKVE ISRAEL TEMPLE
- 11. OLD FORT JACKSON
- 12. FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH
- 13. WORMSLOE HISTORIC SITE
- 14. PIN POINT HERITAGE MUSEUM
- 15. SKIDAWAY ISLAND STATE PARK
- 16. MERCER WILLIAMS HOUSE MUSEUM
- 17. DAVENPORT HOUSE MUSEUM
- 18. CITY MARKET
- 19. SAVANNAH VISITORS CENTER
- 20. JULIETTE GORDON LOW'S BIRTHPLACE
- 21. OATLAND ISLAND WILDLIFE CENTER
- 22. WEBB MILITARY MUSEUM
- 23. CHIPPEWA SQUARE
- 24. GHOST COAST DISTILLERY
- 25. COLONIAL PARK CEMETERY

# ANNUAL EVENTS

#### **JANUARY**

Tybee Polar Plunge Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade

#### **FEBRUARY**

Georgia History Month Black History Month Savannah Irish Festival Savannah Book Festival

#### **MARCH**

Celtic Ceol Feis Festival St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival Savannah Music Festival Savannah Tour of Homes & Gardens Savannah Stopover Music Festival

#### **APRIL**

First Friday & Saturday on the River N.O.G.S. Tour of Hidden Gardens Fine Arts on the River Savannah Garden Exposition SCAD Sidewalk Arts Festival Savannah Asian Festival

#### MAY

Seafood Festival on the River SCAD Sand Arts Festival Tybee Gay Days First Saturday on the River Tybee Wine Festival Savannah Scottish Games Tybee Island Beach Bums Parade Blues, Jazz & BBQ on the River

#### **JUNE**

First Saturday on the River Tybee Island Tour of Homes

#### JULY

Independence Day Fireworks on Tybee Island Fourth of July Festival on the River

#### **AUGUST**

First Friday & Saturday on the River

#### SEPTEMBER

Craft Brew Fest Labor Day Beach Bash First Friday & Saturday on the River Seafood Fest on the River Savannah Jazz Festival Revival Festival

#### **OCTOBER**

Savannah Greek Festival
Tybee Festival of the Arts
Oktoberfest on the River
Picnic in the Park
Tybee Island Pirate Fest
Savannah Folk Music Festival
Jewish Food Festival
Halloween on the River
SCAD Savannah Film Festival
Savannah Children's Book Festival

#### **NOVEMBER**

Rock N Roll Marathon Savannah Food & Wine Festival First Friday & Saturday on the River Telfair Art Fair Tybee for the Holidays Savannah Harbor Boat Parade of Lights Festival of Lights

#### **DECEMBER**

Holiday Tour of Homes Christmas on the River & Lighted Parade City Market New Year's Eve Celebration New Year's Celebration on the River New Year's Eve Fireworks on Tybee Island

# HAUNTED SAVANNAH

#### **SAVANNAH'S GHOSTS & SPIRITS**

Savannah's reputation for being both "good and evil" is well known, and visitors often explore both the eerie and the elegant side of Savannah.

#### Why Is Savannah Considered Haunted?

Along with New Orleans and Salem, Savannah often finds herself on the list of "America's Most Haunted Cities." With a history that dates back to the colonial period, there are ample tales of spooks and haunts in Savannah, and equally as many ghost tours and trolleys you can take to enjoy the spirits.

Savannah's history is filled with wars and conflicts. From the Siege of Savannah in 1779 (240 killed, 600 wounded), to the Civil War, clashes have left their mark. Many stories you'll hear on the haunted tours involve unsettled soldiers lingering around and inside buildings.



#### Fire, Epidemics & Cemeteries

In 1796 and 1820, devastating fires destroyed hundreds of Savannah buildings. Also in 1820 and again in 1854, the Yellow Fever epidemic took the lives of a tenth of Savannah's population.

Colonial Park Cemetery, which opened in 1750, is the oldest intact municipal cemetery in Savannah. Prior to 1750, there were a few burial grounds that have now been covered up, built on top of, or paved over, earning Savannah the title the City that Lives on her Dead. More than 10,000 people are buried in Colonial Park Cemetery, but there are fewer than 1,000 grave markers.

### **OUR HAUNTED REPUTATION**

#### The Marshall House

Award-Winning and Rumored to be Savannah's Most Haunted Hotel

#### Why the Haunted Reputation?

The Marshall House opened in 1851, and has a history that's very conducive to ghostly experiences, including its role as a hospital during the Civil War. The Marshall House was shuttered for many years before making its way back to a hotel in 1999. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and many of its original features remain untouched, including 19th-century doors, windows, moldings, staircases and railings.



#### The Kehoe House

#### What's the Ghost Story?

You'll hear lots of different stories on the tours, but a reoccurring one is about the children. It's said that two rooms on the second floor have reports from guests who have been awakened by loving caresses of small children. Other guests have said they heard children running and playing in the hallways after hours, when no families with children had checked in. The spirit of Anne Kehoe has also been rumored.

#### Olde Harbour Inn

#### So What's the Spook Here?

Olde Harbour Inn's ghost is named "Hank," and he is the most-often sited ghost among the six inns in the Historic Inns of Savannah collection. Guests have reported smelling cigar smoke when no smokers were present, experienced things moving around and seeing coins drop on the floor. Although there is no evidence that anyone perished in the fire of the building's early years, legend has it that "Hank" is the spirit of a worker who died in the fire.

#### **East Bay Inn**

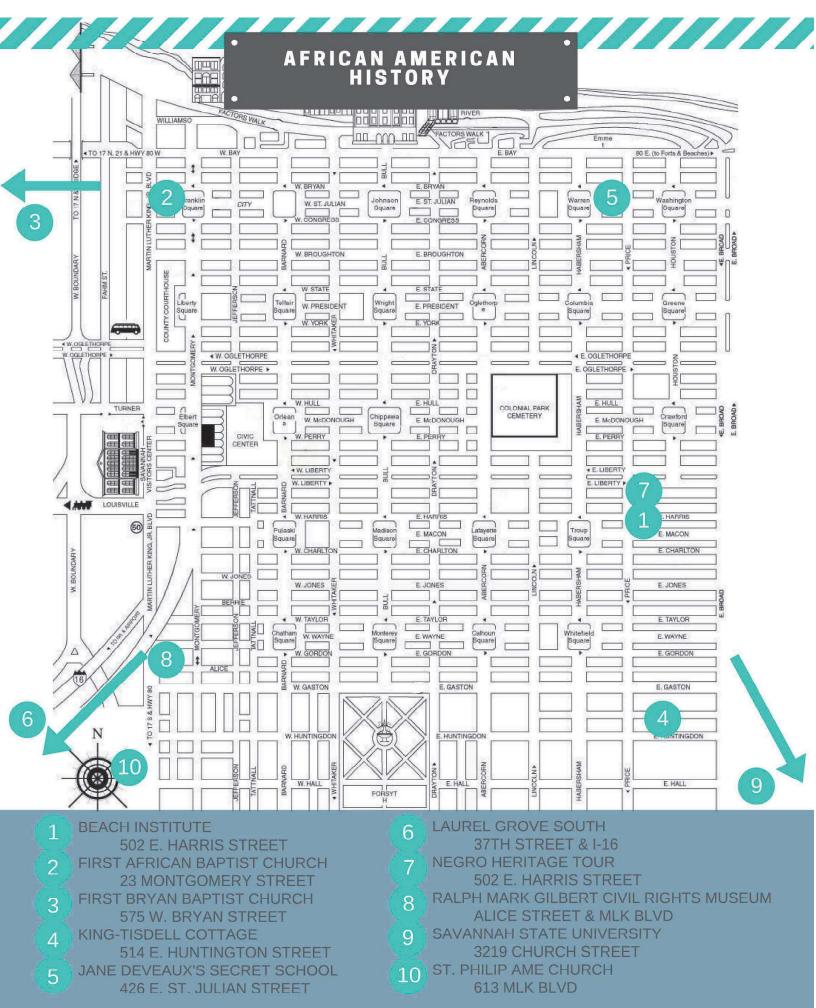
#### Haunted or Not?

The Inn has a place in Savannah's spooky folklore, thanks to our "ghost," who has been affectionately named "Charlie" by our staff. Guests have claimed to see a man in a dark suit and top hat who stares off into space before fading away. Flickering lights and disappearing objects have also been noted.

#### **Eliza Thompson House**

#### What About the Ghosts?

Legend has it one of the Thompsons' sons, a Civil War veteran named James, died in front of the home after a horse kicked him the gut. The tale appears on several sites covering Savannah ghost legends, and some believe James haunts the hotel today. "Sightings" include Confederate soldiers in an upstairs window, a young girl wearing a white dress in the hallway and even a cat.



#### AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

#### 1. BEACH INSTITUTE

(912) 234-8000 - 502 E. Harris St. Established in 1865 as a school for newly-freed black residents of Savannah, Beach Institute serves as an African-American cultural center, featuring art exhibits and a unique collection of hand-carved wooden sculptures.

#### 2. FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH

(912) 233-6597 - 23 Montgomery St. The oldest active Black church in North America, this church served a vital role in Savannah's Civil Rights Movement.

#### 3. FIRST BRYAN BAPTIST CHURCH

(912) 232-5526 - 575 W. Bryan St. This church has been a place of worship, owned by African-Americans, for more than 200 years.

#### 4. KING-TISDELL COTTAGE

(912) 234-8000 - 514 E. Huntington St. This restored 1896 Victorian cottage serves as a cultural museum, emphasizing the contribution of African-Americans to Savannah's history, and to the nation.

## 5. JANE DEVEAUX'S 'SECRET' SCHOOL

426 E. St. Julian The school was started in the 1830s despite the city's draconian laws against it. The school fee was \$1 to \$2.50 per month, depending on the student's ability to pay. Jane Deveaux died in 1885 and is buried in the Laurel Grove South.

#### 6. LAUREL GROVE SOUTH

(912) 651-6772 - 37th Street and I-16 The final resting place for many of Savannah's African-American residents since 1852, Laurel Grove South is one of the most historic cemeteries in Savannah.

#### 7. NEGRO HERITAGE TOUR

(912) 234-8000 - 502 E. Harris St. This bus tour features highlights of Savannah's rich African-American history, including neighborhoods, churches, and other historic sites.

## 8. RALPH MARK GILBERT CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM

(912) 777-6099 - Alice Street & MLK, Jr. Blvd. Dedicated to the civil rights movement, this museum celebrates the contributions of African-Americans through exhibits that showcase Black history and cultural achievements.

#### 9. SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY

Savannah State University (SSU), founded in 1890, is the oldest public historically black college in Georgia.

#### 10. ST. PHILIP AME CHURCH

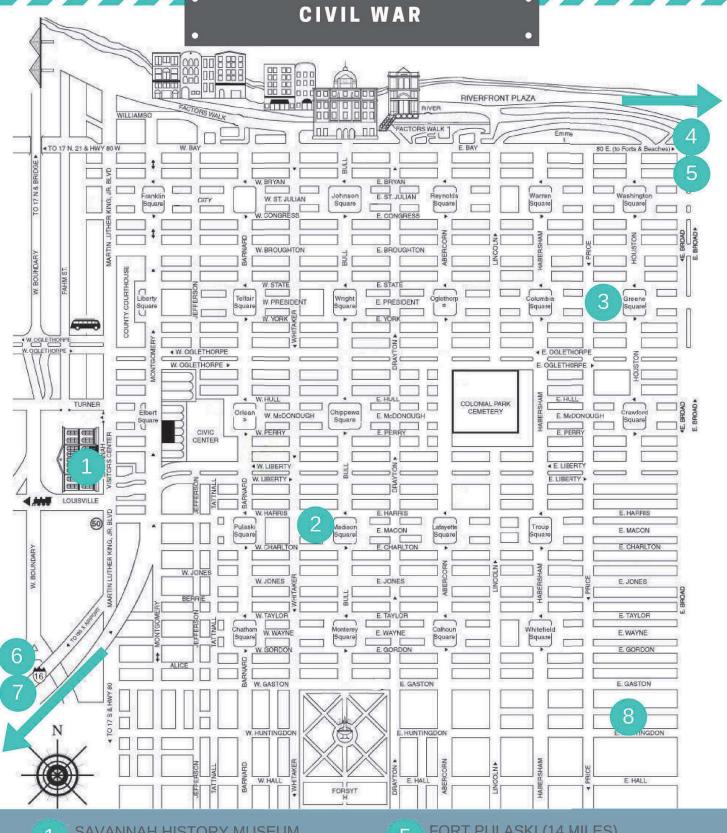
(912) 233-8547 - 613 MLK, Jr. Blvd. St. Philip A.M.E., the first African Methodist Episcopal Church in the state of Georgia was organized by Rev. A.L. Stanford on June 16, 1865.

#### Footprints of Savannah Walking Tour

The Footprints Tour is the complete story of Savannah's antebellum years and threads together the story of how intricately the city and its citizens were involved in the institution of slavery.

#### On River Street:

The African American Families Monument on Rousakis Plaza. The bronze monument was dedicated on River Street in 2002 to commemorate and honor contributions of African Americans to the cultural, social, educational, economic and spiritual life of the Savannah community.



- 1 SAVANNAH HISTORY MUSEUM 303 MLK JR. BLVD
- 2 GREEN-MELDRIM HOUSE 14 W. MACON ST.
- 3 SECOND AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH 123 HOUSTON ST.
- 4 OLD FORT JACKSON (4.0 MILES) 1 FORT JACKSON ROAD

- 5 FORT PULASKI (14 MILES) U.S. HIGHWAY 80
- 6 LAUREL GROVE CEMETERY (1.9 MILES) 2101 KOLLOCK ST.
- 7 FORT MCALLISTER (28 MILES) 3894 FORT MCALLISTER ROAD
- 8 KING-TISDELL COTTAGE 514 EAST HUNTINGTON STREET

#### CIVIL WAR

#### 1. SAVANNAH HISTORY MUSEUM

Housed in a historic railroad passenger shed (circa 1850s), this museum gives an overview of the city's history.

Open 8:30am - 5pm Monday-Friday; 9am - 5pm weekends. \$5/adult.

#### 2. GREEN-MELDRIM HOUSE

Beautiful Gothic-style home was General William Tecumseh Sherman's headquarters while his army occupied the city in December 1864. It's now the parish house for St. John's Episcopal Church.

Tours Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10am - 4pm; Saturday 10am - 1pm. \$5 donation.

## 3. SECOND AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH

In 1864 the church played host to Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton and General William T. Sherman. From the steps of the church, General Sherman read the Emancipation Proclamation to Savannah's citizens and promised the newly freed slaves "40 acres and a mule". Almost a century later, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. preached his "I Have A Dream" sermon here, an address he repeated during the famous March on Washington, D.C. in 1963.

#### 4. LAUREL GROVE CEMETERY

Opened in 1852, this cemetery contains graves and monuments for many Confederate soldiers, including over 100 casualties of Gettysburg, and at least 8 generals.

#### 5. OLD FORT JACKSON

The oldest standing brick fortification in the state (1808). After the fall of Fort Pulaski in 1862, Fort Jackson and a small fleet of ironclads prevented the Union army from getting too close to Savannah. Confederate soldiers garrisoned the site until December 20, 1864, when Sherman entered the city. The defenders abandoned the fort, burning buildings and throwing ammunition into the moat. Open daily 9am - 5pm. \$6/adult.

#### 6. FORT PULASKI

Thought impervious to cannon fire, Fort Pulaski instead proved unable to withstand the Union rifled guns. The Union victory here sealed off Savannah from regular commerce and proved the vulnerability of the old mason forts. Open daily 9am - 5pm. \$5/adult.

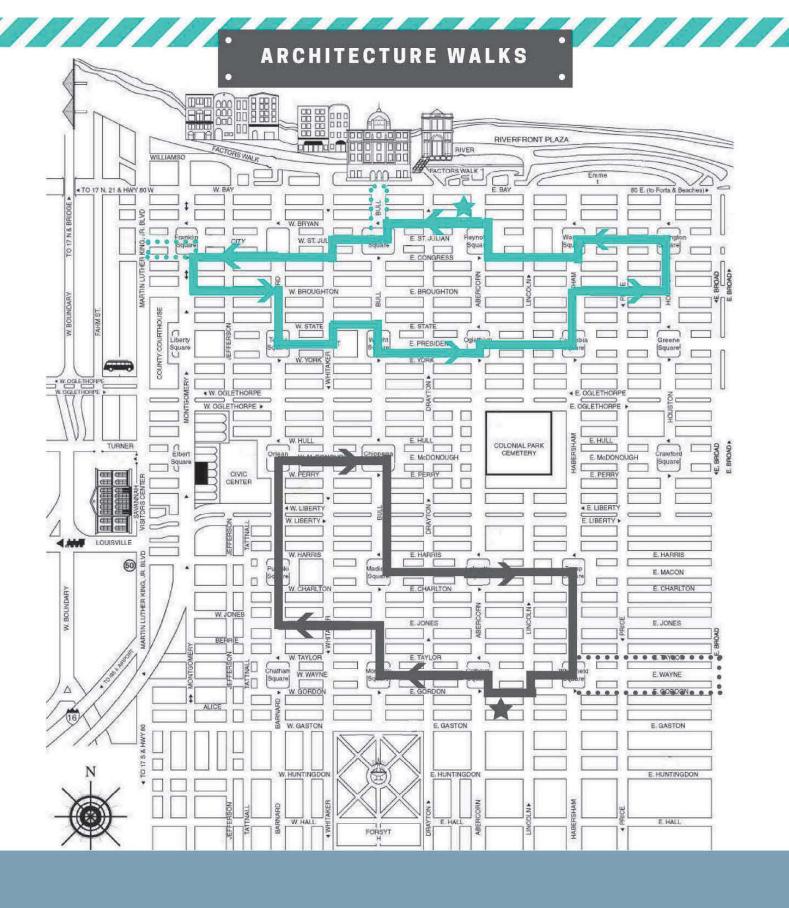
#### 7. FORT MCALLISTER

This well-preserved Confederate sand and earth fort on the banks of the Great Ogeechee River guarded the southern approaches to Savannah. Built in 1861, the fort was shelled many times by Union ironclads during the war and survived. It finally was captured from the land side in December 1864 by Sherman's troops. Museum exhibits and hiking trails are featured. Open 8am - 5pm daily; park hours 7am - 10pm. \$6.50/adult.

#### 8. KING-TISDELL COTTAGE

This beautifully restored 1896 Victorian cottage is a museum highlighting the contributions of African-Americans to our nation's history, including the role African-Americans played during the Civil War.

Open 12pm-5pm Tuesday-Saturday. \$7/adult, \$3/children.



#### ARCHITECTURE WALKS

#### Walk 1 - Oldest Squares

This walk takes you through 10 of the 12 squares that were laid out prior to the War of 1812.

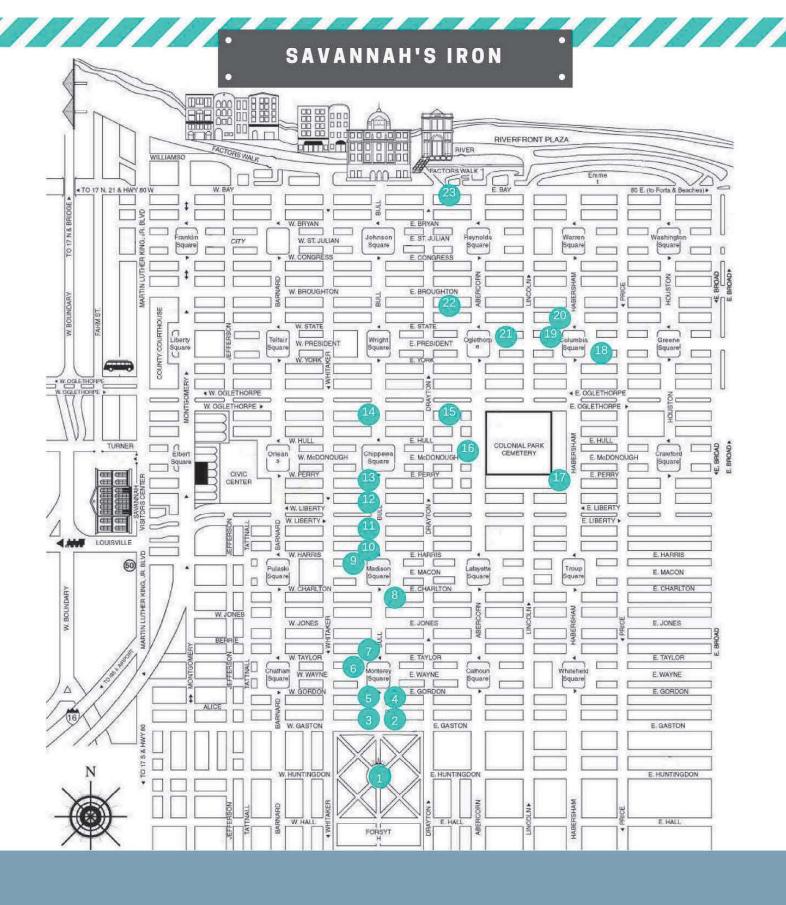
- 1. Pink House Restaurant Georgian
- 2. Cotton Exchange Romanesque Revival
- 3. Citizens Bank building, now used by SCAD, designed by Gottfried Norman, 1895.
- 4. Christ Church Greek Revival, 1838.
- 5. City Hall, 1906.
- 6. U.S, Custom House Greek Revival, 1852
- 7. Garibaldi restaurant Palladian, neoclassical, 1871.
- 8. Ships of the Sea Museum Classical Revival, 1819.
- 9. First African Baptist Church, 1861.
- 10. Kress Building Art Deco, 1923.
- 11. Jepson Center, designed by Moshe Safdie, 2006.
- 12. Lutheran Church of the Ascension Roman, 1879.

#### Walk 2 - Growing City

Savannah had a large growth spurt starting in 1793 with the invention of the cotton gin on nearby Mulberry Grove plantation.

- 1. Massie Heritage Center Greek Revival, 1856.
- 2. Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church - High Victorian Gothic, 1876-90.
- 3. Mickve Israel Synagogue Gothic Revival, 1878.
- 4. Mercer-Williams house, 1871.
- 5. Champion-McAlpin, Harper-Fowlkes House - Grecian, Tower of the Winds Order, Renaissance, French Baroque, 1844.
- 6. Henry Brigham House Second Empire, 1879.
- 7. Georgia Hussars Armory Venetian Gothic, 1896.
- 8. Green-Meldrim House Gothic Revival, 1853-1861.
- 9. Scottish Rite Temple neoclassical, tripartite skyscraper, 1913.

These notes represent an abbreviated version of the walks that can be found in Jonathan Stalcup's book 'Savannah Architectural Tours', which is for sale at the Front Desk.



#### SAVANNAH'S IRON

The last two-thirds of the nineteenth century can be called Savannah's "Iron Age". A significant real estate development circa 1850 featured high stoops embellished with identical iron railings and balustrades. The Civil War turned the city's industry to production of the machinery of war including the ironclad floating battery, CSS Georgia, to protect the city.

Savannah's balconies and balustrades illustrate an alliance of two rival monarchs; King Cotton, the undisputed sovereign of the Southern economy; and Emperor Iron, the reigning metal of the industrial age. Many of the same social and economic forces that contributed to nation-rending internal strife in the 1860s had already allied to populate Savannah's historic district with striking ironwork and continued to do so through much of the remainder of the century.

- 1. Forsyth Park Fountain Drayton St. / Gaston St.
- 2. Edmund Molyneaux House 450 Bull Street
- 3. George Armstrong House 443-451 Bull Street
- 4. Scudder's Row 109 East Gordon Street
- 5. Noble A. Hardee House 3 West Gordon Street
- 6. Reverend Rogers Houses 423-425 Bull Street
- 7. Nicholas Crugar Residence 4 West Taylor Street
- 8. Volunteer Guards Armory 340-344 Bull Street

- 9. Green-Meldrim House 14 West Macon Street
- 10. Sorrel-Weed House 6 West Harris Street
- 11. Joseph Fay House 1-3 West Liberty Street
- 12. Henry Brigham House 4 West Liberty Street
- 13. John Stoddard House 15 West Perry Street
- 14. Independent Presbyterian 24 East Oglethorpe Avenue
- 15. Lufburrow / Clark Houses 107-109 East Oglethorpe Ave
- 16. Alfred Haywood House 124 McDonough Street

- 17. Chatham County Jail 235-239 Habersham Street
- 18. William Kehoe House 130 Habersham Street
- 19. The Kehoe House (Inn) 123 Habersham Street
- 20. Davenport House 324 East State Street
- 21. Owens-Thomas House 124 Abercorn Street
- 22. Marshall House 123 East Broughton Street
- 23. Cotton Exchange 100 East Bay Street



1 SAVANNAH CHILDREN'S MUSEUM 655 LOUISVILLE ROAD

GEORGIA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM 655 LOUISVILLE ROAD

3 JEPSON CENTER
207 W. YORK ST.
4 LEOPOLD'S ICE CREAM
212 E. BROUGHTON ST.

5 FORSYTH PARK 621 DRAYTON ST.

6 OATLAND ISLAND WILDLIFE (5.0 MILES) 711 SANDTOWN ROAD

7 FORT PULASKI (14 MILES) U.S. HIGHWAY 80

8 AQUARIUM / SKIDAWAY PARK (15.0 MILES) 30 OCEAN SC / 52 DIAMOND CSWY

#### SAVANNAH WITH KIDS

### 1. SAVANNAH CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

The museum features over a dozen exhibits designed to expand the imaginations of children, including an exploration maze, a reading nook, and a sensory garden.

Open 10am - 4pm Wednesday-Saturday; 11am - 4pm Sunday. \$7.50/person.

## 2. GEORGIA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

With a fully operational turntable, you have the chance to explore historic railcars, experience the handcar, and go on guided tours.

Open daily 9am - 5pm. \$10/adult. \$6/child.

#### 3. JEPSON CENTER

The Jepson Center houses ArtZeum, an interactive children's museum space, and museum admission is always free for children 12 and under! It's designed with young people in mind, but challenges young and old alike to rethink their ideas about art. The ArtZeum features twenty-four activities exploring some big ideas about art: What is art? Why do we make art? How do we look at art? How do we value art?

#### 4. LEOPOLD'S

All of Leopold's super-premium ice cream is hand-crafted in historic downtown Savannah using the original, secret recipes handed down to Stratton Leopold by his father.

Open 11am - 11pm, Sunday-Thursday; 11am - 12 midnight Friday-Saturday.

#### 5. FORSYTH PARK

This 30 acre park is home to a half-shell theater, tennis courts, basketball courts, a cafe, two playgrounds, and ample room for sports and events.

# 6. OATLAND ISLAND WILDLIFE CENTER

Home to more than 150 animals from 50 different species. The animals are exhibited in large, natural habitats along a rustic trail through forest and marsh lands.

Open daily 10am - 4pm. \$5/adult.

#### 7. FORT PULASKI

Fort Pulaski hosts cannon firings and weapon demonstrations. There are also nature trails and guided tours.

Open daily 9am - 5pm. \$7/adult.

#### 8. On Skidaway Island UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA AQUARIUM

Features 16 exhibit tanks that showcase a variety of Georgia's marine life. A touch tank allows visitors to get up close and personal with some of Georgia's marine invertebrates. Open 10am - 4pm, Weekdays; 10am - 5pm, Saturdays. \$6/adult.

# SKIDAWAY ISLAND STATE PARK

Trails wind through maritime forest and past salt marsh, leading to a boardwalk and observation tower. Visitors can watch for deer, fiddler crabs, raccoon, egrets, and other wildlife

Open daily 7am - 10pm. \$5 parking.



#### PIRATES HOUSE RESTAURANT

Long-running pirate-themed restaurant offering hearty Southern fare in a rustic, historic building, established in 1753. The Pirates' House is home to some rare early edition pages of *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson. The pages are framed and hung on the walls in two rooms of the restaurant.

# PET FRIENDLY



#### **Animals in Parks & Squares**

The City of Savannah's Leash Law requires that all pets be leashed when visiting City parks, squares, business and residential areas. Failure to do so may result in a fine. For your pet's safety, please observe Savannah's Leash Law. In addition to keeping your pet on a leash, Savannah also requires pet owners to "scoop" up after their pets.

Pet waste should never be left in the City's parks and squares. Responsible pet owners should carry a "scooping" device with them at all times when escorting their animals.

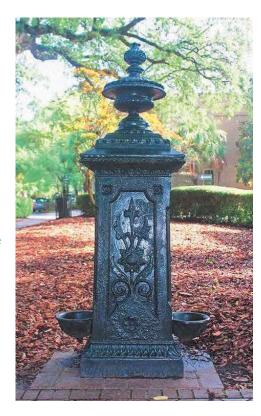
There are in-ground receptacles available for disposal of pet waste at locations marked with these signs.

Not only is it polite and respectful to clean up after your pet; but you will also avoid potentially expensive fines.

#### **Troup Square**

Within Savannah's city limits, Troup Square is more frequently known as "Dog Bone Square." If you're traveling with your pet, or if you are just out for a stroll with your dog, Troup Square should be your ultimate destination.

With space to play, it's any dog's dream. And when your pup gets a mite thirsty? Look no further than the antique doggy water fountain located on the west side of the square. Constructed out of cast iron, this fountain wasn't originally geared toward our four-legged friends. Instead it was a gift to the city from then Savannah mayor, Herman Myers, in 1897, and was placed inside Forsyth Park. It was later brought to Troup Square, where the matching iron bowls on either side of the drinking fountain were lowered close to the ground so that dogs quench their thirst, too. (While in Forsyth Park, those bowls were once four feet in height).



#### FOR DOG LOVERS

Savannah is a dog town with many restaurants, shops, and even tours that will welcome furry patrons and their humans. Two of our inns are pet-friendly - Olde Harbour Inn and East Bay Inn.

Here's a list of things guests can do and places they can visit with their dog in downtown historic Savannah.

#### 1) TAKE A SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR

You'll get to see the city at your own pace, and your pup will get training and exercise en route. With 22 parks and squares, Savannah's downtown area is one of the largest National Historic Landmark Districts in the US. The historic district is a great place to to walk, and you'll definitely find lots of "like-minded" dog owners out enjoying the city every day.

Take note of the convenient doggie waste receptacles Savannah has installed for you and your pup. Most of the downtown squares have an in-ground waste receptacle, noted by a green metal lid with a white stencil of a dog on it. You just open it by pressing a pedal with your foot, and you can dispose of whatever your dog left behind and continue on your walk. You'll even find doggie water fountains positioned at nose level for your dog. There are two in Forsyth Park, one in Troupe Square, and another in Ellis Square.

#### 2) GO ON A PET-FRIENDLY TOUR

Most walking tours are pet-friendly, including favorites like Savannah Dan, a familiar seersucker-clad guide who gives 90-minute walks through the historic district. We recommend Old Savannah Tours for a trolley tour if your dog prefers to ride. But perhaps the most dog-centric tour you'll find in Savannah is Oliver Bentley's Historic Dog Walk Tour. This is a history tour that's all about your four-legged friend and includes a walk-about-bag of gluten-free healthy dog treats for the tour.

#### 3) ENIOY PET-FRIENDLY DINING

If you think you'll be eating take-out in your hotel room for every meal just because you brought your dog, think again! Savannah's become quite the town for foodies over the past few years. Combine our love for food with our affection for dogs, and you've got a winning combination for pet-friendly restaurants. Of course, dogs aren't allowed to dine indoors, but that's what the outdoor tables are for! In fact, any time you see an outdoor table, you can almost guarantee your dog will be welcome.

#### 4) GO PET-FRIENDLY SHOPPING FOR YOUR DOG

If your pup prefers shopping for high-end apparel, toys and snacks for himself, we recommend Woof Gang Bakery. There are three locations in downtown Savannah: in City Market, on Bull Street, and on River Street. You'll find treats, dog toys, leashes, collars and accessories galore inside. And Oliver Bentley's isn't just for tours. They sell treats and gifts for dogs and their humans in their Wright Square storefront. (Locations on following map).



#### WOOF GANG BAKERY

- 1 425 EAST RIVER STREET
- 2 141 BULL STREET
- 3 202 WEST ST. JULIAN STREET
- 4 PUPPACCINO @ BLENDS
  32 BARNARD STREET
- 5 OLIVER BENTLEYS DOG WALK TOUR
  110 EAST YORK STREET
- 6 DOG SUNDAE @ LEOPOLD'S
  212 E BROUGHTON STREET

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#### **BALLAST STONES**

You'll notice an unusually diverse array of building stones here, especially along River Street and in front of Olde Harbour Inn. Many were made out of ballast stones, which were carried across the Atlantic Ocean on ships filled with cotton. They were meant to weigh down and stabilize the ships as they made their voyage to North America. When the ship arrived, they would dump the stones. Those stones were then repurposed and used to build streets, walls and warehouses along the Savannah River.

#### CHATHAM ARTILLERY PUNCH

A rather famous drink in Savannah, originally made in horse buckets in the 1800's. Chatham Artillery Punch is a combination of rum, brandy or cognac, bourbon, champagne, lemons, and sugar; and sometimes nutmeg is added.

#### WHERE TO GET IT:

- River House Seafood
- Shrimp Factory
- Pirate's House
- Alley Cat Lounge (updated interpretation)

#### PALM ROSES

Along River Street and in other popular tourist spots, you'll find street vendors weaving and selling beautiful, ornate roses made from palm fronds. One of the vendors' favorite techniques to get you to buy one is to come up to you and give it to you...then ask for a 'donation'. If you don't want one, just politely decline it. They are usually very pleasant, even in rejection. If you feel like buying one, by all means, do so. It's said that during the days of slavery the slaves would weave these roses to be used during wedding ceremonies, and the roses also served as a secret emblem in the Underground Railroad.

#### **DOLPHIN DOWN-SPOUTS**

Pinch of the Past Architectural Antiques on Whitaker Street sells a reproduction of a mid-1800 Savannah "dolphin" down-spout. The heraldic dolphin signifies conquest of the sea and is found in the shields of many seaport cities. Original downspouts can be found on the Oliver Sturges House (built 1813) at 27 Abercorn St. Also, reproductions are on The Marshall House.

#### HAINT BLUE

The Gullah culture of the Lowcountry believes that spirits, known as "haints," can't cross water. Using light blue-green paint to symbolize water, the Gullah people applied the shade to porch ceilings and doors preventing evil spirits from entering.

#### FORREST GUMP

Parts of the 1994 movie Forrest Gump were filmed around the city including the famous bench scene where Tom Hanks' character talks about how "life is like a box of chocolates." The bench that Hanks/Forrest sat on was actually a movie prop that has since been placed in the Savannah History Museum. But the location of the bench for the movie in Chippewa Square is still a popular spot for photographs.

# OPEN CONTAINER LAWS & TO-GO CUPS (TRAVELERS)

When Oglethorpe founded the city, alcohol was prohibited. Today, Savannah is one of a handful of cities in the US that has an open container policy.

#### The Rules:

- You may carry open drinks as long as those concoctions are held in a plastic, 16-ounce cup (not bottles, mugs or flasks).
- You must remain in the parameters of the Historic District. This encompasses everything from River Street to Jones Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to West Broad Street.

#### MICKVE ISRAEL - A SYNAGOGUE WITH A CATHEDRAL APPEARANCE

The Congregation Mickve Israel is the thirdoldest in the United States, founded by 42 pioneering Jews who landed in Savannah on July 11, 1733. This present construction was consecrated in 1878 and is a rare example of a Gothic-style synagogue. Because the congregation at the time didn't have the funds for an architect, they used the plans of renowned New York architect, Henry G Harrison, known for his churches and cathedrals.

#### IRISH HERITAGE

The Irish were among Savannah's first settlers; which is why the city hosts one of the largest St. Patrick's Day parades in the country.

Waves of Irish immigrants came to Savannah during the 1840-50's. As the city became industrialized, the Irish provided an educated and skilled workforce for the iron foundries and railroads.

#### CREATIVE MINDS OF SAVANNAH

The **Flannery O'Connor** Childhood Home, located on East Charlton Street, is a museum dedicated to the work and life of the acclaimed novelist who lived in the house from her birth in 1925 until 1938.

**Conrad Potter Aiken** was born in Savannah, Georgia, on August 5, 1889. Though he moved to Massachusetts in 1900 after the death of both of his parents, he returned to Savannah in the early 1960's. In 1973, Governor Jimmy Carter appointed him poet laureate of the state of Georgia.

While **Johnny Mercer** had the talent, Georgia provided the inspiration that made him one of America's most popular and successful songwriters of the twentieth century. Between 1929 and 1976 Mercer penned lyrics to more than 1,000 songs, received nineteen Academy Award nominations, wrote music for a number of Broadway shows, and co-founded Capitol Records.

#### CELTIC CROSS

Dedicated to the city in December of 1983, the Celtic Cross in Emmet Park, in front of Olde Harbour Inn, is made of Irish limestone from the County of Roscommon in West Ireland.

#### FRAGRANCE GARDEN

Forsyth Park, a large city park that occupies 30 acres in the Historic District, is home to the Garden of Fragrance. Originally built in the late 1950's, the garden features fragrant plants and flowers surrounded by wells and an ornamental iron fence.

#### GEORGIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Founded in 1839, the Georgia Historical Society, located on Whitaker Street, is the oldest continuously operated historical society in the South.

#### BEACH INSTITUTE

Built in 1867 by the Freedmen's Bureau, Beach Institute was established as a school for newly freed slaves. Today, it serves as an African-American Cultural Center featuring artwork and other exhibits.

# EXCURSIONS

Here are a few things to do that are outside the Historic District, but not very far away. Think of them as afternoon excursions.

#### **BONAVENTURE CEMETERY**

#### 330 Bonaventure Rd (4.5 miles)

The peaceful setting rests on a scenic bluff of the Wilmington River, east of Savannah. The site was purchased for a private cemetery in 1846 and became a public cemetery in 1907. Citizens can still purchase interment rights in Bonaventure.

#### FORT MCALLISTER

#### 3894 Fort McAllister Rd (31.0 miles)

This scenic park showcases the best-preserved earthwork fortification of the Confederacy. The earthworks were attacked seven times by Union ironclads but did not fall until 1864—ending General William T. Sherman's "March to the Sea." Visitors can explore the grounds with cannons, a hot shot furnace, bombproof barracks, palisades and more; while a Civil War museum contains artifacts, a video and gift shop.

# OATLAND ISLAND WILDLIFE CENTER

#### 711 Sandtown Rd (6.0 miles)

The Oatland Island Wildlife Center of Savannah is home to more than 150 animals from 50 different species. The animals are exhibited in large natural habitats along a rustic trail through forest and marsh lands. Along the trail are gray wolves, armadillos, flying squirrels, screech owls, cougars, bobcats, bison, alligators, red fox and birds of prey.

#### **FORT PULASKI**

#### **U.S. Highway 80 E (14.0 miles)**

For much of the 19th century, masonry fortifications were the United States' main defense against overseas enemies. However, during the Civil War, new technology proved its superiority to these forts. The Union army used rifled cannon and compelled the Confederate garrison inside Fort Pulaski to surrender. The siege was a landmark experiment in the history of military science and invention.

#### **KAYAKING TOURS**

#### • Moon River Kayak Tours -

Offers tours of the protected waters of Skidaway Narrows. After a short paddle, they take you to an uninhabited island. The tours are \$50 per person.

### • Savannah Canoe & Kayak - Pricing is dependent on tour and l

Pricing is dependent on tour and length of time. 414 Bonaventure Road, Savannah

#### • Sea Kayak Georgia –

Pricing is dependent on tour and length of time. 1102 U.S. 80, Tybee Island

#### **BULL RIVER CRUISES**

Bull River Cruises are a way of seeing a different but absolutely gorgeous side of Savannah. They offer a variety of tours that include boating as well as kayaking for up close views of the marshes, osprey, bald eagles, crabs, pelicans and of course dolphins.

- Bull River Eco-Adventure Cruise (3 hours) This cruise travels Bull River through the salt marshes down to the barrier islands.
- **Sunset Cruise** (1.5 hours) Enjoy the sun setting, while enjoying a river cruise.

#### **FISHING**

Fishing for Grouper and Snapper is ideal almost any time of the year. Captain Derek Brown, owner of Reel Em' N Deep Sea Fishing Charters, has fished this area for over 15 years and knows where and how to catch these fish. Depending on what you want to catch, and how much time you have, 4 hour, 6 hour, 8 hour, 10 hour, 12 hour and 14 hour fishing trips are available.

#### **DOLPHIN TOURS**

Dolphin Magic Tours are a great way to see the Savannah River and the Atlantic Bottlenose Dolphins. The tours cost \$27 per person and meet on River Street. They also ride you past Fort Jackson and Fort Pulaski, all of the way out to the Tybee Island Beach. They offer daytime tours and sunset tours (warm weather only).

#### MOON RIVER DISTRICT



#### 1. WORMSLOE HISTORIC SITE

#### 7601 Skidaway Rd (9.0 miles)

A breathtaking live oak avenue leads visitors one mile down a colonial road to a visitor center, where they can watch short historical film, tour a museum, and browse a gift shop. A walking trail leads to the 1737 tabby ruins of the oldest remaining structure in the Savannah. Trails meander past scenic marsh views to the Colonial Life Area, where costumed interpreters provide living history demonstrations at 10am, 11am, 2pm, and 3pm (weather and staffing permitting). Five more miles of nature trails are available for those who are more adventurous.

#### 2. ISLE OF HOPE

#### 50 West Bluff Drive (9.6 miles)

Isle of Hope is an island surrounded on all sides by water at high tide. Legends abound of pirates using the island to hide their booty, and generations of children have gone digging for this treasure. Legend also states that French Huguenots used the island as a place of refuge for fleeing persecution. Drive along Bluff Drive in this historic village.

#### 3. BETHESDA ACADEMY

#### 9520 Ferguson Avenue (10.8 miles)

Founded in 1740, this school, organic farm, and history museum is the oldest continuously operating children's organization in the U.S.

#### 4. PIN POINT HERITAGE MUSEUM

#### 9924 Pin Point Ave (12.0 miles)

Pin Point Heritage Museum, located in the old A.S. Varn & Son Oyster and Crab Factory, is your chance to experience the Gullah/Geechee culture first hand. For nearly 100 years, the community of Pin Point was quietly isolated on the banks of the Moon River just south of Savannah. Now, you can explore the refurbished museum complex and experience multimedia presentations, exciting exhibits and unparalleled views of the marsh.

# 5. SKIDAWAY ISLAND STATE PARK

#### 52 Diamond Causeway (15.0 miles)

This park borders Skidaway narrows, a part of Georgia's intracoastal waterway. Trails wind through maritime forest and past salt marsh, leading to a boardwalk and observation tower. Visitors can watch for deer, fiddler crabs, raccoon, egrets and other wildlife. Children will especially enjoy seeing the towering, 20-foot Giant Ground Sloth replica and reptile room.

#### 6. UGA AQUARIUM

#### 30 Ocean Science Circle (18.2 miles)

Fish, turtles, and other coastal creatures are the stars of this contemporary marine center.

#### **TYBEE**



1 FORT PULASKI
U.S. HIGHWAY 80
2 TYBEE LIGHTHOUSE
30 MEDDIN DRIVE
3 FORT SCREVEN / BATTERY MUSEUM
30 MEDDIN DRIVE

4 TYBEE ISLAND MARINE SCIENCE CENTER
1509 STRAND AVE
5 TYBEE PIER & PAVILION

16TH STREET
6 LITTLE TYBEE ISLAND
\*ACCESSIBLE BY BOAT

#### 1. FORT PULASKI

Thought impervious to cannon fire, Fort Pulaski instead proved unable to withstand the Union's rifled guns. The Union victory here sealed off Savannah from regular commerce and proved the vulnerability of the old mason forts.

Open daily 9am - 5pm. \$5/adult

#### 2. TYBEE LIGHTHOUSE

Ordered by General James Oglethorpe, Governor of the 13th colony, in 1732, the Tybee Island Light Station has been guiding mariners' safe entrance into the Savannah River for over 285 years. The Tybee Island Light Station is one of America's most intact light stations, having all of its historic support buildings on its three-acre site. Open daily 9am - 5:30pm; Closed Tuesdays. \$9/adult.

# 3. FORT SCREVEN / BATTERY MUSEUM

The Tybee Island Museum is housed in a historic Endicott Period Battery, which was built as a part of Fort Screven duing the Spanish-American War in 1899. Fort Screven had seven batteries, six on Tybee Island and a seventh, Battery Hambright, near Fort Pulaski. Battery Garland now houses the Tybee Island Museum and is open to the public. The others can be seen from the street and beach, but are not publicly accessible. Open daily 9am - 5:30pm; Closed Tuesdays. \$9/adult.

## 4. TYBEE MARINE SCIENCE CENTER

The Tybee Island Marine Science Center's mission is to shape a responsible stewardship of Coastal Georgia's natural resources through marine science-based education, conservation, and research. Stick your fingers in our Touch Tank of live marine invertebrates. Exhibits on coastal Georgia's flora, fauna, and habitats. Guided beach walks and marsh treks are available.

Open daily 10am - 5pm. \$5/adult.

#### 5. TYBEE PIER & PAVILION

Terrific for spectacular ocean viewing and great fishing, the Tybee Island Pier and Pavilion is a popular spot for dances, musical performances, and special events. It features picnic tables, a snack bar, and public restrooms. An abundance of shops and restaurants are just steps away.

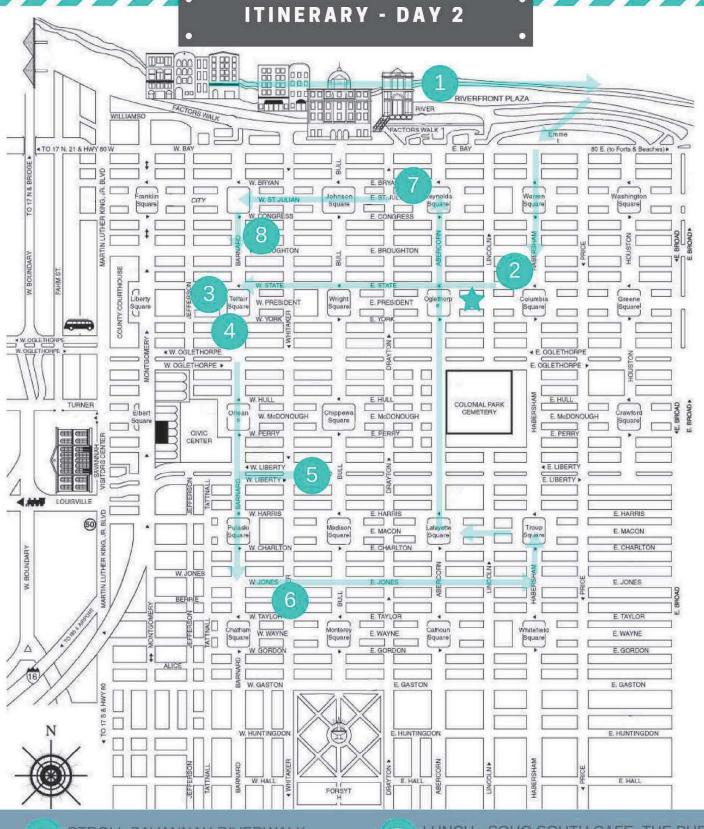
#### 6. LITTLE TYBEE ISLAND

A pure, uninhabited nature preserve, accessible only by boat, Little Tybee Island is actually more than twice Tybee Island's size. This wilderness gem showcases rich coastal salt marshes, pristine beaches, natural dunes, and subtropical forests of live oak, pine, and palm. Wildlife includes egret, heron, white ibis, roseate spoonbills, woodstork, and bald eagles. Kayak tours and charters are popular ways to see Little Tybee.



- 1 SAVANNAH CITY HALL
  - 2 EAST BAY STREET
- 2 JULIETTE GORDON LOW BIRTHPLACE 10 EAST OGLETHORPE AVE
- 3 THE COLLINS QUARTER
  - COFFEE IN CHIPPEWA SQ.
- 4 COLONIAL PARK CEMETERY 201 ABERCORN STREET

- 5 LUNCH TO GO FROM SMITH BROTHERS
  CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN
- 6 FORSYTH PARK
  - **621 DRAYTON STREET**
- MONTEREY SQUARE
  - MERCER-WILLIAMS HOUSE
- OINNER, MUSIC, NIGHTLIFE



1 STROLL SAVANNAH RIVERWALK 15 MINUTE WALK END-TO-END

2 DAVENPORT HOUSE MUSEUM
WALK BY OWENS-THOMAS HOUSE

3 TELFAIR ACADEMY

121 BARNARD STREET

JEPSON CENTER
207 WEST YORK STREET

5 LUNCH - SOHO SOUTH CAFE, THE PUBLIC, OR MELLOW MUSHROOM

6 SHOP THE DOWNTOWN DESIGN DISTRICT WALK HISTORIC JONES STREET

7) DINNER AT OLDE PINK HOUSE REYNOLDS SQUARE

Q LIVE MUSIC AT JAZZ'D

\*ENTRANCE UNDERGROUND



- 1 STROLL BROUGHTON STREET BROUGHTON BOUTIQUES
- 2 SHIPS OF THE SEA MUSEUM 41 MLK, JR. BLVD
- 3 LUNCH AT VINNIE VAN GO-GO'S PIZZA FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH
- 4 E. SHAVER BOOKSELLER MADISON SQUARE

- 5 TEMPLE MICKVE ISRAEL MONTEREY SQUARE
- 6 ANTIQUES ALEX RASKIN, V&J DUNCAN, AND GEORGE DAVIS
- DINNER ON THE RIVER VIC'S, KEVIN
  BARRY'S, OR COTTON EXCHANGE
- 8 LEOPOLD'S ICE CREAM 212 EAST BROUGHTON STREET