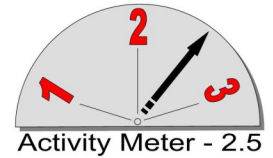




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## Music, Mountains, Myrtle Beach & More

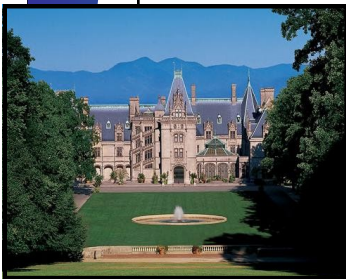
13 Days: April 11-23, 2012



Spring is a gorgeous season for our annual visit to the scenic Smoky Mountains, the beautiful Biltmore Estate and the shoreline of Myrtle Beach. But WAIT, there's more! We've added Fort Sumter in Charleston, SC, and the historic district of Savannah, GA, to make our tour extra special this year. So pack your bags and join us on our journey.

April 11 we pick up in our departure cities and travel east to Terra Haute, IN, for the night. We'll enjoy a **light dinner** and **beverages** at our hotel. Relax at the indoor pool and spa.

April 12 following **breakfast** we'll travel to the **Smoky Mountain region** where the scenery is breathtaking. Later today we arrive in Pigeon Forge, TN. This evening we'll enjoy **dinner** before attending **Country Tonite**. Voted the "Best Show in the Smokies," this fast-paced production has a variety of dynamic singing and dancing, side-splitting comedy, powerful gospel and American patriotism. It's a "feel-good" show that will be the perfect start to our travels.

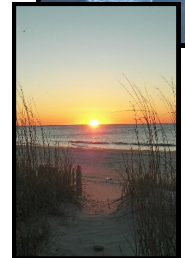


April 13 enjoy **breakfast** before departing for our drive thru **Great Smoky Mountains National Park**. We'll stop halfway thru the park at the border of Tennessee and North Carolina. This afternoon, we continue on to Asheville, NC, to visit the magnificent **Biltmore Estate**, once the home of George Vanderbilt. Surrounded by 8,000 acres, this 250-room mansion took 6 years and 1,000 workers to build. The 75 acres of landscaped gardens, grounds and park are remarkable, and the **audio guide** to Biltmore Estate is like having a tour guide in your pocket. Tour the house at your own pace while your audio guide provides commentary on the architecture and art of Biltmore House, highlighting the history of the Vanderbilt family. Tonight our hotel is located in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

April 14 following **breakfast** we'll travel to the beautiful shoreline of **Myrtle Beach, SC**. This will be our home for 4 nights. We'll have time to relax and travel to area points of interest. This evening we'll enjoy the show **Hurray for Hollywood** in the **Palace Theatre**.

April 15 enjoy **breakfast** and plan your day as you like or join us for an opportunity to attend a church service and stop for lunch on your own. Enjoy an afternoon at the beach and a free evening to do as you like.

April 16 after **breakfast** we'll travel to the **Brookgreen Gardens** and meet our **step-on guide**. Brookgreen Gardens, a former rice plantation on the Waccamaw River, is now home to the largest collection of outdoor sculptures in the world. In April, the sculptures will usually be surrounded by thousands of azaleas in full bloom. We will have a **guided tour** of the main sculpture then time on our own to wander through additional gardens, or take a boat ride into the former rice fields, visit the



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on-site zoo, see the plantation farm or go through the new butterfly garden. Lunch will be on your own at one of the food venues in the Gardens. We will return to the hotel for the rest of day and enjoy the evening on our own.

April 17 following **breakfast** we'll join our **step-on guide** again for a tour through the **South Carolina "Lowcountry,"** hearing stories of the rice plantations and the ghosts that call this historic and cultural region home. We'll stop at **All Saints Waccamaw Church**, dating back to 1729, where our most famous ghost is buried. Next we'll visit **Mansfield Plantation**. There we will be transported to the days before the War Between the States when prosperous rice planter Dr. Francis Parker and his wife, Mary, lived there. The Parkers grew thousands of pounds of rice each year and with the wealth produced by this crop, enjoyed an aristocratic and elegant lifestyle. Lunch will be on your own at Front Street in Georgetown, the third oldest city in South Carolina, dating back to 1729. This historic district has a beautiful river walk at the harbor on the Sampit River. Great shopping and restaurants line the harbor. We'll return to the hotel for some afternoon relaxing before enjoying our final evening in Myrtle Beach with **dinner** and the show "**One—the Show**," performed at the **Alabama Theatre**. This entirely original production features incredible talent, stunning costumes, as well as state-of-the-art lighting and sound. Unforgettable!



April 18 after **breakfast** we travel south to Charleston, SC. This morning you are in for a treat aboard a **horse drawn carriage ride**. Our **guide** indicates points of interest as we travel 8.5 miles through Charleston's historic district. Following our tour, you'll have time to check out the famous **Old City Market** and enjoy lunch on your own in one of the many restaurants in the downtown area. This afternoon we will board a ferry in the harbor for a short cruise to **Fort Sumter**, where the civil war began. America's most tragic conflict ignited at the Fort on April 12, 1861, when a chain reaction of social, economic and political events exploded into civil war. A powerful symbol to both the South and the North, Fort Sumter remains a memorial to all who fought to hold it. We will be greeted by park rangers for a very interesting tour of the facility. While in the area, we'll also visit **Fort Moultrie** a landmark of the American Revolution. Named Fort Moultrie in honor of the brave patriot colonel who had defended it against the British in 1776, it is a place of honor for South Carolinians. Moultrie's blue flag with a white crescent in the corner - with the addition of a palmetto tree - was adopted as South Carolina's official state flag.



April 19 enjoy **breakfast** before traveling to Savannah where we will meet the **trolley** for a **historic city tour**. Our trolley driver will point out all the places of interest to which we may want to return during the afternoon. Following our tour you will be free to enjoy lunch on your own on **River Street** or jump back on the trolley and visit some additional highlights. The plan for the evening is to attend the **Savannah Theatre** for another great production. (At this time, however, the Theatre's schedule is not set - there may be a substitution for the evening.) Our hotel this evening is located right in the historic heart of Savannah.

April 20 following **breakfast** we travel to Macon, GA, to be greeted by a **step-on guide** and shown the beautiful city that is well-known for its 350,000 Yoshino cherry trees. This evening we will enjoy the musical **Titanic** at the **Theatre Macon**. This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Titanic's sinking. Our overnight hotel has a beautiful courtyard with a heated pool and spa.



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April 21 after **breakfast** we continue north and tonight arrive in Nashville, TN. We'll enjoy a **light dinner and beverages** at our hotel before departing for the famous **Grand Ole Opry**. The Opry has come a long way from its humble beginning - in November 1925, young WSM-AM radio announcer, George D. Hay, introduced 80-year-old fiddle player, Uncle Jimmy Thompson, as the first performer on a new show called "The WSM Barn Dance." Almost 88 years later the show is still strong! New stars, legends and superstars perform here. You never know who might show up for a surprise appearance!



April 22 enjoy **breakfast** before traveling to St. Louis, MO. This evening we'll have a "farewell" **dinner** on the Gateway Riverboat Cruise. Enjoy a delicious meal as you experience the sights of the river and sounds of live music.

April 23 following breakfast, we take fond memories of incredible sights, spectacular scenery, great entertainment and wonderful friends, back to our departure cities.

**Your 13-Day Music, Mountains, Myrtle Beach and More package includes:** Luxury motor coach transportation, lodging for 12 nights, luggage handling, admissions/tickets to bolded attractions, 12 breakfasts and 5 dinners (meals inclusive of tax and gratuity).

\$2,299 per person, double occupancy

\$2,149 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds

\$2,949 single room accommodations



**Deposit:** \$230 per person, due with reservation. If deposits are not received within 10 business days, reservations may be cancelled without notice.

**Balance Due:** March 12

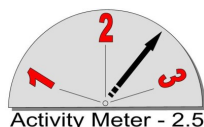
**Cancel By:** March 12 for penalty-free cancellation

**Delayed reservation fee:** after March 12, a reservation for this trip requires an additional \$50 per person.

**Peace of Mind Protection:** 5% of trip cost, due with deposit or travel insurance is available at a group rate for this travel package. Please contact our office for details.

Scheduled Departure Cities: Ames, Cedar Rapids, Clear Lake, Coralville, Decorah, Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Newton and Waterloo.

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Activity Meter - 2.5

**Moderate itinerary+ - some standing or stairs, a few blocks of walking plus options for additional activity/walking**



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