2017 Gone with the Wind

GONE WITH THE WIND
Atlanta-Augusta-Charleston-Savannah-Tallahassee-Pensacola-Mobile-New Orleans
12days/11nights, Atlanta/Atlanta

Child rates for children 07-12 years on request.

Price :
- pp twin share from: $2391
- Single Supplement $934

day 01 Atlanta Arrival
Welcome to Atlanta, Georgia. During the Civil War, Atlanta was one of the most important Southern Cities as it provided munitions to the South. In 1864, General Sherman marched into Atlanta and burned the entire city. The city recovered from its losses and today is one of the most dynamic in the South, boasting a successful cultural and business centre. Arrive independently at your hotel where you will meet your tour escort.

day 02 Atlanta
This morning, enjoy a city tour of Atlanta and learn about one of its most famous residents, Margaret Mitchell. In 1936, Mitchell published the book “Gone with the Wind”. It depicted the life of the spoiled daughter of a plantation owner and follows her life through the Civil War and Reconstruction. The story takes place in Atlanta and south of Atlanta in a small town named Jonesboro. This afternoon, you will visit the Road to Tara Museum and Stately Oaks Plantation which was an inspiration for Tara. You will have the opportunity to see memorabilia from the movie including costumes worn by the stars Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh. In the evening, enjoy a welcome reception which will give you the opportunity to meet your fellow travellers.

day 03 Atlanta-Augusta-Charleston
Depart Atlanta and head west to Augusta. Augusta is the second oldest city in Georgia and is home to the prestigious Masters Golf Tournament. In the afternoon, we will arrive in historic Charleston. You will have time to stroll down the cobblestone walkways and admire the fine architecture. In the evening, you may want to enjoy a romantic carriage ride or a sunset cruise.

day 04     Charleston

This morning, enjoy a locally guided tour of Charleston. The afternoon is at leisure. Take some time to walk the streets of Charleston’s meticulously preserved historic district, the best protected in the nation. Earthquakes, the Revolutionary War, the Civil War and hurricanes all took their toll on this beautiful city, yet it stands out as the historical gem of the South.

Optional You may wish to participate in an excursion to historic Boone Hall Plantation with its famous Avenue of Oaks. The property has appeared in a number of movies, among them “North and South”.

day 05     Charleston-Savannah

Today, your road leads you further south to Savannah. En route stop on Port Royal Island and see Beaufort, South Carolina’s second oldest city. Its impressive Antebellum architecture has been the backdrop to a number of Hollywood movies, including “Forrest Gump”. After lunch continue on to Savannah, once the world’s largest cotton port. When cotton was king, Savannah controlled the prices of the world cotton market at her cotton exchange. Founder James Oglethorpe laid out the city squares. The Civil War destroyed a large portion of Georgia, but Savannah was spared. Numerous buildings around the tree-shaded squares are hundreds of years old. Many of them are very well preserved and some remain open to the public. You will enjoy a historical guided tour to learn more about the fascinating history of the Antebellum residences. The old cotton warehouses that line the river are now converted into shops and little restaurants, frequented by locals and tourist alike.

day 06     Savannah-Tallahassee

Leave Savannah with its antebellum homes and head on, driving south along the coast of Georgia, the cities you will pass are as rich with history as they are full of charm. In the afternoon you will enter the state of Florida and pass Jacksonville. In the evening arrive in Florida’s state capital, Tallahassee. Tallahassee is one of the Nations smaller and quieter capitols and visitors are charmed to find oak lined streets and soft hills surrounding the city.

day 07     Tallahassee-Pensacola-Mobile-New Orleans

Continue on to Pensacola, one of Florida’s most important vacation destinations. Pensacola was founded in 1599 by Spanish colonists who created here the first European settlement. Today, the area is known for its miles of Gulf shoreline, many which are preserved as state and federal parks. Next stop is Mobile, Alabama. Founded in 1702, Mobile rapidly became one of the most important ports along the Gulf Coast. In the evening arrive in New Orleans, Louisiana’s most important port city. The city today is a unique blend of Spanish, French, Caribbean, African and Anglo-Saxon influences. This is obvious in the food, architecture and of course, the music.

day 08     New Orleans

The day is yours to immerse you in the charm and excitement of one of America’s most unique cities. Your tour director will assist you with planning the day’s activities.

Optional Perhaps start the day with an early morning tour taking you to a famous Louisiana Plantation followed by a Jazz Brunch in the Quarter.

day 09     New Orleans-Baton Rouge-Natchez
This morning, we will travel to the capital of Louisiana and conduct a brief city tour of Baton Rouge. From there, we will travel via the historic Natchez Trace Parkway to Natchez. The parkway is a 444-mile drive through exceptional scenery and years of Native American and European history. Today’s destination, Natchez, is the oldest European settlement on the Mississippi River. Before the Civil War, wealthy plantation owners from Louisiana built magnificent antebellum homes here because the area was considered safer from flooding. This afternoon, we will visit one of the homes and learn about the wealth of these 19th century millionaires.

day 10 Natchez-Memphis

Leave Natchez and drive on to Memphis. A large river port, it was one of the most important links in the cotton trade before the Civil War. Memphis is also known as the “Home of the Blues.” A brief city tour will take you to the city’s liveliest street, Beale Street, where the Blues and other types of music are played nightly in almost a dozen clubs. Travel along historic Front Street, once known as Cotton Row, in the days when cotton traders and merchants conducted business here.

Optional visit to Graceland, the home of Elvis Presley.

day 11 Memphis-Nashville

Today you will continue on to Nashville, known as the capital of Country and Western music. The city earned its title with the first airing of the WSM Barn Dance radio program, the forerunner of the Grand Ole Opry. The newly renovated Ryman Auditorium in downtown Nashville, once home of the Grand Ole Opry, the studios near Music Row, and Opryland itself attest to Nashville’s reputation as the most important city in Country and Western music.

day 12 Nashville-Chattanooga-Atlanta

Leaving Music City, we head to Chattanooga, home to the famous Choo Choo and which has received national recognition for the renaissance of its beautiful downtown and redevelopment of its riverfront. In the afternoon, our trails lead us back to Atlanta where our tour comes to an end. Your tour director will be available to assist you in arranging individual transfers to Atlanta International Airport.

Inclusions twin share, tour director, deluxe coach, porterage, service charges, taxes.

Sightseeing Road to Tara Museum and Stately Oaks Plantation, Atlanta, Charleston, Beaufort, Trolley tour of Savannah, Antebellum Home Natchez, Memphis, Nashville- visit the famous honky tonks..

Hotels Atlanta-Holiday Inn Express, Charleston-Holiday Inn Charleston, Savannah-Clarion inn, Tallahassee-Courtyard by Marriott, New Orleans-Staybridge French Quarter., Natchez-The Vue, Memphis-Guest House Graceland, Nashville-Clarion Hotel Downtown (or similar).

Notes: All bookings are made only on English spoken tour departures, however some tours may be modified to multilingual (2 languages) at short notice. Tours are subject to change without notice pending climatic and local traffic conditions.