



SOLAR ECLIPSE IN CHARLESTON

featuring two nights at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel



7 DAYS • 10 MEALS

2017 Departure Date:
August 16 - August 22





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The Mayflower Way

- ✓ 10 Meals (3 dinners, 1 lunch and 6 breakfasts)
- ✓ Round trip airport transfers
- ✓ Spend 2 nights at the historic Jekyll Island Club Hotel, once the playground of the Rockefeller and Vanderbilt families
- ✓ Narrated tram tour of Jekyll Island, a Golden Isle rich with majestic oak trees, Spanish moss and palmetto
- ✓ Visit St. Simons Island, the largest of the Golden Isles
- ✓ Visit Fort McAllister Historic Park, the best preserved earthwork fortification of the Confederacy
- ✓ Spend 2 nights in the Historic District of Savannah, the "Belle of the South"
- ✓ Guided trolley tour of Savannah, the city deemed "too beautiful to burn" by General Sherman during the Civil War
- ✓ Dinner at Mrs. Wilkes' Boarding House, steeped in Savannah history
- ✓ Enjoy quaint Tybee Island with its historic lighthouse
- ✓ Visit Hilton Head, one of the world's premier resort communities
- ✓ Stop at Beaufort, known for its southern hospitality and historic homes
- ✓ Spend 2 nights in the heart of Charleston's Historic District
- ✓ Guided tour of Charleston, regarded as one of the most beautiful cities in America
- ✓ Witness the 2017 Solar Eclipse from a specially-selected viewing location with buffet lunch
- ✓ Farewell evening dinner cruise of beautiful Charleston Harbor
- ✓ \$35 in Mayflower Money

DAY ONE – Arrive at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel

Welcome to the beautiful South. We arrive in Jacksonville, Florida, today and climb aboard our transfer to the romantic Victorian-style hotel, Jekyll Island Club Hotel, originally built as an exclusive island getaway for the Rockefeller and Vanderbilt families. Tonight, get to know your Tour Manager and fellow traveling companions at a welcome dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Jekyll Island Club. *(Dinner)*

DAY TWO – Jekyll Island and the Golden Isles

We begin the day with a narrated tram tour of Jekyll Island's National Landmark Historic District and hear the fascinating stories of the island's beginnings and development by the "rich and



Explore Savannah on a tram tour



Walk along the Battery on the Harbor in Charleston, South Carolina



famous” of the late 1800s. In the afternoon we visit the largest of the Golden Isles, St. Simons, where Spanish moss-draped oaks line the island’s charming streets. See St. Simons Lighthouse, in operation since 1872, and Bloody Marsh, where British and Scottish soldiers defeated the Spanish. The balance of the day is free to relax and enjoy the natural beauty of the Jekyll Island Club. (Breakfast)

DAY THREE – Fort McAllister and Historic Savannah

This morning we make a stop at Fort McAllister Historic Park. Located on the banks of the Ogeechee River, Fort McAllister showcases the best preserved earthwork fortification of the Confederacy. Nestled among giant live oaks and Spanish moss, the grounds feature palisades, cannons, a furnace, barracks and more. We arrive in Savannah, the “Belle of the South” and discover why General Sherman found this city much too beautiful to burn during the Civil War. On a narrated trolley tour our driver guide recounts the tales and secrets of the stately mansions of the lovely squares of Savannah’s Historic District. Pass the 1820 birthplace of Juliette Gordon Low, founder of the Girl Scouts, the squares and streets where movies such as *Forrest Gump* and *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* were filmed. (Breakfast)

DAY FOUR – Tybee Island and Free Time in Savannah

This morning it’s off to Tybee Island to visit the lighthouse that has been the guardian of the Savannah River since 1736. We visit the museum that features exhibits of early life on the island, and if you are feeling adventurous, take the exhilarating walk up the 154-foot-tall lighthouse. Later, feel free to discover the many shops along River Street and enjoy the beauty of the quaint squares perfect for relaxing. Tonight, dinner is served family-style at Mrs. Wilkes’ Boarding House, a Savannah legend. (Breakfast and dinner)

DAY FIVE – Hilton Head and Beaufort

En route to Charleston today we make a stop at Hilton Head and the Sea Pines Plantation where we learn of the island’s early history, its role in the Civil War and its development into one of the world’s premier resort communities. Then, we stop in charming Beaufort, one of only a handful of towns in the nation that has had its entire downtown designated an historic district

by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Beaufort is known for its southern hospitality, scenic waterfront charm, quaint shops and historic homes. (Breakfast)

DAY SIX – Solar Eclipse Day

We begin our solar eclipse day with a guided tour of Charleston, widely regarded as one of the most beautiful and historic cities in America. Through the stories of those who founded Charleston, the local guide makes history come alive along these antebellum home-lined streets. See the Old Market and Exchange and the famous “Battery at the Harbor,” which overlooks Fort Sumter. Then we are whisked away to our specially-selected location to view one of the earth’s great wonders, a total solar eclipse. Special protective eye-wear and a buffet lunch will be provided for this once-in-a-lifetime event. In the evening, enjoy a narrated dinner cruise on beautiful Charleston Harbor, a perfect ending to a wonderful adventure.

(Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

DAY SEVEN – Home

Bid a fond farewell to Charleston and leave with wonderful memories of the South’s most beautiful cities. (Breakfast)



The Hilton Head Lighthouse guards the harbor

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Historic Savannah

2017 DEPARTURE	PER PERSON TWIN ROOM	SINGLE ROOM
August 16	\$2,999	add \$929



Pricing includes: Land package, Central and Northeast Minnesota select pickup locations, round trip Minneapolis air, and transfers.

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days One and Two – Jekyll Island Club Hotel, Jekyll Island, Georgia

Days Three and Four – Hilton DeSoto Historic Historic District, Savannah, Georgia

Days Five and Six – Holiday Inn Historic District, Charleston, South Carolina

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

EASY **1** **2** **3** **4** **5** ENERGETIC

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – \$150

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

- 61 days and more – deposit amount
 - 60 – 31 days – 20% of the tour cost
 - 30 – 15 days – 30% of the tour cost
 - 14 – 1 day prior – 40% of the tour cost
 - Day of departure or early departure from tour – 100% of the tour cost
- No refund on unused portion

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