

Savannah, Georgia

About Savannah:

Savannah is proud to be home to one of the largest National Landmark Historic Districts in the United States. This 2.5-mile district, which runs from River Street to Forsyth Park, features plenty of quaint shops, charming boutiques and world-class restaurants nestled beneath a canopy of Live Oak trees. Georgia's First City also features stunning examples of Federal, Italianate, Georgian and Victorian architecture.

The Historic District's 22 squares, which formed a vital part of General James Edward Oglethorpe's original city plan when he founded Savannah in 1733, serve as the heart and soul of downtown Savannah and have been widely praised for their beauty. Southern hospitality still reigns supreme in Savannah, a city with three centuries of history. Take the time to stroll down cobblestone streets and enjoy all that the Historic District has to offer.

Where is Savannah?

Located just west of Georgia's coast, you can reach this historic city via Interstate 95 (north/south) or Interstate 16 (east/west) which intersect there, just 10 miles west of the Historic District.

Getting to Savannah by air:

The Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport connects with 16 non-stop destinations. Scheduled airlines include AirTran, American Eagle, Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Comair, Continental Express, Delta, Delta Connection, Northwest, United Express, US Airways and US Airways Express. For more information, visit www.savannahairport.com/airlines.php.

Savannah Car Rental Companies:

- Avis – 912-964-1781
- Budget – 800-527-0700
- Economy – 912-352-7042
- Enterprise – 800-Rent-A-Car

Savannah Taxicab Companies:

- Checker Yellow Cab - 912-236-1133
- Magikal Taxi Service - 912-897-8294

Getting to Savannah by Rail:

Savannah is a major stop on [Amtrak's Palmetto and Silver Service](#) between New York and Miami. Daily service to and from Savannah is available aboard the Silver Star and Silver Meteor. Passengers can travel coach or, with reservations, first-class in superliner sleeping cars. Sightseeing lounge cars are also available.

Getting to Savannah by Bus:

Buses travel around the clock, so visitors can travel to Savannah by day or night from all over the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Collide Lodging Options:

A block of rooms has been set aside at the Country Inn and Suites—Historic District. The hotel is located at 320 Montgomery Street. The phone number at the hotel is (912) 921-5300. For more information about the hotel, access their website at http://www.countryinns.com/savannahga_historic.

Things to Do in Savannah:

River Street

Address: River St, Savannah, GA 31401

No trip to Savannah is complete without a trip down world-famous River Street. Lined with shops and restaurants on one side and bordered by the Savannah River on the other, River Street is a great place to sightsee, eat seafood, buy souvenirs, and watch the huge ships go by.

City Market

Address: W Saint Julian St, Savannah, GA 31401

A long-lived Savannah tradition, the original City Market opened in 1755 as a fish, game, and produce market. Although the historic structure no longer stands, the Historical Savannah Foundation constructed a new market on the same property. Today, this charming town center houses art galleries, specialty shops, restaurants and more.

Forsyth Park

Address: Bull St, between Park and Gaston, Savannah, GA

A tiered, cast-iron fountain is the focal point of this lovely 30-acre park. The fountain, purchased from France in 1851, was also featured in the movie *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. Forsyth Park itself is a great place to take a walk, snap a few photos, or have a picnic.

Tybee Island Beach

Address: Tybee Island, GA

Formerly known as Savannah Beach, this beach on Tybee Island has long been known as the Atlantic Ocean playground for Savannah. To reach it from downtown Savannah, take I-80 East. You can't miss it! Make a day of the beach, complete with shopping, food, and sun.

Carriage Tours of Savannah

Address: 10 Warner St, Savannah, GA 31402

These horse-drawn carriage tours through the Historic District are narrated and last about an hour, enlightening riders about the city's heritage and colorful past. Afternoon and evening tours are available. Call for reservations.

Bonaventure Cemetery

Address: 330 Bonaventure Rd, Savannah, GA 31404

This mesmerizing cemetery is a beautiful place to visit to view intricate funereal statues, including a famous one of a small girl who died at age six (included in many of the city's ghost tours). Graves range from 1820 to the present.

Telfair Museum of Art

Address: 121 Barnard St, Savannah, GA 31401-3612

The oldest public arts museum in the South, Telfair presents a great collection of American and European paintings, sculpture, and special exhibits.

The Savannah Walks

Address: 123 E Congress St, Savannah, GA 31401

This company offers walking tours of Savannah, including theme variations that highlight homes, the Civil War, ghosts, Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil, churches, and graveyards. The excursions are a great way to see the city without contributing to air pollution and traffic congestion.

Colonial Park Cemetery

Address: 201 W Oglethorpe Ave, Savannah, GA

This central city graveyard is the resting place of many early Savannah residents, especially from the 1750-1853 time frame. Buried here, for instance, is Buttin Gwinnett, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The cemetery is also a highlight on many of the city's famous ghost tours.

Mercer Williams House Museum

Address: 429 Bull St, Savannah, GA 31401

Built in 1871, this house is one of the most beautiful homes in Savannah and also one of the most famous. Formerly owned by Jim Williams, it was featured in both the book and the movie Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil.

For more information about Savannah, visit: <http://www.savcvb.com>.