

SAVANNAH, GA



Savannah, Georgia's first city, will charm you with its beautifully restored homes, its tree-filled squares and its historic past. Georgia was founded in 1733



by James Oglethorpe and was the thirteenth and final American colony. It was named after England's King George II and Savannah became its first city. Oglethorpe laid the city out in a series of grids that allowed for wide open streets intertwined with shady public squares and parks that served as town meeting places and centers of business. Savannah had 24 original squares with 21 still in existence. These squares make Savannah a beautiful city and add to its truly Southern charm. Tall live oaks dripping with Spanish moss, along with fountains and statuaries, fill the squares, making the city one of America's most popular vacation spots.

Below is a small sampling of things to do and see in Savannah.

ATTRACTIONS

Savannah Riverboat Tour:

Want to see a different view of Savannah? Take a cruise on the Savannah River Queen, a replica 19th century stern-wheel riverboat. Daily one-hour sightseeing cruises, as well as lunch and dinner cruises, are offered from River Street.



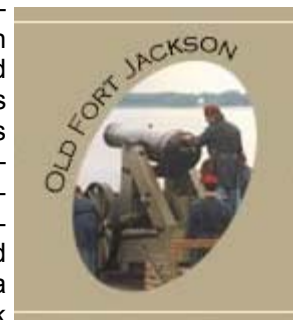
Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum:

See artifact collections from the Mighty Eighth Air Force, whose headquarters were founded in Savannah in 1942. The Mighty Eighth's bombers and



fighters operated during WWII and continue to be an important component of the US Air Force's Air Combat Command. The museum contains thousands of historical objects, including three-dimensional items ranging from flight gear to materials crafted by veterans during their stay in POW camps.

Old Fort Jackson: Old Fort Jackson is the oldest standing fort in Georgia. Begun in 1808 and used in the War of 1812, it saw its greatest use as the headquarters for the Confederate river defenses during the Civil War. Visitors today can see military hardware including projectiles and cannons from the CSS Georgia, a Confederate ironclad that is sunk in the Savannah River. This is one of Savannah's most popular tourist attractions. A special program, including dinner at the fort, can be arranged for groups



Ships of the Sea Museum: Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum exhibits ship models, paintings and maritime antiques, principally from the great era of Atlantic trade and travel between England and America during the 18th and 19th centuries. It is housed in the elegant home built for the president of Savannah Steamship Company, William Scarbrough. The site also boasts a delightful garden area.



City Tour: There are several ways to tour the city of Savannah. One is on the horse-drawn carriage rides available in the city. Another is with various trolley tours that are offered, and still another



is a walking guided tour. All tour the historic downtown squares and waterfront area, and some include admission to an historic home in the city. Savannah is a lovely town and you won't want to leave without seeing it up close.

Roundhouse Railroad Museum: Savannah's Central of Georgia Railway National Landmark District is the oldest and most complete Antebellum railroad manufacturing and repair facility still in existence in the US. Thirteen of the original structures, built in 1845, are still standing. The Roundhouse Railroad Museum now has permanent exhibits in five of the structures. Included are steam engines, belt-driven machinery, locomotives and railroad rolling stock, and model railroad layouts.



Fort Pulaski: Fort Pulaski was taken by Union troops in April of 1862 when they directed the first rifled cannon fire at the fort, breaching the southeast angle. The accuracy and range of rifled cannon rendered brick fortifications obsolete. The fort was the first military assignment for the young Robert E. Lee. This remarkably intact example of 19th century military architecture, with its estimated 25 million brick and 7.5 foot thick walls, is preserved for future generations.

