## FSB's Connect Club presents...

# Southern Charm Holiday

December 13 – 19, 2020



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**7 Days ● 9 Meals**: 6 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Historic Charleston, Choice on Tour, Boone Hall Plantation & Gardens, James Island County Park Holiday Display, Savannah, St. Simons Island, Jekyll Island, Christmas Caroling

#### **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

- Days 1, 2 Hyatt Place Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina
  Days 3, 4 Doubletree Historic Savannah, Savannah, Georgia
- Days 5, 6 Jekyll Island Club, Jekyll Island, Georgia

  On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Sunday, December 13, 2020 Charleston, South Carolina - Tour Begins Revel in the holiday hospitality in America's southeast. Come to know its rich history and traditions on this scenic and festive tour highlighted by stays in Charleston, Savannah and Jekyll Island.

Day 2: Monday, December 14, 2020 Charleston A city that has defied all odds, Charleston has survived the Civil War, major fires, an earthquake and hurricanes - and still exudes elegance, charm and grace. Choose how you see the city because today it's your choice! Stroll through Charleston's historic center with a local guide, exploring hidden alleys and quaint areas that are only accessible by foot **-OR**- set out on a panoramic coach tour with a local guide to see the best of the city. Each choice includes a stop at the battery overlooking Fort Sumter where the first shots of the Civil War were fired in 1861. Make your way to City Market, one of the oldest public markets in America. The bustling market is also the central hub for Gullah sweetgrass basketry, an intricate handicraft of African origin. This afternoon, explore Boone Hall Plantation & Gardens. Experience Southern living and come to know one of America's oldest plantations, beautifully decorated for the holidays. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant before visiting James Island County Park, where over 500,000 lights provide you with an enchanting 3-mile driving tour. (B, D)

Day 3: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 Charleston - Savannah, Georgia Enjoy a morning at leisure to explore Charleston on your own. Perhaps you will join an optional horse-and-carriage tour with lunch. Later, travel down the coast through South Carolina's Low Country to historic Savannah. This evening, spend some time exploring Factors Walk and River Street, where old cotton warehouses have been converted into trendy shops, taverns and restaurants. (B)

Day 4: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 Savannah Take in the ambiance of the "Old South" with a holiday-themed trolley tour highlighting Savannah's sprawling Historic District. Lively, informative commentary brings the city to life as you travel along the cobblestone-paved streets and beneath moss-draped oaks. Allow the stately mansions, beautiful squares and romantic riverfront promenades to capture your heart. The rest of the afternoon is yours to do as you wish. Perhaps you will join an optional walking tour and lunch to get a closer look at some of Savannah's elegant gates and secret gardens. Tonight, gather at a popular local restaurant on Savannah's famous River Street for a cooking demonstration and dinner showcasing regional culinary specialties. (B, D)

Day 5: Thursday, December 17, 2020 Savannah - St. Simons Island - Jekyll Island Journey to Georgia's legendary Gold Coast and visit quaint St. Simons Island. See its striking 106-foot tall lighthouse before stepping into the past at the Museum of Coastal History. Enjoy time to explore the area on your own, meandering along the unique shops and restaurants in the village. Continue on to the exclusive Jekyll Island Club hotel, your home for the next two nights. (B)

Day 6: Friday, December 18, 2020 Jekyll Island Situated grandly in the middle of the Golden Isles, Jekyll Island was once the beloved vacation spot for prominent families, including the Rockefellers, the Vanderbilts and J.P. Morgan. With a morning at leisure, take a complimentary tour of the Jekyll Island Club hotel or just enjoy the old-world ambiance of this iconic island resort, beautifully decorated for the holidays. Gather for a tram ride that brings you on a tour of the island and the Jekyll Island Historic Landmark District – one of the nation's largest restoration projects. This afternoon, find yourself in the holiday spirit with Christmas caroling and refreshments. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner at the Jekyll Island Club hotel. (*B*, *D*)

Day 7: Saturday, December 19, 2020 Jekyll Island - Jacksonville, Florida - Tour Ends As your tour draws to a close, leave for home







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with memories of a trip well-traveled. Your days spent experiencing Southern holiday charm and gracious hospitality will stay dear to your heart for years to come. (B)

### Experience It! Jekyll Island

Situated in the Atlantic Ocean off the Georgia coast lies Jekyll Island, the smallest of Georgia's barrier islands. In 1886, Jekyll Island was transformed from a quiet little island into an exclusive winter retreat for America's rich and famous and became known as the Jekyll Island Club. The Rockefellers, Morgans and Pulitzers were a few of the families that vacationed here in its heyday. Today, the island is owned by the State of Georgia which has implemented restrictions on development that leaves one third of the island to nature preserves. Its open spaces, pristine beaches, quaint shopping and dining district, and a fascinating historical museum have made this island flourish over the recent decades.

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