



## LOUDOUN COUNTY SENIOR TRIPS PROGRAM



### Myrtle Beach & the Best of the Low Country

March 9-16, 2019

7 Nights – 8 Days

This exceptional trip to the Low Country includes many hidden gems and unique tours. Enjoy a variety of activities including shows, plantation tours, cruises and gardens. You'll experience a variety of culinary delights as well, with 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 7 dinners included.

#### Day One – Saturday, March 9, 2019

Depart via motor coach from Loudoun County Senior Center to **Myrtle Beach, SC**. Check into your local area **Oceanfront Hotel** before **enjoying dinner included** at **Thoroughbreds Restaurant**. Arrive for seating at the **Alabama Theatre** and experience the **"Coasters, Drifters, Platters Show"**. Enjoy an evening filled with classic Motown songs of the 50's and 60's. Original Drifters hits like "Under the Boardwalk", "This Magic Moment", "Up on the Roof", "Save the Last Dance for Me", and "On Broadway". The Coasters are an American rhythm and blues/rock and roll vocal group that had a string of hits in the late 1950s. Although the Coasters originated outside of mainstream doo-wop, their records were so frequently imitated that they became an important part of the doo-wop legacy through the 1960s. They became known as the *"Clown Princes of Rock N Roll"* for their humorous rock and roll songs with a solid rhythm and blues underpinning. You'll listen to their hits like "Yakety Yak", "Charlie Brown", "Searchin'" and "Young Blood". Hear Platters hits like "Only You (And You Alone)", "The Great Pretender", "(You've Got) The Magic Touch", "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" and "With This Ring". **(D)**

#### Day Two – Sunday, March 10, 2019

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning before embarking on a **Saltwater Marsh Eco Tour of Murrells Inlet** via **Sunset & Sealife Cruises**. Discover the natural beauty of South Carolina's saltwater marshes on this family-friendly, educational and entertaining outing. Enjoy lunch included at **Dead Dog Saloon**, a sprawling waterfront tavern serving bar food & seafood favorites, with live music & outdoor seating. This afternoon, explore **Brookgreen Gardens**, a must-see sculpture garden and wildlife preserve, named one of the Top 10 Gardens in the US by TripAdvisor. Depart with **box dinner**. Take your seats at **Carolina Opry**, a musical variety theatre that is the first in Myrtle Beach and the ONLY one to receive the Governor's Cup, the only theater to be designated "Most Outstanding Attraction" by the state of South Carolina, the only theater to be called "Top Myrtle Beach Attraction" by CNBC and the only theater to be voted #1 every single year. **(B, L, D)**

### Day Three – Monday, March 11, 2019

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel prior to checking out. Today we head to Charleston with a stop in Mt. Pleasant for a **Tractor Tour of Boone Hall Plantation** one of America's oldest working plantations, continually growing crops for over 320 years. The antebellum era plantation is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Guests load up in front of the **Butterfly Cafe** on a trailer with covered bench seats for a 30-40 minute tractor ride tour around the entire 738 acres that make up the property. This ride covers one end of the farm to the other...both geographically and historically. Guides will share stories and information about the different aspects of Boone Hall's agricultural history. **Tour the Plantation House.** Guided tours of the first floor allow guests to see how this Georgian-designed home blends recovered materials and antique furnishings to recreate an atmosphere that would have surrounded a Coastal Carolina planter's family and his guests. This 30 minute tour begins on the front porch and is given by a well-informed guide in historical dress. Enjoy a **Gullah lunch.** Boone Hall Plantation is the only plantation in the South Carolina Low country to present a live presentation of the unique Gullah culture adapted by African slaves. Visit **Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum** this afternoon, home of the USS Yorktown Aircraft Carrier, USS Laffey Destroyer, USS Clamagore Submarine, a 3-Acre Vietnam Experience, Medal of Honor Museum, and 28 Historic Aircraft. Check into your **Charleston area hotel** before enjoying **dinner included at Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. (B, L, D)**

### Day Four – Tuesday, March 12, 2019

After **breakfast** this morning, depart for **Middleton Place Plantation**, one of the oldest and finest landscaped gardens in America. It is a National Historic Landmark and a carefully preserved 18th-century plantation that has survived revolution, Civil War, and earthquake. It was the home of many generations of Middleton's, beginning with Henry Middleton, President of the First Continental Congress. Sweeping views, intimate garden rooms, and ornamental waters highlight the garden. Enjoy free time and **lunch on own at City Market**, spanning four blocks and home to more than 300 vibrant entrepreneurs. Sweet grass basket weavers can be seen in every building, along with local artists, jewelry, tapestry, souvenirs, church dolls, afghans, rugs, rice, beans and sauces, local candies and cookies and much more. This afternoon take a **Horse Drawn Carriage Ride through historic Charleston, South Carolina.** Rich in over 300 years of history, Charleston is one of the most beautifully preserved historic and architectural treasures in the nation. Significant and lovely structures, beautiful gardens, and centuries-old homes grace the narrow streets. Church bells toll the hour as history unfolds around each and every corner. Arrive for **Fort Sumter Cruise** to spend approximately an hour on the grounds of the historic monument, which is where the Civil War began. Decades of growing political tension around the issue of slavery between North and South had erupted in civil war on April 12, 1861 when Confederate artillery opened fire on this Federal fort in Charleston Harbor. Fort Sumter surrendered 34 hours later. Union forces would try for nearly four years to take it back. Return to the hotel to freshen up before dinner included at a **Charleston Crab House. (B, D)**

### Day Five – Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning prior to checking out and departing for **Savannah, GA** where you will meet your guide for a tour of **Tybee Island**, a barrier island and small city near Savannah known for wide, sandy beaches. Visit **Wormsloe Historic Plantation.** A breathtaking avenue sheltered by live oaks and Spanish moss leads to the tabby ruins of Wormsloe, the colonial estate of Noble Jones (1702–1775). Jones was a humble carpenter who arrived in Georgia in 1733 with James Oglethorpe and the first group of settlers from England. Visit **Old Fort Jackson**, a restored 19th-century fort located on the Savannah River, two miles east of the city of Savannah. It is a National Historic Landmark and the oldest standing brick fort in Georgia. Enjoy lunch on own. Visit **Tybee Island Light Station and Museum**, the still-functioning 18th-century lighthouse has been rebuilt many times. Enjoy a **Dolphin Cruise.** Check into your Savannah area hotel before enjoying **dinner included at The Pirate's House**, a long-running pirate themed restaurant offering hearty Southern fare in a rustic, historic inn. **(B, D)**

### Day Six – Thursday, March 14, 2019

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning prior to embarking on a **2-hour Trolley Tour of the city**, followed by a day pass to explore on own. See all 2.2 square miles of Savannah’s rich history, splendid mansions in both the Historic and Victorian Districts, and beautiful squares. The extraordinary architecture, lush botanicals, and captivating stories of this historic, coastal city make for an unforgettable vacation experience. **You may want to visit historic homes such as:** Davenport House, Juliette Gordon Lowe Birthplace, Owens-Thomas House, Andrew Low House, William Scarbrough House (Maritime Museum), Telfair Museum of Arts and Sciences, Green-Meldrim House, Harper-Fowlkes House, Comer House, Hamilton-Turner Inn, Kehoe House, Mercer-Williams House, Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home, Oglethorpe Club, Philbrick-Eastman House, Pink House, Pirates House, Sorrel-Weed House or the Oliver Sturges House (*Many sites will require an additional fee; not included*) **OR:** Visit **City Market** and enjoy lunch on own. **Enjoy dinner included at Paula Deen’s The Lady & Sons Restaurant** before returning to the hotel for the evening. **(B, D)**

### Day Seven – Friday, March 15, 2019

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel prior to checking out. Visit **The Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden**. Experience a place that is alternately beautiful, whimsical, educational, and inspiring. Pearl Fryar (born 1940) is an African-American topiary artist living in Bishopville, South Carolina. His garden contains over 400 individual plants, and few are spared from his skilled trimming. His extraordinary topiary is complemented by his “junk art” sculptures placed throughout the garden. Pearl’s garden is a living testament to one man’s firm belief in the results of positive thinking, hard work, and perseverance, and his dedication to spreading a message of “love, peace, and goodwill.” Enjoy lunch included at **Harry & Harry Too Restaurant**, before departing for **Rocky Mount, NC**. Enjoy **dinner included at The Prime Smokehouse**, a Texas-style barbecue with Southern cooking and drinks, live jazz & blues and art on the walls. Check in to **your Rocky Mount area hotel**. **(B, L, D)**

### Day Eight – Saturday, March 16, 2019

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel prior to checking out. Visit the **Country Doctor Museum**, and learn about the history of rural health care in the United States. Created in 1967 by a group of energetic women from North Carolina, whose initial interest was to build a lasting memorial for rural physicians, the Museum's collection has grown to over 5,000 medical artifacts and many volumes of historic texts gathered from across the nation. The interpretive range also expanded from rural doctors to include topics such as nursing, pharmaceuticals, and home remedies. Visit the **Imperial Centre for the Arts & Sciences**, one of the premier cultural facilities on the eastern seaboard. Occupying the combined former sites of the Imperial Tobacco Company and old Braswell Memorial Library in downtown Rocky Mount, the complex houses an Arts Center, Children’s Museum & Science Center, and community performing arts theatre. Renovations resulted in a state-of-the-art facility that preserves the historic aspects of the original buildings. Enjoy a **buffet lunch at Gardner’s Barbecue** with Carolina barbecue, fried chicken & Southern side dishes served buffet-style in a down-home setting before departing for home. **(B, L)**

**DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$2120 Member / \$2165 Non-Member**  
**SINGLE OCCUPANCY: \$2732 Member / \$2777 Non-Member**

**Tour Includes:**

- Hotel Accommodations for Seven (7) Nights
- Seven (7) Breakfasts, Four (4) Lunches and Seven (7) Dinners
- Admissions and guide service as stated in the itinerary, taxes and gratuity

**4 Equal Installment Payments**

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