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DAY 1 ~ SAVANNAH

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- Entrance Gibbes Art Museum
- Entrance Nathaniel-Russell House
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DAY 3 ~ BONAVENTURE CEMETERY / CHARLESTON

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Gone With the Wind

Day 4: Charleston

NATHANIEL-RUSSELL HOUSE MUSEUM

The aristorcatic grounds of Drayton Hall

The antebellum grounds of Drayton Hall

The famous pineapple fountain in Charleston Waterfront Park

A hot bowl of traditional ‘She Crab’ soup

Dr. Susan J. Rawles

Associate Curator, American Painting Art

Dr. Rawles has been with the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, serving previously as Assistant Curator of American Decorative Art and Research Associate for the American Art Department. A specialist in American material culture of the colonial and revolutionary periods, Rawles has written and lectured on topics ranging from colonial portraiture to period interiors. Part of the 2010 reinstallation team for VAFA’s American art galleries, she co-authored the accompanying publication, American Art at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.
DAY 1 ~ SAVANNAH

BRICE HOTEL. (D)

Arrive today in the charming and historic city of Savannah, settle into your hotel, located within the beautifully preserved antebellum area of Reynolds Square. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner at The Old Pink House, an 18th-century culinary landmark in Savannah.

DAY 2 ~ SAVANNAH

BRICE HOTEL. (BD)

Let the misty past of Savannah overtake you on a guided tour of the city. In the morning, immerse yourself in Savannah’s Historic District, taking in some of its famous squares and cemeteries as you wind your way toward the City Market, where you will enjoy lunch on your own. You will have time at leisure to visit the Jepson Center, one of three museum sites comprising the Telfair Museums. Visit the Owens Thomas House, arguably the most popular house in Savannah. This evening, enjoy dinner at Paula Dean’s signature restaurant, The Lady and Son’s, which showcases her interpretation of Southern comfort food. Afterwards, face the unknown on a ghost tour of what is considered to be “America’s Most Haunted City”.

DAY 3 ~ BONAVENTURE CEMETERY/CHARLESTON

THE FRANCIS MARION HOTEL. (B)

Begin your day early with a visit to the iconic Bonaventure Cemetery, replete with oak trees dripping with Spanish moss and the weathered headstones. Leave Savannah behind and drive a short two hours through the lush Lowcountry, passing tidal rivers, marshes, and golden sand dunes to Charleston, located on a peninsula that separates the Ashley and Cooper Rivers. Visit one of the oldest public markets in America, featuring tasty local treats and Charleston’s iconic and exquisitely-woven sweetgrass baskets, crafted by Gullah artisans. Along Market Street, you’ll find an array of local arts, crafts, and edible delights including a local favorite: pecan praline. Your home in Charleston will be the sumptuous Francis Marion Hotel, located next to a picturesque intersection of King and Calhoun streets on Marion’s Square. The Marion puts you in the heart of the revitalized Upper King Street, which features an extensive selection of award-winning restaurants. Explore the grounds of the prestigious College of Charleston, the oldest university in the United States whose founders include signers of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. For dinner, try the Creek Soup at the incomparable Poogan’s Perch or any one of the other excellent dining establishments in historic Charleston such as Halls Chophouse, The Ordinary, or The Macintosh. For a more casual meal, try The Frog and the Onion, you’ll find oysters and martinis at 39 Rue The Ordinary, or The MacIntosh. For a more casual meal, try The Frog and the Onion, or one of the other excellent dining establishments in Charleston. Head downtown, an area defined by its history and visit the waterfront Charleston’s most important institutions, the Gibbes Art Museum, which houses an extensive collection of paintings, sculpture and decorative arts from the Charleston Renaissance. Head downtown, an area defined by its history and visit the waterfront and townhouse of Charleston head merchant Nathaniel Russell. The house is known for its circular dining room and a magnificent self-supporting spiral staircase. Walk to the intersection of Broad and East Bay Street where the Old Exchange Building and the Provost Dungeon still proudly stand. These historic buildings are a testament to the importance of trade in the founding of Charleston. Excavations related to the renovation of the Provost Dungeon have uncovered the original fortifications of Charleston Town which helped to prevent the British from landing settlement from pirates. End your day dining in a Victorian townhouse and enjoy traditional Southern cooking.

DAY 4 ~ CHARLESTON ~ DRAYTON HALL

THE FRANCES MARION HOTEL. (BLD)

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• Entrance to Middleton Place
• Garden tour
• All park and admission fees.
• All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and gratuities for baggage handling.

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Visitor’s Guide

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DAY 6 ~ CHARLESTON (B)

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THE ANACOSTIA GROUNDS OF DRAYTON HALL

The antebellum grounds of Drayton Hall.

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