



"The First Lady of Georgia"

A Overnight tour of Historic Milledgeville

Located in the heart of middle Georgia beneath the sun-dripped shade of towering oaks, Milledgeville still beckons travelers with impressive architecture, historic venues, and natural wonders. A glistening lake, an authentic arboretum, and cultural treasures abound. Stroll through Milledgeville's perfectly charming downtown, or take a trolley ride through the Antebellum Capital.

Morning:

Begin your day with a guided tour of the Historic District given by the Convention & Visitors Bureau. The tour can include stops at Lockerly Hall, the Old State Capitol, St. Stephens Episcopal Church, and the Stetson-Sanford House.

Then you may want to take a stroll through beautiful downtown Milledgeville during lunch. Enjoy a meal at one of our city's unique restaurants or shop for antiques, clothes, jewelry, and many other items at the boutiques and shops.

Afternoon:

After lunch you will want to take a tour of the **Old Governor's Mansion**. This National Historic Landmark served as home to the governors of Georgia until 1868 and was claimed by Sherman during his infamous "March to the Sea." The Mansion has now been restored to its 1851 appearance in an award winning restoration process.

Milledgeville has more to offer than just beautiful museums and historic buildings. For the garden lover, try a tour of breathtaking **Lockerly Arboretum**. Lockerly showcases flora native to the Piedmont area cataloged on fifty acres of the former plantation. Home to over 3,000 kinds of plants from around the world, this former plantation is a living museum with outdoor and indoor classrooms.

*times and dates vary seasonally

When you have completed your day, wind down in one of distinctive restaurants or local watering hole! Get a good night's rest and prepare yourself for the next day's activities!

Day Two

Morning:

Begin your day at the home of famous Southern writer Flannery O'Connor. **Andalusia**, the picturesque farm where the celebrated author gathered ideas for many of her works and stories, was where O'Connor wrote two novels and many short stories until her death in 1964.

Also not to be missed is **Georgia's Old Capital Museum**. Located in the bottom floor of the Old State Capitol, here you can experience real Civil War history in the building where Georgia legislators voted to secede from the Union. In addition you can learn about the Native Americans that occupied the area prior to European settlement.

Afternoon:

At this point the group may want to grab a bite to eat or head over to **Memory Hill Cemetery**. In existence since 1803, Memory Hill is the second oldest cemetery in Georgia. Many notable people associated with Milledgeville and Georgia history are buried here. Stop at the gazebo and grab a map showing the burial locations of people such as U.S. Congressmen Carl Vinson, Train Robber Bill Miner, founder of Central State Hospital Dr. Tomlinson Fort and Flannery O'Connor.

We invite you to linger some more in our historic downtown before you embark on your journey back home but don't forget to pick up a souvenir to remind you of your time in Milledgeville...Georgia's Antebellum Capital.

Annual Events

SPRING

Antebellum Trail Pilgrimage – April, Annually – Comprised of seven communities, this Pilgrimage will transport visitors back in time as they visit historic homes, experience authentic battle sites, view impressive architecture and tour magnificent museums. Visit www.atpilgrimage.com or call (800)709-7406 for more information.

Georgia College & State University Jazz Fest – April, Annually – Located on front campus of GC&SU. Please call (478) 445-4226 for more information.

FALL

Deep Roots Festival – October, Annually – Community festival held in downtown Milledgeville. Please call (478) 414-4014 for more information or visit www.deeproofsfestival.com.

WINTER

Antebellum Christmas at Old Governor's Mansion – December, annually – Throughout the month of December, the Old Governor's Mansion will transform itself into a showplace of authentic antebellum Christmas décor. Special events will include candlelight tours of the museum, concerts by local choirs and musical groups, and much more. Please call the Old Governor's Mansion at (478) 445-4545 or visit www.gcsu.edu/mansion for more information.

Children's Victorian Christmas - December, annually - The Brown-Stetson-Sanford House, c.1825, will be transformed into pre-war Christmas for a middle class family. Please call (478) 453-1803 for more information.

Marketing Aids

- We can custom design a group tour to meet your specific requirements.
- Step-on Guides for your bus or motorcoach are available upon request.
- We can provide suggested itineraries or arrange FAM tours
- If your trip includes staying overnight in Milledgeville, we will be happy to arrange restaurant reservations, accommodations or additional attractions for your group so they may experience true southern hospitality.

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