

TOP OF THE LINE TOURS

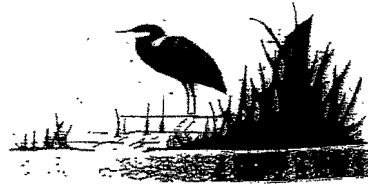


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St. Simons & Jekyll Island, GA

May 1 – 2, 2012

Tuesday – Wednesday



DAY ONE – TUESDAY – MAY 1, 2012

We leave Ashley Landing at 6:15 AM for St. Simons Island and Jekyll Island on the Georgia coast. As we near Georgia we get our first taste of Coastal Georgia as we travel the old highway US 17, today part of History Byways, in the Georgia "Low Country". We meet our step-on guide in Georgia's second oldest British town, Darien, settled by Scots Highlanders. We will then visit Hofwyl Plantation. Here visitors return to an era when great rice plantations flourished along the Altamaha River Delta. From the time William Brailsford acquired "Broadfield" in 1806, until Ophelia Dent's death in 1973, this land remained in the hands of one family. Rice culture thrived here until the Civil War, but the devastation of war, together with erosion and insufficient labor, eventually doomed the rice empire on the Altamaha. There is a special charm at this low country plantation with its simple architecture. Evoking grander times and times of "making do", Hofwyl has been left exactly as it was when lived in by the last of the family. Set in one of the few remaining extensive live oak forests, it is a scene of tranquility and breathtaking beauty. Leaving Hofwyl Plantation, we will travel to Brunswick, GA. for lunch at the Ole Time Country Buffet. After our lunch, we will travel to Jekyll Island, the winter retreat of the Victorian 19th century elite. Today the island is owned by the state of Georgia and considered one of the jewels of our barrier islands on the coast. We will tour the historic district on a tram, with entrance to some of their "roughing it" cottages and Faith Chapel, where they worshipped. Traveling around the north end of the island, we will see where "snowbirds" visit in the winter, and where Major Horton built what may have been the first brewery in America. After the tour we will check into the Sea Palms Hotel and have a wine and cheese reception. We will have time to freshen up before departing for dinner at a popular St. Simons Island restaurant, Bennie's Red Barn. (LUNCH AND DINNER INCLUDED TODAY)

DAY TWO – WEDNESDAY – MAY 2, 2012

After breakfast today our guide will meet us at the hotel for our tour of St. Simons Island. Moss-covered oaks and ocean breezes bring to mind the colorful history of this barrier island just 6 miles off the Georgia coast. Guale Indians in the pre-colonial era, Spanish Missions, colonial settlements and cotton plantations during the 19th century

John and Charles Wesley came to St. Simons as agents for General Oglethorpe when he built an out-post here to guard the town of Savannah from the Spanish in Florida. We will stop at Fort Frederica National Monument (the largest fort ever built by the British in the colonies) and at Christ Church. After lunch, on own, we will depart for Charleston. We should arrive back in Charleston around 5:30 PM (CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST INCLUDED TODAY)

THIS TRIP INCLUDES:

- **R/T transportation via modern motor coach
- **24 – hour services of a tour escort
- **2 Days /1 Nights lodging at Sea Palms Inn on St. Simons Island
- **3 Meals (1 Breakfast / 1 Lunch/1 Dinner)
- **Tram Tour of the Jekyll Island Historic District with entry to two historic buildings
- **Lunch at Ole Time Country Buffet
- **Dinner at Bennie's Red Barn
- **St. Simon Island guided tour
- **Fort Frederica National Monument
- **Christ Church and Churchyard
- **Free time in The Village on St. Simons Island
- **Tour of Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation
- **Top of the Line Tours provides all normal tips and gratuities for bellmen, group meals and local guides. Gratuities for the driver and escort are optional and strictly voluntary.

PRICE PER PERSON:	SINGLE	DOUBLE	TRIPLE	QUAD
MEMBER:	\$302.00	\$269.00	\$259.00	NA
NON MEMBER:	\$317.00	\$282.00	\$272.00	NA

PAYMENT IN FULL IS DUE AT TIME OF BOOKING TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE.

CANCELLATION POLICY: If an individual cancels their trip 31 days or more prior to departure, a refund will be made subject to deductions for any expenses incurred for prepaid items. If a participant cancels less than 30 days prior to departure date, no refunds will be made. Customer may sell their space to another individual. In the event of cancellation by TOP OF THE LINE TOURS, all monies paid will be refunded in full.

TOP OF THE LINE TOURS reserves the right to cancel any tour for conditions beyond our control, including insufficient participation, and to change or modify the itinerary as may be necessary for completion of a tour or the safety of our passengers. We reserve the right to accept or reject any person as a member of our tour at any time. It is our intention to provide congenial traveling companions. Thus, we reserve the right to take individuals off trips at any point if said person disrupts the tour for others. The balance of that person's tour would be refunded.

PLEASE NOTE: We must know in advance if you have a disability that prevents your independence. A traveling companion that will assume full responsibility for your care and mobility must accompany you.