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# HISTORIC SOUTH & GOLDEN ISLES CRUISE

With Women of the Midwest!

**March 20-28, 2024**



Dear Women of the Midwest,

Let us take a step back in time to places steeped in Southern charm and hospitality, rich in history and tradition, and fertile with lush gardens. Experience a simpler time as we visit quaint towns with cobblestone streets adorned with historic homes and gardens, old-fashioned craft- and antique shops, and unparalleled landscapes. Absorb the breathtaking beauty and sweet spring aromas of the ornamental magnolias, camellias, and azaleas as they boldly burst free from their long winter sleep and drench the spring air with the fragrance of romance and less hectic times.

We travel from Charleston to Amelia Island without packing and unpacking; what a joy! Aboard the 48-cabin boutique and luxurious "American Star," we are about to spoil ourselves with an experience of a lifetime! Enjoy seven nights in spacious staterooms, relax in the lounges and outdoor areas, and enjoy incredible Southern cuisine prepared by the best chefs. Oh, and all drinks are included, too; cheers to us!

Experience the soul of the historic South with trolley rides and horse-drawn carriages, and take a stroll through the quaint neighborhoods, exploring life through the eyes of our great American ancestors. Savor the appreciation of the incredible uniqueness of the antebellum architecture, the picturesque streets, and the courtyards of years gone by. Add to this the beautiful sandy beaches and coastline surrounding us throughout this trip! Choose your favorite excursions planned with local experts, historians, and naturalists; there are plenty to choose from. And enjoy world-class entertainment onboard.

Consider joining other like-minded women as we travel solo together on this remarkable journey to the historic South. Get ready to cruise!

Sally Dunham, Ambassador  
Women of the Midwest



Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 402-435-8888. Space is limited.



## Sunset over Charleston



### Historic South & Golden Isles with American Cruise Lines

The Intracoastal Waterway, home to some of the most beautiful historic cities in America, is a protected network of bays, rivers, and canals. Start your journey in Charleston, lined with cobblestone streets and antebellum houses, and where the first shots of the Civil War were heard.

Continue to scenic Beaufort and learn what life was like on a southern plantation from our resident expert in period costume. Enjoy the scenic beaches and abundant wildlife at Hilton Head, before traveling to Savannah to tour its historic districts showcasing 19th-century wealth and opulence.

In Jekyll Island, visit "Millionaire's Village," a National Historic Landmark with 240 acres of extravagant homes and winter cottages built over 100 years ago. On our final stop at Amelia Island, take a river cruise and a walking tour through the Victorian seaport of Fernandina Beach.

Welcome Aboard!



## Fine Dining with Southern Notes

## Spring in the South



### March 20, 2024 - Wednesday Traveling to Charleston

Our wonderful adventure begins as we fly to Charleston, SC. Upon arrival, we meet our local tour director and transfer to our hotel, where we will spend our first night. Originally founded as Charles Towne in 1670, this cultured and refined city is a beautifully preserved treasure. Steeped in history and quintessentially Southern, the city's past is evident in its genteel charm and soul-stirring landscapes.

Time to relax and unwind. Join your fellow travelers for a stroll to enjoy the Southern atmosphere and enjoy dinner at a charming local restaurant. **D**

### March 21, 2024 - Thursday Charleston - Fort Sumter - Embarkation

We will enjoy breakfast and then head out to take a closer look at Charleston, known for its cobblestone streets, gas-lit lamps, and pastel antebellum houses. The scene of Revolutionary War naval battles, legendary pirate tales, and Civil War sieges, the city is considered by many to be a living museum. We will visit the historic Fort Sumter National Monument, where the first shots of the Civil War rang out. Learn how Charleston's African-American heritage has contributed to the city's history and unique culture. Next, we embark on our journey of a lifetime! A "Welcome Aboard Reception" with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and entertainment awaits. We will meet our crew, our onboard experts, and learn more about the wonderful adventure ahead of us. **B | L | S | D**

### March 22, 2024 - Friday Beaufort

Beaufort's history includes European explorers, Native American cultural

## Civil War History



influences, British settlements, and Civil War battles. Today, horse-drawn carriages clatter along the narrow streets of this historic district, past 18th and 19th-century homes famous for unique Beaufort-style architecture. As you explore this amazing city, discover why Beaufort was once heralded as the "Newport of the South."

**B | L | S | D**

Shore excursion offered:  
Lowcountry Heritage Experience  
Pat Conroy's Beaufort Exploration  
Southern Rose Horse Carriage Ride  
Beaufort History & Moving Walking Tour

### March 23, 2024 - Saturday Hilton Head Island

A delightful breakfast is served, and then it's time to check out Hilton Head. Hilton Head is a first-class resort known for its championship golf courses and miles of scenic beaches. A boat tour of The Sea Pines Forest Preserve gives us a close-up view of Hilton Head's indigenous plant and animal life, including the American Alligator. **B | L | S | D**

Shore excursion offered:  
Dolphin Discovery Cruise  
Alligator & Wildlife Excursion

### March 24, 2024 - Sunday Savannah

After a filling breakfast, we will enjoy everything Savannah has to offer. With its emerald tree canopy, quaint cobblestone streets, and majestic architecture, Savannah is still a bustling seaport with renowned historic districts that preserve its phenomenal 19th-century wealth and opulence. Join a narrated tour of Savannah's "Historic and Victorian Districts," brave an evening Ghost Walk



## Beautiful Fountains



shops. You will love Savannah for its original squares, all landscaped with oaks, azaleas, fountains, and statues.

**B | L | S | D**

Shore excursion offered:  
Historic Savannah Trolley Excursion  
Savannah Exploration  
The Secrets of Savannah  
Prohibition Museum & Cocktails  
Colonial Cemetery Walking Experience

## March 25, 2024 - Monday

### A Day of Cruising

This day is a treat! We will cruise the classic waterway, known as the highway for north and southbound East Coast cruisers, and an east-west path along the outskirts of the Gulf of Mexico. There are a variety of activities scheduled on board when the ship is underway. Enjoy a destination-focused enrichment program with special guest speakers who will present topics related to the region and port of call, including art classes, appetite classes (tech made easy!), cooking demonstrations, mixology (the practice of making great cocktails,) trivia, game shows, and much more! **B | L | S | D**

## March 26, 2024 - Tuesday

### St. Simons Island - Jekyll Island

After breakfast, the time has come to discover the compelling history of Georgia's Golden Sea Isles. St. Simons Island is known for its salt marshes, sandy beaches, the famous Christ Church, and St. Simons Lighthouse, destroyed during the Civil War and rebuilt in 1872. It has been voted America's Favorite Romantic Town; you will understand why. Jekyll Island is a former hunting reserve for America's top millionaires. Goodyear, Pulitzer, and Rockefeller all built elaborate "cottages"

## Angel Oak Tree



here. A wealth of excursions are offered; choose your favorite(s)! **B | L | S | D**

Shore excursion offered:  
St. Simons Island Exploration  
Jekyll Island Exploration  
Richland Rum Distillery  
Hofwyl-Broadfield Estate  
Lady Jane Shrimp Boat Experience

## March 27, 2024 - Wednesday

### Amelia Island

Breakfast is enjoyed with our fellow travelers prior to heading out to discover the natural beauty of Amelia Island. Miles of quartz beaches and rolling sand dunes characterize this amazing island. Fernandina Beach, the island's only city, now harbors a treasure trove of history, antiques, and collectibles. Join a walking tour of Centre Street's Historic District, with 50 blocks of restored 19th-century Victorian homes and shops. What's not to love?! **B | L | S | D**

Shore excursion offered:  
Lofton Creek Kayaking  
Amelia Island River Cruise  
Fernandina Beach Seaport Exploration  
Fort Clinch State Park  
Amelia Island Trolley Exploration

## March 28, 2024 - Thursday

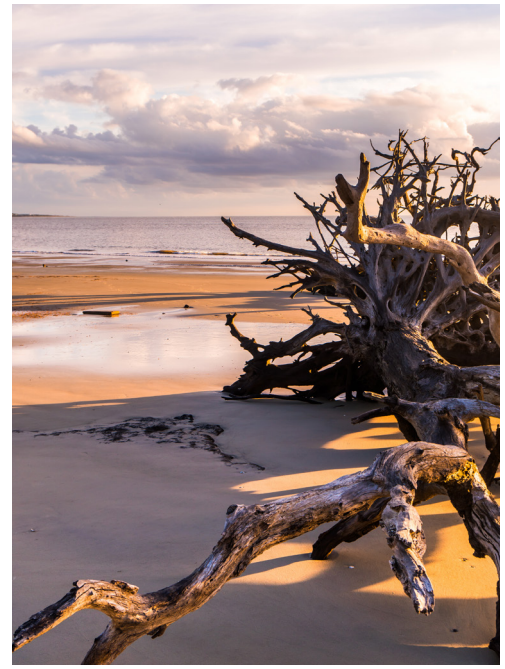
### Disembarkation - Traveling Home

Take in the beautiful weather of northern Florida as you disembark in lovely Amelia Island. Reflect on the great time we've had and the wonderful memories you made along the way. We will transfer to Jacksonville airport for our flight back. **B**

*Itinerary is subject to change.*

**B = Breakfast L = Lunch  
S = Snack D = Dinner**

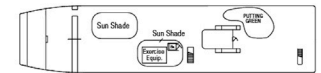
## Jekyll Island - Driftwood



## American Star Facts

Inaugurated: 2007  
Guest Capacity: 90  
Staterooms: 48  
Common Areas: 4

OBSERVATION DECK



CAROLINA DECK



LOUNGE DECK



MAIN DECK



| CATEGORY TYPE                   | CATEGORY SQUARE FOOTAGE |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Owner's Suite (Private Balcony) | 350                     |
| Category AAC (Private Balcony)  | 283                     |
| Category AAL (Private Balcony)  | 263                     |
| Category AA                     | 258                     |
| Category A                      | 258                     |
| Single (Private Balcony)        | 248                     |



American Star





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Via our website [www.WomenoftheMidwest.com/journeys](http://www.WomenoftheMidwest.com/journeys)

#### Package Price - All Staterooms are on Request Basis:

|                                               |          |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|
| A (non-balcony) PP, shared double room:       | \$5,895  |
| AA (non-balcony) PP, shared double room:      | \$5,995  |
| AAL (private balcony) PP, shared double room: | \$6,895  |
| AAC (private balcony) PP, shared double room: | \$6,995  |
| Single - limited staterooms:                  | \$7,595* |
| Triple rooms are not available.               |          |

We offer "Pair & Share" service for our Solo travelers. Ask us to assist in finding your roommate!

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. The deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. The balance is due on November 21, 2023, is non-refundable, and can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment (any payments after the deposit) will access a 3.5% processing fee.

#### EARLY BIRD BONUS - ZERO CREDIT CARD FEES:

Pay for your tour in full upon registration and minimum six months prior to departure using your credit card!

**SAVE 3.5%!**

#### Tour Activity Level:

The activity level of this tour depends on your choices of shore excursions. We refer to the separate insert. Comfortable, sturdy shoes/boots are always recommended.

#### Travel Insurance:

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

*Travelex Insurance Services, Inc CA Agency License #0D10209. Travel Insurance is underwritten by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, NAIC #22276.*

#### Group airfare:

Group airfare is included; see separate insert.

*This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 20 travelers. Should the number fall below 15, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to departure.*

#### Included:

- Group airfare Omaha-Charleston / Jacksonville-Omaha\*, economy class, taxes and fees included
- 1 night pre-cruise in Charleston 1 x dinner in Charleston
- 1 x breakfast at the hotel in Charleston
- Full meal package (breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks) & drink package (all beverages and alcohol) throughout the cruise
- All transportation as per tour program
- Admission to Fort Sumter
- Professional tour director in Charleston
- Professional tour directors throughout the cruise
- Baggage handling at hotel and cruise ship (one piece per person)
- Women of the Midwest Ambassador, March 20-28, 2024
- Detailed travel documents (hard copy and electronic)
- All local taxes and fees as of June 7, 2023

\*Ask us to assist you with airfare from a different hometown (a small supplement may occur).

#### Not Included:

- Airline baggage fees. Estimate \$35-40 per checked bag per way
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Meals and beverages other than mentioned in the tour program
- Shore excursions - see separate insert/page
- Professional fee, \$75 per person, due at time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions

#### Hotel Accommodation in Charleston:

Embassy Suites Historic District or similar.

Final accommodations are confirmed with the delivery of your travel documents, 30 days prior to departure.



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## AIRFARE DETAILS!

Group airfare with American Airlines is included in your package:

|                |                          |          |          |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| March 20, 2024 | Omaha* - Charlotte       | 6:47 AM  | 10:30 AM |
| March 20, 2024 | Charlotte - Charleston   | 12:55 PM | 2:09 PM  |
| March 28, 2024 | Jacksonville - Charlotte | 2:25 PM  | 3:50 PM  |
| March 28, 2024 | Charlotte - Omaha*       | 8:10 PM  | 10:10 PM |

\*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha. Reach out to get your quote. If you travel from a different airport, we aim to have you meet your fellow travelers in Charlotte on March 20 and return from Jacksonville around the same time as the rest of the group on March 28. Individual additional transfers may be necessary if meeting the main group is not possible. We will take care of this, without any additional cost.

### Important:

Group airfare comes with seat assignments 30 days prior to departure. Women of the Midwest/ Executive Travel cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days prior to your departure, and therefore cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft. We do our best to honor your preferences (window, aisle seat).

Premium seating upgrades are not available when traveling on a group air contract. If you have frequent flyer miles (AAdvantage® program), please note those cannot be used to upgrade to a different class of service. Contact us if you have any questions and kindly note that certain exceptions may exist.

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