

A Southern Christmas

November 29 - December 9, 2023

(11 days - 10 nights)



Wed, Nov 29 **Bossier City, LA**

Today will be an exciting day with everyone getting acquainted with fellow travelers as we begin our Southern Christmas tour. Making our way across Texas, we will overnight in Bossier City.

Thu, Nov 30 **Tuscaloosa, AL**

We will route across Louisiana, a diverse state known for its Creole and Cajun cultures, before crossing the Mighty Mississippi River. A stop in Meridian, MS allows us to tour the 26-room Victorian Merrehope mansion filled with more than fifty trees of Christmas. This afternoon's scenic drive will take us eastward to Tuscaloosa, home of the University of Alabama and our overnight destination.

Fri, Dec 1 **Athens, GA**

We continue east into Georgia whose terrain spans coastal beaches, farmland and mountains before entering the city of Atlanta. We will enjoy lunch in the capital city before making our way to the home of the Georgia Bulldogs, Athens. After the sun sets, we venture out to take in the holiday magic at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia's Winter WonderLights.

Sat, Dec 2 **Myrtle Beach, SC**

Our final stretch carries us into South Carolina, our home on the sandy beaches for the next three nights. We enjoy dinner before making our way to Alabama Theatre's *South's Grandest Christmas Show*. This Christmas extravaganza creates a spectacular holiday musical experience

Highlights Include:

- 3 nights Myrtle Beach, SC
- 1 night Callaway Gardens Lodge/Spa
- Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina
- *The Christmas Show of the South* - Carolina Opry
- *The South's Grandest Christmas Show* - Alabama Theatre
- Night of a Thousand Candles - Brookgreen Gardens
- Callaway Garden's Fantasy of Lights (National Geographic's Top 10 Light Displays in the World)
- High Tea at Ripley's Aquarium
- Festival of Trees featuring all 50 states
- Trees of Christmas at Merrehope Mansion
- Dinner at Original Benjamin Calabash
- Christmas Light Trolley Tour - Savannah, GA
- HGTV's most famous *Home Town*, Laurel, MS
- Free time for shopping, beach, and relaxation

for all.

Sun, Dec 3 **Myrtle Beach, SC**

Enjoy the Festival of Trees at Ripley's Aquarium with one tree for each of the 50 US states. Once you have located the uniquely decorated trees, you will be treated to High Tea. Afterward, you can stroll about and enjoy some free time at Broadway on the Beach. As the sun is setting, we head to Murrells Inlet to witness Brookgreen

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Gardens come to life amid the soft glow of more than 2,700 hand-lit candles and countless sparking lights.

Mon, Dec 4 **Myrtle Beach, SC**
Enjoy a morning of shopping at Barefoot Landing or free time at our hotel beach. We have an early dinner at the iconic Original Benjamin's Calabash Seafood which features 170+ items on the buffet. There is something for everyone. Tonight's entertainment is at the Carolina Opry where we tap our toes and clap our hands to *The Christmas Show of the South*.

Tue, Dec 5 **Savannah, GA**
We dust off the sand and board our bus with our eyes set on Savannah. We arrive just in time for lunch at Paula Deen's original restaurant, Lady & Son's. This afternoon we enjoy the holiday festivities of Savannah before checking into our hotel in the Historic District. Tonight we board our trolley for a holly jolly Christmas tour.

Wed, Dec 6 **Callaway Gardens Lodge**
Departing Savannah, we head to the middle of the state to Pine Mountain, GA. We will take in the splendor of Callaway Gardens; where we will overnight at their Lodge. Tonight we will be enthralled by one of National Geographic's Top 10 Light Displays in the **World**. Fantasy in Lights is comprised of more than 8 million lights, 15 dazzling scenes, a Christmas village holiday characters, and awe. The evening promises to be magical.

Thu, Dec 7 **Laurel, MS**
Next up, we head back through Alabama into Mississippi to HGTV's favorite, *Home Town*. Ben and Erin Napier have made Laurel, MS a household name. Enjoy free time downtown at Erin's Laurel Mercantile, take a peek in Ben's Scotsman General Store and Woodshop, or visit their newest store, Scent Library. Perhaps Laurel will have some holiday cheer to share with us as well this evening.

Fri, Dec 8 **Marshall, TX**
Heading back through the Bayou state, we cross into the Lone Star State just in time to enjoy the famous Wonderland of Lights, illuminating the historic Harrison County Courthouse, of Marshall, TX.

Sat, Dec 9 **Return Home**
As we board our motorcoach this morning, we realize our tour is rapidly come to a close but we will take the holiday spirit with us. We will cherish the great memories and fun we shared with our fellow travelers on A Southern Christmas tour.

Thank you for traveling with Bilbrey Tours!

Price Includes:

- Roundtrip motorcoach transportation from:
- **Abilene, Big Spring, Midland & San Angelo**
- 10 nights accommodations
- Baggage handling for one piece of luggage
- Admissions to included attractions per itinerary
- Meals: 5 continental breakfasts, 5 breakfasts
10 lunches or dinners
- Gratuities for motorcoach driver and local guides
- Services of a tour escort

Cost per person:

	<u>Ins. (25+)</u>
\$2899 (2 people per room)	\$187
\$3599 (1 person per room)	\$248

\$50 deposit due upon booking

Final payment due September 19, 2023

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