

5-Day Charleston

*Billy Graham Library - Musical "Beautiful"
and Andy Griffith's Mayberry*

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1 CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Our tour will begin with a day of getting acquainted with our fellow travelers and learning of our plans for the next few days. The historic port city of Charleston is our destination for the next three nights. America's most historic city is also a modern one. Gorgeous Southern-style homes, beautiful parks, and a historic waterfront area, make Charleston one of the most beautiful cities in America.

2 HISTORIC CHARLESTON / CITY MARKET AND HARBOR TOUR

This morning a local guide will show us the sights in this historic city on a fascinating tour of Charleston with stories and traditions of her colorful past, mansions, gardens, and churches. Charleston has been known as a "city set in a garden" for over 300 years. Flowers you may have in your hometown were probably developed in Charleston or brought to America through Charleston ports. We will go through the old walled city area, the French Quarter, early suburbs including Ansonborough and the famous Battery waterfront district. Enjoy lunch and shopping at the City Market in downtown Charleston. In the afternoon, we will take the 90-minute non-stop Historic Harbor Boat Tour in Charleston. The cruise captures the history of the Holy City from a unique perspective. The tour continues past the three forts - Moultrie, Sumter, and Johnson that have played a significant role in Charleston's history. Dinner is included this evening. **D**

3 CHARLESTON TEA PLANTATION / MAGNOLIA PLANTATION AND GARDENS

This morning we will visit the Charleston Tea Plantation located on historic Wadmalaw Island in the heart of the Lowcountry of South Carolina. Wadmalaw has not and cannot be commercially developed, therefore much of the land remains untouched. The Island is also home to other historic attractions such as Irvin-House Vineyards, the only domestic winery in Charleston, as well as the Angel Oak, a Live Oak tree that is believed to be over 1,500 years old. A box lunch is included at the Plantation. After lunch, we go back in time to the Antebellum south at Magnolia Plantation and Gardens. According to legend, founder John Drayton created its lush English gardens, which included the first azaleas in America, to lure his bride to the South. Enjoy a tram tour of the plantation's diverse gardens, islands and ponds, plus see turtles, egrets and great blue herons. **L**



4 CHARLOTTE, NC / BILLY GRAHAM LIBRARY / CAROLE KING MUSICAL "BEAUTIFUL"

We depart Charleston for our return trip stopping in Charlotte, North Carolina, to visit the Billy Graham Library. Designed to reflect Billy Graham's journey from a humble farm boy to an international ambassador of God's love, the barn-shaped building is situated on 20 landscaped acres, only miles from where Billy Graham grew up in Charlotte, N.C. When he was nine years old, his family moved into a two-story brick Colonial house on Park Road, on the outskirts of Charlotte. That home—including many original elements—has been reconstructed on the campus of the Billy Graham Library, just four miles from the old Graham homestead. Tour the home which has been meticulously restored using 80 percent of the original materials. The Graham family home place will give you an intimate look at Billy Graham's roots. Ruth's Attic is named to honor Ruth Bell Graham's lifelong love of the printed page. The bookstore offers rare and special editions written by Billy and Ruth Graham as well as an extensive selection of Bibles, unique gifts, collectibles and home décor, musical CDs and more. Overnight in the Charlotte area. In the evening we will see the Carole King musical "Beautiful" at the BLUMENTHAL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER. "Beautiful" tells the inspiring true story of King's remarkable rise to stardom. Featuring a stunning array of beloved songs written by Gerry Goffin/Carole King and Barry Mann/Cynthia Weil, including "I Feel The Earth Move," "One Fine Day," "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman," "You've Got A Friend" and the title song, "BEAUTIFUL".

5 MAYBERRY SIGHTSEEING / HOMEWARD BOUND

Today we discover Andy Griffith's hometown, Mt. Airy, NC, the inspiration for "Mayberry." We embark on a guided tour which includes Floyd's City Barber Shop, Andy's boyhood home, granite buildings, the world's largest open faced granite quarry, and replicas of Wally's Service Station and the Mayberry Jail and Courthouse. We'll also see the Andy and Opie statue plus a collection of memorabilia from The Andy Griffith Show at the Andy Griffith Museum. Lunch is included at Little Richard's BBQ. We return to Knoxville this afternoon. **L**



3 MEALS INCLUDED

B - Breakfast • L - Lunch • D - Dinner

Price Per Person:

Single \$1150 Twin \$795 Triple \$745

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