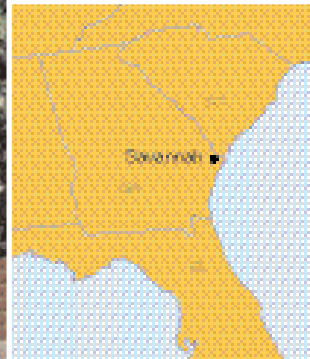


Savannah, Georgia: Birthplace of the Girl Scouts

4 DAYS

**PROGRAM FEE INCLUDES:**

- Round-trip transportation
- 3 nights hotel accommodations
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Air-conditioned motorcoach on tour
- Full-time Smithsonian Student Travel Tour Director throughout your stay
- Visits to special attractions as itinerary
- Evening activity
- Overnight security
- Educational materials developed by the Smithsonian
- Smithsonian Membership

OPTIONS

- Smithsonian Student Travel Gear
- Lunches
- Extended stay
- Private group
- Opportunity to earn credit for group leaders and students

Explore the restored mansion that Girl Scouts founder Juliette Gordon Low once called home.

DAY 1 Historic Savannah

Welcome to Savannah • Arrive in lovely Savannah, home of majestic architecture, sparkling fountains and lively public squares. Upon arrival, meet your Smithsonian Student Travel Tour Director who will accompany you throughout your stay and introduce you to a place rich in Girl Scout history.

Walking tour of Savannah • Spend the afternoon exploring the beauty and charm of this traditional Southern city. Founded in 1733 by General James Edward Oglethorpe and his 120 fellow travelers aboard the ship *Anne*, the city's beginning was marked with religious freedom and the outlaw of rum and lawyers. Savannah has the distinction of being one of only two Southern cities not burned to the ground during the Civil War. Your tour director will lead you along the cobblestone streets of the Historic District, where many of the city's original buildings still remain. See the Pirate's House (which was mentioned in *Treasure Island*), the Pink House (site of Georgia's first bank) and the Herb House (Georgia's oldest existing building, built in 1734). Continue on to the lively City Market. First a fisherman and farmer's market in 1755, the area fell victim to fires that destroyed the first two market buildings. The third building was torn down after the Civil War. Thanks to the efforts of a group of seven women who founded the Historic Savannah Foundation, the City Market was restored and now enjoys thriving business. Finally, walk along the Savannah Riverfront and browse its quaint shops.

DAY 2 Juliette Gordon Low's Savannah

Girl Scout Heritage Visit at Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace • Join Girl Scout troops from across the United States as you participate in hands-on activities at Juliette Gordon Low's birthplace. Learn more about the Girl Scouts' founder as well as the activities of the earliest Girl Scouts. *(Please note: These programs need to be self-arranged well in advance. Please contact the birthplace directly in order to secure a reservation.)*

Or, the first Girl Scout headquarters • The first Girl Scout headquarters was located in Juliette Gordon Low's former carriage house. Visit the house that, as of 1996, was transformed into a Girl Scout Museum and program center. Participate in a half-day activity that will allow you to explore the progression of the Girl Scouts organization throughout the years.

Andrew Low House • In 1848, the Andrew Low House was built for the wealthiest man in Savannah in the mid-19th century. General Robert E. Lee once visited the stucco and brick building, and it was here, in her father-in-law's house, that Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl Scouts.

Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace • Visit the home where Juliette, known as Daisy to friends and family, was born. Built in 1821, the restored mansion is furnished with many original Gordon family pieces. Artwork by Juliette herself adorns the walls of Savannah's first National Historic Landmark.

Evening Activity • Tonight, join us for a planned evening activity, such as a bone-chilling tour of “America’s Most Haunted City.” Set off on foot at dusk to learn the legends behind some of Savannah’s most haunting tales, like that of General Gordon’s ghost.

DAY 3 Tybee Island

Girl Scout Militia Program at Old Fort Jackson • This morning, visit Old Fort Jackson, built in 1808 to protect Savannah from naval attack. The oldest standing fort in Georgia, Fort Jackson resisted capture until December 1864, when it was eventually taken by General Sherman. Get a closer look at Civil War battle when you participate in the Girl Scout Militia Program. See a re-enactment of a civil war military drill with actors in full costume. Participate in classroom demonstrations and learn how to fire a cannon!

Tybee Island • Enjoy the long-stretching beaches of Tybee Island, and see shrimp boats as they come ashore with their catches of the day. Home to the colorful Kite Festival, Tybee Island also boasts two wartime forts where you can learn about the battles that took place here.

Dolphin cruise • This afternoon, meet some of Savannah’s most playful inhabitants—Atlantic Bottlenose Dolphins! Observe these creatures’ amusing behavior as you skirt Tybee Beach and its marshes during a scenic dolphin cruise. You may even spot sea turtles, and you’ll certainly have a magnificent view of the island. Pass the Cockspur Lighthouse. When her husband died in a boating accident, Mary Maher took over the duties of lighthouse keeper and thus became one of the first women employed by the U.S. Lighthouse Board. See historic Fort Pulaski, whose capture by Major General David Hunter was immediately followed by the order to release the area’s slaves. (Please note: Cruise runs from March through October. Alternatively, groups will have the chance to climb to the top of Tybee Lighthouse, restored in painstaking detail to its original splendor. Built in 1732 on order of the governor of the 13th colony, Tybee Lighthouse has been guiding sailors into Savannah for more than 270 years.)

Optional Historic Savannah Carriage Tour • See Savannah in style—in a horse-drawn carriage! Ride down the cobblestone streets of America’s first planned city, lined with towering oak trees and the Southern favorite, magnolias. Pass flower-filled gardens and lively public squares as you learn more about the fascinating history of Savannah.

Free time in Savannah • Later, enjoy free time to explore the city on your own. Visit the 23-karat-gold-domed City Hall, stroll through Chippewa Square, where parts of *Forrest Gump* were filmed, or admire the breathtaking ruins of the colonial estate of Wormsloe. Check out the Waving Girl Statue in Morrell Park: Legend has it that the statue waves at all shipping traffic sailing in and out of Savannah, awaiting the love of her life, who is a sailor. Or, have a taste of great art while visiting the Telfair Museum of Art*, one of nearly 150

Smithsonian Affiliate museums. Whatever you choose to do, this enchanting city is full of possibilities!

DAY 4 Laurel Grove

Laurel Grove Cemetery • Laurel Grove Cemetery is the final resting place of many of the South’s political and social leaders, as well as that of hundreds of Confederate soldiers and eight Confederate generals. Pay your respects to Juliette Gordon Low, who is also buried here. In 1853, a section of the cemetery was reserved for the city’s African-American citizens, including well-known Baptist ministers and other prominent African-American leaders. Of note is the tombstone of Willemina Claghorn, daughter of William J. Claghorn. Her father was a slave who obtained freedom for himself, his wife and children in 1846. A year later, Willemina was born a free citizen, but died just eight years later.

Return home • Your tour director assists you at the airport with your return flight home.

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