

# **INCLUDED FEATURES**

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

(With baggage handling.)

- **Seven nights** aboard the first-class Independence.
- Two nights in Charleston at the first-class Francis Marion Hotel.

#### **EXTENSIVE MEAL PROGRAM**

 Nine breakfasts, eight lunches and seven dinners, including a Captain's Dinner; complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres before dinner during the cruise; coffee, tea or soft drinks with all meals, plus wine and beer with lunch and dinner during the cruise.

#### **YOUR ONE-OF-A-KIND JOURNEY**

- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A selection of Elective Experiences provide additional opportunities to immerse yourself in the local culture, heritage and history.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Tipping of guides and drivers on included excursions.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

#### **ITINERARY**

- Day 1 Depart gateway city<sup>★</sup> | Arrive in Jacksonville | Transfer<sup>★</sup> to the ship
- Day 2 St. Simons Island | Jekyll Island
- **Day 3** Cruising the Georgia coast
- Day 4 Savannah
- Day 5 Hilton Head Island
- Day 6 Beaufort
- Day 7 Charleston
- Day 8 Disembark the ship | Charleston
- Day 9 Charleston
- Day 10 Depart for gateway city +

★Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.



**SMALL GROUP** Maximum of 28 Travelers

# COASTAL JOURNEY

# Historic South and Golden Isles Cruise

#### **Inspiring Moments**

- Watch glorious sunsets over the quiet marshes and serene bays of the Intracoastal Waterway.
- Bask in true Southern charm in wonderfully preserved Charleston.
- Step back into another era along the streets of **beautiful Savannah**, amid stately mansions, moss-draped oaks and lush, secluded gardens.
- ► Marvel at the breathtaking, pristine landscapes of the **Golden Isles**, nestled along the Georgia coast.
- ► Admire lovely and quaint **Beaufort,** named one of the "Best Small Towns to Visit" by Smithsonian.com.

Horse-drawn carriage, Beaufort





## **ENRICHMENT**

**Ship Lectures.** Delight in a range of daily lectures from history and ecology to culture and cuisine.



# **AHI Travel Expertise**

**Passenger Service Representative** | Helps with everything from arranging flights to fulfilling special requests.

**Travel Director** | Manages all details to ensure a memorable trip.

**Travel information** | Prepares you fully for your journey.

**Expert local guides** | Provide friendly, knowledgeable service.

**Lecturers** | Share their knowledge of and passion for the region.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Francis Marion Hotel | Charleston

www.francismarionhotel.com

#### Independence

www.americancruiselines.com

Travel in style and comfort to exciting U.S. ports on these sleek coastal cruise ships. Experience gracious service in an intimate atmosphere that includes nightly entertainment and complimentary cocktail hours. Enjoy delicious, locally sourced cuisine, spacious staterooms with private bathrooms, elevator access to all decks and complimentary Wi-Fi.



## DISCOVERY

**Charleston.** Take in the city's genteel atmosphere and spendid antebellum architecture on a guided walk through its historic districts, followed by lunch in a local restaurant.

# **ELECTIVE EXPERIENCES**

Further your experience by immersing yourself in specially designed activities.

#### Beaufort

**Beaufort Carriage Tour.** From the comfort of a horse-drawn carriage, make your way through the historic Bay Street area to see the area's antebellum homes, parks and shops.

**Low Country Heritage Tour.** Learn about daily life on a plantation as you discover scenic Beaufort. Then travel to Lady's Island to explore the grounds and main house of a former plantation.

#### **Hilton Head Island**

**Alligator and Wildlife Tour.** Cruise through the Sea Pines Resort Forest Preserve, a 600-acre wildlife habitat, to see native plants and animals close up, including the American alligator.

**Dolphin Cruise.** Watch the playful antics of bottle-nose dolphins on a cruise that brings you up close to these endearing animals. Make sure to bring your camera to capture it all!

# Let us arrange your flights!

**AHI FlexAir** | Our personalized air program offers incredible advantages:

- price guarantee
- arrival and departure transfers
- flexibility to change or cancel
- assistance with changes or delays
- flight insurance

#### Savannah

**Guided Walking Tour.** Stroll through the city's oldest neighborhood as your guide offers insights about its history. Visit the Colonial Park Cemetery, the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist and some of the city's 22 squares.

**Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum.** Intriguing aviation memorabilia and artifacts bring to life this famed World War II division.

**Trolley Tour.** Hop aboard a trolley to see Factor's Walk, the Cotton Exchange, several of Savannah's lovely, leafy squares, plus other landmarks with a guide. If you'd like, explore more by trolley after the tour.

#### St. Simons Island/Jekyll Island

**St. Simons Island Tour.** Visit historic sites including the Bloody Marsh Battle Site, where British forces defending colonial Georgia defeated Spanish troops in 1742. See Christ Church's exquisite stained glass windows.

**Jekyll Island Tour.** At the Georgia Sea Turtle Center, learn about the life of a sea turtle and watch sick turtles being treated. Then take a tram tour through the historic district where wealthy families built winter retreats, and visit one of the homes.

**Lady Jane Shrimp Boat Tour.** Sail to a favorite shrimping grounds, and try your hand at pulling in a catch!

Elective experiences available at an additional cost

# PRICE

# April 13-22, 2019

## **Special Price**

\$4,995

Port charges are an additional \$250 per person. All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single prices are available upon request (limited availability).



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