

Macon Cherry Blossoms

March 23 - April 1, 2010

PLUS Savannah, Myrtle Beach, Asheville and Nashville in the springtime!

Day 1 Little Rock, AR

This spring, indulge your love of rich historic treasures, the elegant spirit of the South and breathtaking nature in full bloom as we travel to experience the Macon Cherry Blossom Festival. Begin your journey walking the path of soldiers, pause along the Trail of Tears and discover artifacts, exhibits and the remains of two frontier forts at the **Fort Smith National Historic Site**.

Day 2 CB Birmingham, AL

Celebrate the life of a famous humanitarian and the history of St. Jude's Hospital at the **Danny Thomas Pavilion**. Architecturally unique, this memorial stands in tribute to the great works and entertainment career memorabilia and the moving history and accomplishments of the groundbreaking children's hospital.

Day 3 CB Macon, GA

Arrive in Macon this afternoon and enjoy gracious Southern hospitality as you celebrate the magnificent beauty of over 300,000 flowering Yoshino cherry trees in the *Cherry Blossom Capitol of the World!* Begin with a tour of the incredible 18,000 square foot historic **Hay House**. Considered the most opulent of the pre-Civil War mansions, this Italian Renaissance Revival masterpiece boasts period art, furniture, exhibits and breathtaking stained glass. In the evening, experience the ambiance of a slow southern sunset as we enjoy Macon's famous **Balloon Evening Glow** under an early spring sky.



Day 4 CB, Savannah, GA

Relive the romantic days of Macon's storied history this morning on a **guided tour** of Macon. Discover the southern fun, brilliant architecture, moving music and historic homes and districts that make Macon a cherry blossom paradise. Next, explore the **Woodruff House**, a Greek revival mansion built in 1836 and located on the scenic Mercer University Campus. In the afternoon, explore the streets of Macon as you attend the afternoon events of the **Cherry Blossom Festival**. Colorful parades, historic tours, dazzling flower displays, events and attractions galore add to the splendor of one of the most extravagant displays of springtime beauty. Spend the night in legendary Savannah and bask in elegant Southern charm, stately historical ambiance and the sweet fragrance of magnolia.



Day 5 CB, L Myrtle Beach, SC

Founded in 1676, **Magnolia Plantation** has survived centuries and witnessed the history of a nation unfold before it. Breathtaking gardens including sections more than 325 years old make them the oldest unrestored gardens in America and brilliant blooms of camellias, daffodils and azaleas blanket the landscape in vivid color. Then, blend history and wildlife on a **tram tour** of the preserved wetlands and watch for native alligators, turtles, egrets and herons as your guide brings the landscape to life. This evening, enjoy an unforgettable night of heart-stopping entertainment at the world-famous **Alabama Theatre**.

Day 6 CB, L Myrtle Beach, SC

Begin a fun-filled day in beautiful Myrtle Beach as you visit the **Ripley's Aquarium**, where you can visit the world of aquatic life, as you visit 10-foot long sharks, piranhas, and other creatures of the sea. Afterwards, visit the ever changing and simply amazing **Brookgreen Gardens**. Bask in the native flora and collection of sculptural art on this 9,200 acre property filled with forests, natural landscapes and ancient oaks that frame breathtaking display gardens like a living cathedral.

Day 7 CB Asheville, NC

Experience the colossal opulence of the nation's largest home and thriving legacy of the legendary American royal family, the Vanderbilt's. Nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains, magnificent **Biltmore Estate** features the 250-room Biltmore House, Renoir paintings and 16th century tapestries to priceless antiques and extensive gardens that will take your breath away.



Day 8 CB Nashville, TN

Feel the soul of country music as we arrive in exciting Nashville this afternoon and begin our exploration at **Opry Mills**. Boasting the best names in retail outlets including Nike, Saks Fifth Avenue and Gap, this amazing mall has more stores, more deals and more shopping fun for everyone! This evening, attend a performance on the legendary stage at the **Grand Ole Opry** and see the show that made Country music famous!

Day 9 CB, D Columbia, MO

Enjoy the scenery as we head West stopping for dinner in scenic Bluegrass Country at a historic hotel serving hungry travelers since 1909.

Day 10 B Home

A shorter day of travel brings us all home to the plains of Kansas and Oklahoma.

Wichita & OKC Departures

\$1299 - PER PERSON DOUBLE

\$1749 - SINGLE

\$1199 - PER PERSON TRIPLE

\$1129 - PER PERSON QUAD

\$50 DEPOSIT PER PERSON

INCLUDED:

Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
Quality Accommodations & Luggage Handling
Services of a Village Tours Director
Admissions Listed & 12 Meals

Optional Cancellation Insurance Available
Final Payment Due 35 days before departure