

HARDY PLANT SOCIETY OF OREGON'S  
*Gardens of Savannah & Charleston*

🌿 THURSDAY, APRIL 20 THRU FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017 🌿

Southern hospitality awaits in two of the country's loveliest garden cities: Savannah, Georgia and Charleston, South Carolina. Horticulture and gardening are important to both these communities which is reflected in their many public gardens, intimate private gardens and historic plantations. HPSO members will experience many of these and more!

**Please note:** This tour will be partially self-guided on some days, allowing you to travel at the pace that you prefer. On these days, participants will receive a printed guide and customized maps plus admission tickets to multiple gardens and sites. Small groups will be organized rather than the entire group visiting each garden together, providing you a customizable and personalized experience.



*Day 1 (Thursday, April 20)*

A shuttle will whisk you from the airport to the Holiday Inn Express on Bay Street, which is centrally-located and in Savannah's Historic District. You'll be greeted at the hotel and your welcome kit will include a curated list of sights and tickets. You can rest or hit the ground running since your kit will include a 3-day guided tour trolley pass. We will gather for dinner at one of the city's hottest new restaurants, steps from the hotel.



*Days 2 & 3 (Friday-Saturday, April 21-22)*

The Garden Club of Savannah's "Hidden Gardens Tour" will fill most of these two days. Visit some or all of the eight private gardens during this 2-day event plus enjoy afternoon tea at the Green Meldrum House. You may also wish to visit some of the 22 garden squares scattered throughout the city as well as the Juliet Gordon Low Birthplace, Ships of Sea Museum, Andrew Low House & Gardens, Telfair Mansion & Museums, Davenport House or Owens-Thomas House. Admission to all of these is included in the tour along with a 3-day trolley pass, a curated printed guide customized for HPSO, simplified maps and a summary to help you choose the sites you would most enjoy.

*Sleep in Savannah. Breakfast & Afternoon tea.*

*Day 4 (Sunday, April 23)*

Board our chartered bus and we're off to historic Beaufort. We'll be met by locals from the Lowcountry Master Gardeners, Beaufort Garden Club, and Beaufort County Historical Society. We'll enjoy lunch and spend a few hours exploring Beaufort with local guides. Next, we will visit the Georgia Coastal Botanical Gardens followed by Armstrong University's Arboretum.

*Sleep in Savannah. Breakfast & Lunch.*

*Day 5 (Monday, April 24)*

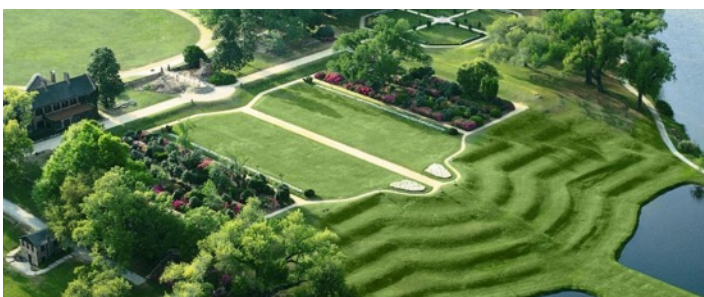
A number of optional activities and surprises will be offered today. Finish shopping, try the restaurant you've noticed during your walks, take in some of the other house museums and explore more of the wonderful sights of Savannah, Hostess City of the South.

*Sleep in Savannah. Breakfast.*

## *HPSO Tour: Gardens of Savannah & Charleston*

*Thursday, April 21 through Friday, April 28, 2017*

*9 days; 8 nights*



### ***Day 6 (Tuesday, April 25)***

We head to Charleston this morning. After checking into the Francis Marion Hotel and a quick lunch, we will take a mule-drawn carriage tour and enjoy a general overview of the historic district. Charleston gardens have been renowned since the 1700s and camellia, azalea, tea olive and crepe myrtle are some of the plants whose American roots can be traced to being brought in through Charleston.

*Sleep in Charleston. Breakfast & Lunch.*

### ***Day 7 (Wednesday, April 26)***

Pedicabs will whisk us to the starting point of our day, White Point Garden and the Battery. We will divide into smaller groups, which will each have their own local guide. A number of surprises and intimate gardens are in store today plus you'll visit the Nathaniel Russell House & Garden. Stroll down lovely narrow streets to view the marvelous architecture and lush gardens while accompanied by a local guide.

The small groups will gather back together for lunch. The late afternoon and evening are yours.

*Sleep in Charleston. Lunch.*

### ***Day 8 (Thursday, April 27)***

Our charter bus takes us first to Magnolia Plantation & Gardens, founded in 1676 and the oldest public garden in America. Next, we visit Middleton Place. We will enjoy a southern-cooking buffet dinner at Middleton Place.

*Sleep in Charleston. Lunch and Dinner.*

### ***Day 9 (Friday, April 28)***

The tour officially ends today but you may decide to linger longer. Hotels in Charleston charge a premium for Fridays and Saturdays, but we have negotiated a limited number of rooms at a special rate. April is high season and some hotels are already sold out, so you will want to decide soon. Charleston is often on Best Destination lists and there's lots to see and do!

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## PRACTICALITIES

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:** THIS TOUR WILL INVOLVE SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF WALKING. OUR LODGING WILL BE IN THE COMPACT HISTORIC DISTRICTS OF BOTH CITIES WHICH ARE BEST EXPLORED ON FOOT AND ARE NOT CONDUCTIVE TO LARGE COACHES. THEREFORE, WE WILL NOT USE A TOUR BUS FOR SOME DAYS AND WILL INSTEAD USE WALKING AND TROLLEYS FOR TRANSPORTATION ON MANY DAYS. **PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF WALKING DISTANCES AND FOR A MINIMUM OF THREE HOURS A DAY.**

**TOUR ESCORTS AND GUIDES:** SOME OF THIS TOUR WILL BE PARTIALLY SELF-GUIDED, ALLOWING YOU TO TRAVEL AT THE PACE THAT YOU PREFER. ON SOME DAYS, PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A PRINTED GUIDE AND MAP TO MULTIPLE GARDENS AND SITES WITH SMALL GROUPS ORGANIZED RATHER THAN THE ENTIRE GROUP VISITING EACH GARDEN TOGETHER.

THROUGHOUT THE TOUR, WE WILL BE JOINED BY LOCAL GUIDES AND HORTICULTURE EXPERTS FROM A NUMBER OF BUSINESSES AND INSTITUTIONS.

**SUSAN McLEOD EPSTEIN**, FORMER TOURS DIRECTOR FOR THE CHARLESTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, CURRENT BOARD MEMBER OF SOUTHERN GARDENS HISTORY SOCIETY AND ALSO CURRENTLY WITH THE PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF CHARLESTON HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN PLANNING THIS TOUR AND WILL JOIN US OCCASIONALLY DURING OUR STAY.

OUR HPSO TREASURER, **LOIS MOSS**, WILL BE YOUR ESCORT AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACT FOR THIS TOUR. PLEASE SEND ANY QUESTIONS OR OTHER ITEMS TO: [MOSS7433@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MOSS7433@GMAIL.COM)

**REGISTRATION REQUESTS WILL BE ACCEPTED BEGINNING SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016**

**ONLINE RESERVATION REQUEST FORM**

**DOWNLOAD THE TOUR CONDITIONS AGREEMENT AND TOUR WAIVER & RELEASE**

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

### HPSO TOUR: GARDENS OF SAVANNAH & CHARLESTON INCLUDES:

- 8 NIGHTS LODGING
- MINIMUM OF 5 BREAKFASTS, 4 LUNCHESES, 1 AFTERNOON TEA AND 2 DINNERS.
- CHARTERED BUS FOR 3 DAYS.
- HOP-ON / HOP-OFF TROLLEY PASSES FOR MINIMUM OF 3 DAYS
- ADMISSION TO NUMEROUS FEATURED GARDENS AND SITES
- CURATED, CUSTOM INFORMATION PACKET, MAPS AND PRINTED GUIDE TO SITES, TAILORED TO HPSO MEMBERS
- \$160 CONTRIBUTION TO HPSO

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PLEASE REFER TO THE **TOUR CONDITIONS AGREEMENT** FOR ITEMS NOT INCLUDED

## PRICE

THE TOUR IS LIMITED AND PRICED TO 40 PARTICIPANTS. HPSO MEMBERS ONLY.

PER PERSON SHARING A ROOM	SINGLE RATE
\$2,220	\$3,330

BECAUSE THIS TOUR IS PRICED AT COST, PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY CREDIT CARD WILL INCUR A 3.75% SERVICE CHARGE.

THE PRICES QUOTED ABOVE INCLUDE A CONTRIBUTION OF \$160 TO HPSO. BECAUSE HPSO IS A 501(C)(3) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, YOUR CONTRIBUTION MAY BE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. PLEASE CONSULT WITH YOUR TAX ADVISOR.

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