

# 3 Days | White Columns & Cherry Blossoms

Macon Cherry Blossom Festival & Antebellum Homes

**1 ANTEBELLUM TRAIL • FESTIVAL IN THE PARK • MACON, GA:** This morning we begin our scenic drive along Georgia's Antebellum Trail. This 100-mile trek includes seven historic communities rich with antebellum architecture, Civil War history, a deep rooted heritage past with ancient American Indian culture, and beautiful scenery. From here, we travel to the "Cherry Blossom Capital of the World," Macon, Georgia. You'll fall in love with the pink blush of over 300,000 blooming Yoshino cherry trees as we travel along the Cherry Blossom Trail. This evening we visit the Festival in Central City Park featuring exciting exhibits, spectacular shows and fantastic fair foods. We overnight in Macon the next two nights.

**2 CHERRY BLOSSOM TRAIL & HISTORIC MACON TOUR • CHERRY BLOSSOM & MULBERRY STREET ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL • HAY HOUSE TOUR • MICHAEL'S ON MULBERRY:** We meet our local guide this morning to enjoy the tales & colorful history of this beautiful town, viewing many of the southern mansions. We'll view canopies of blooms in the streets of residential neighborhood, Wesleyan Woods, with a stop at Flicking Farm where the trees were propagated and distributed to residents of Macon annually. Our tour will visit Macon's St. Joseph Catholic



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WE JOURNEY TO THE "CHERRY BLOSSOM CAPITAL OF THE WORLD"

Church. With its Italian marble carvings, cross-topped spires, Bavarian stained glass windows, and sacred altars, this church has been compared to European cathedrals for its beauty. Next, we'll enjoy the festivities of the Cherry Blossom Festival and the Mulberry Street Arts & Crafts Festival. Enjoy hundreds of fine, quality vendors and craftsmen displaying their artistic creations and unique works. Lunch is on our own. Choose from an array of wonderful locally owned eateries and sidewalk cafes or grab a bite at the International Food Fair located inside the gates of the festival. This afternoon, we tour Hay House. This is Macon's premier antebellum home, the "Palace of the South" featured on A&E's *American Castles*. A delicious dinner is included this evening

at Michael's on Mulberry. This 150 year old cafe was once an old stagecoach shop. **D**

**3 ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDEN • HOME:** Today we travel to visit the Atlanta Botanical Garden. Renowned plant collections, beautiful displays, and spectacular floral exhibits make this garden one not to miss. We arrive home early evening.

## Activity Level

Easy

Strenuous

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Departure: **March 26**

PRICE PER PERSON:

DOUBLE  
**\$559**

TRIPLE  
**\$520**

QUAD  
**\$499**

SINGLE  
**\$679**

Meals Included:

2 Cont. Breakfasts & 1 Dinner