

The Georgia Rhythm Road Trip

Day One

Athens, Georgia - the home of **REM**, the **B-52's**, Drivin' and Cryin', Widespread Panic and many more. Indulge in dinner at the Hoyt House Restaurant, a restored 1829 home boasting eclectic Southern cuisine and stroll over to The Melting Point for live music, in the restored foundry where Athens' famous ironworks were cast. Overnight in Athens.

Day Two

Witness how your bean goes from field to cup with a jolt of locally brewed **Jittery Joe's coffee**. Visit the Morton Theater, famous as a stop on the African-American vaudeville circuit then on to Nuci's Space, a music resource center, and enjoy a catered meal by Weaver D's, the inspiration for REM's album Automatic for the People. Tour Downtown – highlighting clubs and shops like the **40 Watt and Wuxtry Records** – the record store where two founding members of REM worked – and the grass roots beginning of the “Athens Music Hall of Fame”. Later – take in local tunes and learn why *The New York Times* calls Athens “**Live Music Central.**” Overnight in Athens. *

Day Three

Depart for **Macon, Georgia**, the “**Song & Soul of the South.**” Visit the Douglas Theater, where legends like Otis Redding, Cab Calloway and Little Richard performed then visit the **Georgia Music Hall of Fame**. See a star-studded array of entertainers from Little Richard, Dr. Thomas A. Dorsey and Otis Redding, to “the Father of Commercial Country Music” John Carson. Tour **The Big House** – where the Allman Brothers Band lived, partied and wrote many of their great songs back in the early '70's. Overnight in Macon.

Day Four

Day trip to **Albany, Georgia**, the hometown of Ray Charles and Ms. Paula Deen. Tour the new memorial to **Ray Charles**. Enjoy a visit to see the **Freedom Singers**, who explain Albany's place in the Civil Rights Movement. Following lunch, visit the birth place of **Paula Deen**. Get the skinny on Ms. Paula before she made it big. Overnight in Macon.

Day five

Depart for **Augusta, Georgia**, the oldest city in Georgia. Enjoy lunch on your own on **Augusta's River Walk**, which offers pedestrian access to the Savannah River. Take a riding tour of downtown highlighting the life of the “**Godfather of Soul,**” **James Brown**. Later dine at one of James' favorite dinner spots. Overnight in Augusta.

Day Six

Depart for **Savannah, Georgia**. Eat lunch at the famous Pirates House, where **Ms. Emma Kelly**, the lady of 10,000 songs entertained. Enjoy an overview tour highlighting legends like Emma and **Johnny Mercer**. Visit Bonaventure Cemetery to see the final resting place of Mercer and many other noted residents of Savannah. Relax with dinner on your own on Savannah's legendary **River Street**. Overnight in Savannah.

Day Seven

“All that Jazz” – learn of Savannah's importance in the **development of Jazz** and modern music. Enjoy a farewell dinner at the **Metts-McNeal Mansion**. Revel in surprise entertainment by local jazz Musicians and character performances by favorites from Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil as you dine on a catered meal from one of Savannah's finest restaurants.

* Visit and overnight in Atlanta available upon request