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October 18-29 2009  
12 Days

## Carolina Colors, Myrtle Beach & Graceland

*This travel package planned for you by Mary Egger.*

Spend part of this fall basking in the southern charm of Myrtle Beach, the colors of the Carolinas and the allure of Graceland. Pack your "Blue Suede Shoes" and follow these words of wisdom straight from Elvis: "If you miss this tour, you'll be "All Shook Up." "It's Now or Never!" This should be the peak of the south-east's fall colors and should be a great time to travel on America's highways.

October 18 we will pick up our travelers on the way to Springfield, IL. Our hotel features a pool and exercise room.

October 19 following **breakfast** we'll visit the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum**, which offers exhibits of historic items and multimedia presentations. A central room houses lifelike dioramas and several employ high-tech special effects that recount the life of Lincoln from his early Illinois childhood through his years as President during the Civil War to his assassination at Ford's Theatre. We then head east to **Memphis, TN**. We'll check into the infamous **Heartbreak Hotel** with its heart-shaped swimming pool, free in-room Elvis movies and a lobby bar area. Following check-in, we'll get a real taste of **Beale Street**, the home of the Blues, where you will have time to browse the stores, check out the crowds and find great places to eat.



October 20 after **breakfast** we'll cross the street to **Graceland**, the 14-acre Elvis Presley estate. The Graceland complex has museums and an entertainment facility with eateries and shops, Elvis's Custom Jets exhibit, Elvis's Automobile Museum, and the Sincerely Elvis Museum. Graceland comes to life as you tour the mansion and grounds with audio narration by daughter, Lisa Marie. We'll be able to see the jungle room, pool room, living areas, kitchen, business areas and the trophy room (and maybe even Elvis??). The tour ends in the Meditation Gardens, where Elvis and family members are buried. The **Custom Jets facility** houses Elvis's two private jets and the **Automobile Museum** highlights Elvis's 1955 pink Cadillac as well as many other vehicles in this world-famous collection. This afternoon we're on our way to **Tupelo, Mississippi, Elvis's birthplace**. This site features the two-room, white frame house where Elvis was born. The **museum** contains effects and memorabilia with a beautiful 15-acre park containing a life-sized statue that depicts Elvis as a hometown boy. Tonight, we'll experience a true southern **catfish dinner** with all the trimmings. We overnight at a property with an indoor pool and spa.



October 21 after **breakfast** we travel to the **NASA US Space and Rocket Center** in Huntsville, AL. This exposition center features one of the world's largest collections of space and rocket hardware, with interactive exhibits simulating the experience of space flight, including travel aboard the space shuttle. The **Spacedome IMAX** theater presents space and science films projected on a 67-foot dome screen that surrounds viewers. Our hotel tonight has an indoor pool and a lovely welcome reception.



October 22 after **breakfast** we will visit **Fryar's Topiary Gardens**, 3 acres of meticulously sculpted plants including graceful arches, spirals and geometric designs. Next we visit **Young Pecan Plantation**, where they've sold premium pecans and gourmet Southern foods since 1923. We'll get to sample (and of course, purchase) fresh pecans of many flavors (YUM!) Then we'll visit **Pee Dee State Farmers Market**, a 45,000 square foot drive-through farmers shed filled to the brim with produce and horticultural products as well as a log cabin gift shop, greenhouses and many other items. We then continue to **Myrtle Beach, South Carolina**, our home for the next **4 nights**. Our resort in Myrtle Beach features oceanfront rooms with kitchen facilities and a balcony

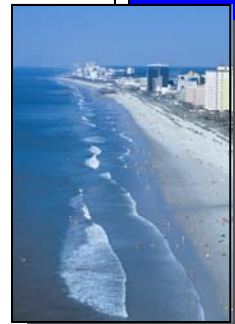


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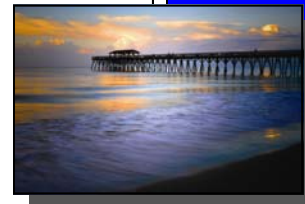
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in each. Two indoor pools, a whirlpool, a lazy river water ride (might be a little cool in October) and a fitness center are all on the property.

October 23-25 after **breakfast** each day a variety of excursions have been planned for you, leaving plenty of time to enjoy the beach. A local guide will join us for a familiarization **tour of the Grand Strand area**. Enjoy **stage and theater productions** (shows to be announced) and several **dinners** at favorite local restaurants. Golfers, bring your clubs along. The resort will help you arrange a time and place with more than 100 courses available. And we won't forget the **shopping** for which Myrtle Beach is known! You will have time to shop some of the hundreds of outlet stores and other shopping venues, along with lots of time to just stop, relax and "smell the ocean!" Transportation will be provided to Catholic and Protestant services in the area.



October 26 after **breakfast** we leave the Atlantic behind as we travel to Winston-Salem, North Carolina. We'll visit a **working tobacco farm** along the way. Tonight we stay in a newly remodeled property with an exercise room. We have several restaurants nearby.



October 27 after **breakfast** we'll visit **Old Salem**, a living-history re-creation of the Moravian church town of Salem founded in 1766. At **Winkler Bakery** (built in 1800), we'll see bakers demonstrate early baking methods using historic recipes and a wood-fired brick beehive oven. The bakery also sells Moravian cookies and other bakery products to the public (like us!). We over-night at a hotel in Huntington, WV, home of Marshall University. The movie, "We Are Marshall" will be shown on the coach, and upon arrival in Huntington, a **guide** will join us for a **tour** of the college, the sites of where scenes of the movie were shot and the memorial of those killed in the crash of Southern Airways Flight 932 when the entire football team was lost.



October 28 after **breakfast** we begin our journey home, stopping for lunch at **Boggstown Cabaret** for **lunch** and a **show**. Tonight we'll enjoy a **farewell dinner** at our hotel in **Crawfordsville, IN**.

October 29 **breakfast** is provided before leaving with our new friends and great memories for our departure cities.

**Your 12-day Carolina Colors package includes:** Luxury motor coach transportation, lodging for 11 nights, luggage handling, admissions/tickets to all bolded attractions, gratuities to step-on guides, 11 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 5 dinners (meals inclusive of tax and gratuity).

\$1,899 per person, double occupancy  
\$1,815 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds  
\$ 2,369 single rooming accommodations

**Reservations:** anytime as long as space is available

**Deposit:** \$200 per person, due with reservation

**Early Booking Discount:** \$50 discount applied to final balance if deposit is received by May 22

**Balance Due:** September 17

**Cancel by:** September 17 for penalty-free cancellation

**Peace of Mind Protection:** 5% of trip cost due with deposit

**Guaranteed departure cities:** Fort Dodge, Webster City, Ames, Des Moines, Newton, Coralville, Rochester, Decorah, West Union, Independence, Cedar Rapids, Clear Lake, Charles City, Waverly and Waterloo

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