



Savannah, Ga and The Lowcountry Preserving African-American & Gullah-Geechee History

Dates July 12-16, 2015

This comprehensive fee includes shared accommodations, all meals, beverages (excluding alcoholic), excursions, activity fees, gratuities, and professional development training. Your only additional costs would include travel to Savannah, parking fees if driving to Savannah (\$12 per day), and any spending money you want to bring to purchase snacks or gifts while traveling.

Overview

During this five-day program, explore the preservation of African-American history and culture in Savannah and Georgia's coastal islands. Experience the historic city of Savannah, with its stunning architecture and grand live oaks dripping with Spanish moss, as well as the lovely Lowcountry coastal landscape, with its expansive marshes and refreshing sea breezes. Through a service-learning project and cultural immersion, learn how different museums and heritage organizations preserve the history of African-Americans in the Lowcountry. Focusing on the themes of race, slavery, and the education of African-Americans this program considers the impact of geography, environment, and diaspora on the development of community values and culture by looking at two different experiences: the urban environment of Savannah and the rural Gullah-Geechee culture on the barrier island Sapelo. The Gullah-Geechee culture is distinctive and found only in the Lowcountry: the Gullah-Geechee people are descended from formerly enslaved people, primarily from the East Coast of Africa. During this program engage in a service-learning project with museums and heritage sites. Learn how to establish reciprocal partnerships with similar organizations back in your home community for future collaboration within the classroom. Receive a professional development certificate for training in creating a culturally responsive classroom, and using the Nobis Global Action Method to guide students to complete culturally focused service-learning projects.

Trip Highlights

- Discover the historical city of Savannah, Ga – including architecture, heritage sites, and local cuisine.
- Trace the history the African-American experience and education in the Lowcountry from slavery to present day.
- Visit historical sites such as the Savannah slave market, sites on the Underground Railroad, 1st African Baptist Church (the oldest Black church in the US), a Gullah community on a barrier island, and many more.
- Learn how to develop reciprocal service-learning partnerships between your classroom and museums or heritage sites.
- Explore creative ways to empower your students to document projects.
- Service-learning project to be completed in partnership with the King-Tisdell Cottage Foundation to assist in making the museum's collection accessible to schools in the Lowcountry and beyond. Details below.

Accommodations

Double occupancy accommodations at area hotel or vacation rentals in Savannah Historic District.

Dining

Eating is a big part of traveling as we experience the culture through our most primal senses of smell and taste. While traveling with Nobis World, you will experience an array of favorite foods of the Lowcountry. Our groups eat all meals together to enable participants to enjoy a variety of dishes while enjoying each other's company. A continental breakfast is provided at the accommodations each morning. Lunches will often be boxed sandwiches. Dinner is a time to unwind and discuss the day's events and will include opportunities to sample the favorite local home-style dishes. Wine and alcoholic beverages are available for extra purchase.

Airport Information

Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the program location. Complimentary shuttle service to and from Savannah/Hilton Head International (SAV) airport on the first day and last day of the program is provided. Participants are welcome to arrive in the destination earlier or continue traveling after the program completes, but Nobis Project will not cover any costs associated with an extension of your travel (including airport pick up or drop off at times other than those given by Nobis Project). **Participants should not make travel arrangements until receiving written confirmation from Nobis Project.** Nobis Project is not responsible for travel arrangements made by participants before receiving written confirmation.

Note: We know that it can be very hot in July in Savannah, we have kept this in mind when planning out the schedule of activities. This includes using some air conditioned bus tours, and an excursion to a island with ocean breezes. Additionally, all heritage and workshop sites, restaurants, and hotels are air conditioned (so much so that you might actually need a sweater!)

DAY ONE – SUNDAY July 13	
3:00 pm	Check-in to Accommodations
4:30 pm	Welcome, Introduction to Nobis Global Action Model & Big Ideas Activity
7:00 pm	Welcome Dinner – Lowcountry Boil
DAY TWO – MONDAY July 14	
7:30 am	Breakfast at Accommodations
9:00 am	Footprints of Slavery in Savannah Walking Tour
11:15 am	Tour of at King-Tisdell Cottage & Introduction to Service-Learning Project
12:30 pm	Box Lunch at King-Tisdell Cottage
1:30 pm	African American History Tour (Air Conditioned Bus Tour) An informative journey where one can learn about the contributions of Africans in the creation of the colony of Georgia, the State of Georgia, and the City of Savannah; the “first Underground Railroad”; secret schools; spiritual and cultural highlights of Africans in Savannah.
3:30 pm	Free Time
5:30pm	Group Reflection
7:00 pm	Dinner – Savannah BBQ
DAY THREE – TUESDAY July 15	
6:00 am	Breakfast at Accommodations
6:45 am	Depart for Sapelo Island
9:00 am	Tour of Sapelo Island
Noon	Catered lunch on Island
1:00 pm	Workshop Activity
2:00 pm	Return to Savannah
3:30 pm	Free Time
5:00 pm	Big Ideas Activity & Group Reflection
7:00 pm	Dinner on the Square
DAY FOUR – WEDNESDAY July 16	
8:00 am	Breakfast at Accommodations
9:00 am	Action Planning Workshop
10:15 am	Service-Learning Project
11:30 am	Box lunch
Noon	Service-Learning Project
2:00 pm	Free Time
4:00 pm	Davenport House – Tour by Jr. Interpreters and Meeting with Director
7:00 pm	Dinner on River Street
8:30pm	Group Reflection
DAY FIVE – THURSDAY July 16	
7:00 am	Breakfast at Accommodations
8:45 am	Check-out
9:00 am	Final Edits Workshop
10:45am	Presentation of Service Project & Final Group Reflection
Noon	Program Ends at Noon

Service-Learning Project

Teachers will immerse themselves in the culture and history of Savannah, explore the African American experience as interpreted by the African American Heritage museum, the King-Tisdell Cottage. Teachers will then create lesson plans for the King-Tisdell Cottage museums to use with schools (both local and across the country) in order to teach about the history of the black experience in Savannah, Ga. Many teachers use the lessons with their own students when they return to their classrooms.

Learn More About Savannah, Ga and The Lowcountry

[1st African Baptist Church](#)
[King-Tisdell Cottage Foundation](#)

[Beach Institute](#)
[Davenport House](#)

[Sapelo Island](#)
[Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum](#)

Suggested Reading

“God, Dr. Buzzard, & the Bolito Man”
by Cornelia Walker Bailey

“Daughters of the Dust”
by Julie Dash

“Mama Day”
by Gloria Naylor