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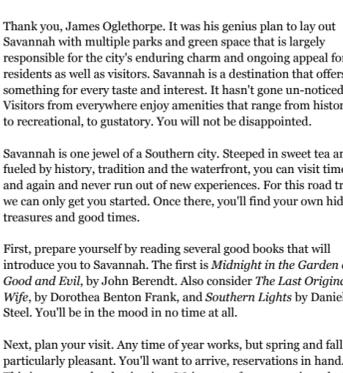
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Take a Road Trip to Savannah



Thank you, James Oglethorpe. It was his genius plan to lay out Savannah with multiple parks and green space that is largely responsible for the city's enduring charm and ongoing appeal for residents as well as visitors. Savannah is a destination that offers something for every taste and interest. It hasn't gone un-noticed. Visitors from everywhere enjoy amenities that range from historical, to recreational, to gustatory. You will not be disappointed.

Savannah is one jewel of a Southern city. Steeped in sweet tea and fueled by history, tradition and the waterfront, you can visit time and again and never run out of new experiences. For this road trip, we can only get you started. Once there, you'll find your own hidden treasures and good times.

First, prepare yourself by reading several good books that will introduce you to Savannah. The first is *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, by John Berendt. Also consider *The Last Original Wife*, by Dorothea Benton Frank, and *Southern Lights* by Danielle Steel. You'll be in the mood in no time at all.

Next, plan your visit. Any time of year works, but spring and fall are particularly pleasant. You'll want to arrive, reservations in hand. This is one popular destination. We've got a few suggestions, but there are many great inns, B&Bs and hotels to be found.

The info you need.

Photo: A Grand Plan. Greenspace is treasured all around Savannah. Protected from its earliest days, residents have choices. City parks, nature trails, nearby beaches and trees galore. It's a wonderful co-existence!
Credit: Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce.

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This beautiful inn is an award-winning delight, filled with history and antiques around every corner. It's a perfect destination for business or pleasure and you'll be treated royally at every turn. On second thought, you'll be treated with every courtesy due a favorite guest in the South. After all, this town was a hotbed during the Revolutionary War, when town fathers fought against king and crown.

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Snooze, You Lose: Prices Up, Inventories Low in Carolina Golf Communities

By Larry Gavrich, Founder & Editor, Home On The Course, LLC

As Yogi Berra might say about the Southeast real estate scene today, "It is déjà vu all over again." Increasing prices for developed community homes and lower-than-typical inventories are injecting a bit of urgency into the plans of recent retirees, and those who are soon to retire, about moving to the Carolinas and points south. It is like the early 2000s all over again.

Numbers don't lie, and the latest migration data indicates baby boomers are on the move again. According to the annual United Van Lines National Movers study, more than 22% of those who moved to the Southern states did so for retirement purposes. (Twice as many moved for a job.) Of the moves to and from North and South Carolina, almost 60% of moves in South Carolina were inbound and 57% in North Carolina were inbound. The Carolinas ranked 6th and 8th, respectively, of the top 10 inbound migration states. Vermont had the highest percentage (very small denominator) of inbound migration, and New Jersey had the highest rate of outbound migration (large denominator).

According to research conducted by CarolinaLiving.com, 63% of all those moving to the Carolinas last year were in the Over 50s age category.

Want to know more insider tips for golf communities?

Photo credit: Larry Gavrich

Surry Old Time Fiddlers Convention



A decade ago, the Surry Old Time Fiddlers Convention was created to keep alive the region's old time music tradition. As organizers prepare for the 10th edition on April 5-6 at Surry Community College, they're well on their way to achieving that mission.

The convention annually draws hundreds of musicians, young and old, who show their prowess on stringed instruments while vying for cash prizes in individual and band competitions. Hundreds more turn out to listen to the competitions, take part in workshops, browse luthier displays and participate in dance contests.

Festivities include a traditional community dance, youth competitions, banjo, guitar and fiddle workshops, and good times for folks who love music.

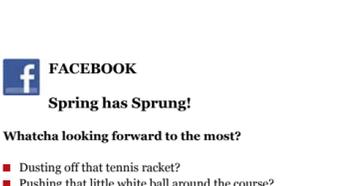
The convention takes place Friday and Saturday, April 5-6, at Surry Community College.

Admission is \$5 daily, with children 12 and younger admitted at no charge. Contestants get in free Saturday. For info on the Surry Old Time Fiddlers Convention, visit: www.SurryOldTime.com.

For lodging info, go to: www.YadkinValleyNC.com.

Photo courtesy of Whitetop Mountain Band.

Celebrate the Year of the Woman



25th Annual Pleasure Island Seafood Blues Festival Ft. Fisher Air Force Recreation Area Kure Beach, NC April 13-14, 2019

The 25th Annual Pleasure Island Seafood Blues & Jazz Festival is being billed as "The Year of the Woman" featuring International Blues Recording Artist Ana Popovic, Grammy-nominated Danielle Nicole (winner of Blues Blast Magazine's 2018 Best Contemporary Blues Album) and the Allman Brothers' inspired Artist – the incredible Heather Gillis Band.

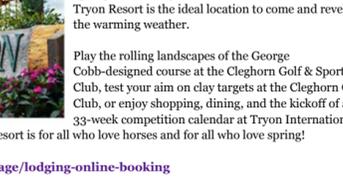
The Legend continues... Over two Decades of Seafood, Blues & Jazz at the Beach!

This two-day festival takes place along the scenic Cape Fear River at the Fort Fisher Military Recreation Area in Kure Beach. Enjoy browsing at the Arts & Wine Garden, shopping for crafts, listening to music, and fine wine tasting. Children will stay entertained for hours as they enjoy performers, face painting, educational exhibits, inflatables and much more in the Kidz Zone.

This event is sure to sell out quickly, so purchase your tickets ahead of time. Please do not bring coolers or pets, but bring your chairs, towels and blankets for a weekend of music and seafood at the coast.

www.PleasureIslandNC.org

Carolina Cuisine



Seasoned in the South

Green Tabasco Chicken sounds spicier than it is. Oh, it's plenty flavorful enough but not over the top. (Put a bottle of Green Tabasco Sauce on the table for those with cast-iron stomachs.) I can thoughtfully and arguably say, I think it's the best chicken I've ever made.

From Bill Smith's cookbook, *Seasoned in the South*. You'll want to own this one. It's full of recipes he developed at Crook's Corner, in Chapel Hill, NC. Buy the cookbook on Amazon or wherever books are sold. Visit Crook's Corner website for a tantalizing glimpse of his other Southern specialties.

Chef Smith is well known for his creative Southern comfort food and for his remarkable food writing, including his newest offering, the best-selling Savor the South title, *Crabs & Oysters*. He stands out as the only James Beard Foundation "America's Classic Restaurant" chef ever to have been named a final-five finalist for Best Chef in the Southeast – twice.

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Spring has Sprung!

Whatcha looking forward to the most?

- Dusting off that tennis racket?
- Pushing that little white ball around the course?
- Perhaps simply taking a long walk in the woods.

Hint: In the Carolinas, we indulge in those outdoor activities and more virtually year round. But, flowers are blooming and shorts are being seen, so we're kicking it up a notch. Please share your favorite springtime activity with us on Facebook!

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Wings Over Wayne

Located in Goldsboro, NC, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base will stage and choreograph the Wings Over Wayne Air Show on Saturday and Sunday, April 27-28. Headlining the exhibition from Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada, is the premier Air Force jet demonstration team, the Thunderbirds.

Wings Over Wayne is a family-friendly expo including the Kids' Zone, occupying one of the largest aircraft hangars on the base. A \$10 admission charge covers access to the Zone for the entire day. Performing aircraft and dozens of display aircraft generally fly in on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The Wings Over Wayne Air Show, presented every two years, was named 'Event of the Year' by the North Carolina Association of Festivals and Events, attracting more than 230,000 people in 2017.

Take a look at a sampling of the spectacular aircraft that will be at the show.

Photo: USAF Thunderbirds

Perfect Place for the Spring Season

Spring is returning to Western North Carolina and Tryon Resort is the ideal location to come and revel in the warming weather.

Play the rolling landscapes of the George Cobb-designed course at the Clegghorn Golf & Sports Club, test your aim on clay targets at the Clegghorn Gun Club, or enjoy shopping, dining, and the kickoff of a 33-week competition calendar at Tryon International Equestrian Center (TIEC). Tryon Resort is for all who love horses and for all who love spring!

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