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## HISTORIC SOUTH AND GOLDEN ISLES EXPLORATION

The Intracoastal Waterway is a protected network of bays, rivers, and canals with its shores home to some of the most beautiful historic cities in America. Start your journey in Charleston, lined with cobblestone streets and antebellum houses and where the first shots of the Civil War were heard. Continue to scenic Beaufort and learn what life was like on a southern plantation from our resident expert dressed in period costume. Enjoy the scenic beaches and abundant wildlife at Hilton Head, before traveling to Savannah where you will tour historic districts showcasing 19th Century wealth and opulence. In Jekyll Island, visit "Millionaire's Village," a National Historic Landmark with 240-acres of extravagant homes and winter cottages built over 100 years ago. On your final stop at Amelia Island, take a river cruise and walking tour through the Victorian seaport of Fernandina Beach.



### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 Charleston, SC

The port city of Charleston is known for its cobblestone streets, gas-lit lamps, and pastel antebellum houses. The scene of Revolutionary War naval battles, legendary pirate tales, and Civil War sieges, the city is considered by many to be a living museum. Visit historic Fort Sumter National Monument, where the first shots of the Civil War rang out. Learn how Charleston's African-American heritage has contributed to the city's history and unique culture. Enjoy the beauty of the area with a stroll

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through magnificent parks and gardens.

### Day 2 Beaufort, SC

Beaufort's history includes European explorers, Native American cultural influences, British settlements and Civil War battles. Today, horse-drawn carriages clatter along the narrow streets of this historic district, past 18th and 19th century homes famous for unique Beaufort-style architecture. View historic forts and elegant homes and discover why Beaufort was once heralded as the "Newport of the South."

### Day 3 Hilton Head Island, SC

Hilton Head is a first class resort known for its championship golf courses and miles of scenic beaches. A boat tour of The Sea Pines Forest Preserve gives you a close-up view of Hilton Head's indigenous plant and animal life, including the American Alligator.

### Day 4 Savannah, GA

With its emerald tree canopy, quaint cobblestone streets and majestic architecture, Savannah is still a bustling seaport with renowned historic districts that preserve its phenomenal 19th century wealth and opulence. Join a narrated tour of Savannah's "Historic and Victorian Districts," brave an evening Ghost Walk, or explore the area's magnificent shops.

### Day 5 Sapelo Island, GA

Experience the forested uplands, salt marshes, and beach dune systems that make up Sapelo Island. Take a narrated island tour to visit the top attractions of Sapelo's Hog Hammock Community, the local lighthouse, and the mansion of the islands' last millionaire owner, R.J. Reynolds.

### Day 6 St. Simons Island / Jekyll Island, GA

Discover the compelling history of Jekyll Island and St. Simons Island. Today, Jekyll Island is part of Georgia's Sea Isles and boasts "Millionaire's Village," 240-acres of extravagant homes and winter cottages, now recognized as a National Historic Landmark. St. Simons Island offers guests a view of the area's past including the momentous 18th century battlefields and sprawling, antebellum plantations.

### Day 7 Cruising to Amelia Island, FL

Discover the natural beauty of Amelia Island, with its miles of quartz beaches and rolling sand dunes. Fernandina Beach, the island's only city, now harbors a treasure trove of history, antiques, and collectibles. Join a walking tour of Centre Street's Historic District, with 50 blocks of restored 19th Century Victorian homes and shops.

### Day 8 Jacksonville, FL Area (Amelia Island)

Take in the beautiful weather of northern Florida as you disembark from your tour of the South. Jacksonville offers a number of wonderful activities, including a tour of Cummer Art Museum, which houses an exclusive collection of art, including rare porcelain.

### Please Note:

We do not guarantee departure point, termination point or any intermediate stop. Itineraries, schedules, routes, ships, and staterooms are always subject to change at any time without notice due to weather conditions, availability of docks, shoaling, river conditions, operation of locks, mechanicals, or any other reason. The times and dates of departure and arrival are also subject to change.

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### YOUR SHIP: INDEPENDENCE

<b>YOUR SHIP:</b>	<b>Independence</b>
<b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>	<b>Coastal Cruise Ship</b>
<b>LENGTH:</b>	
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>	<b>2010</b>

The Independence is equipped with the largest staterooms in the industry with most suites featuring private balconies. Featuring the latest in navigation and safety technology, the Independence is fully stabilized, allowing American Cruise Lines to reach even more fascinating destinations in smooth comfort. Complete with an exercise area and putting green, the Independence offers guests a relaxed and casual atmosphere. Independence Amenities and Features: Complimentary wi-fi, Elevator access to all decks of the ship, Many lounges offer an atmosphere for every mood, Grand dining room accommodates all guests together, Open-air exercise area with views of passing scenery, Satellite tv and dvd player in all staterooms, Spacious staterooms are the largest on any cruise ship, Hotel-size private bathrooms with a full set of amenities, Private balconies, Twice daily stateroom service, Putting green on the top deck, Individual climate control, Evening entertainment focuses on music and history, Built in the USA, All american crew, Complimentary cocktail hour each evening, Onboard historians and naturalists, Culinary program featuring locally sourced ingredients, Personalized service, Open picture window



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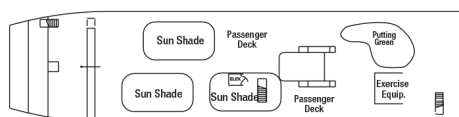


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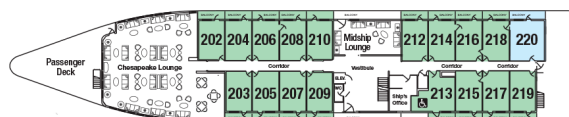
### 4TH DECK



### 3RD DECK



### 2ND DECK



### MAIN DECK



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