



**USS BENJAMIN FRANKLIN
2019 REUNION
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA
NOVEMBER 4-8, 2019**



To be held at the Savannah Desoto Hotel. The hotel is located at 15 East Liberty Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401. Room rates are \$159 per night, plus tax for single or double occupancy. Parking at the hotel is valet only and we have a reduced price of \$22 per night. The following reunion itinerary has been set. See registration form for pricing.

Monday November 4th

4:00pm ~ Early Registration and Hospitality Room Opens for Early Arrivals

Tuesday November 5th

9:00am ~ Hospitality Room Opens ~ 2:00pm ~ Registration Opens

6:00pm 8:00pm ~ Welcome Dinner Buffet

8:15pm-10:30pm ~ Optional Tour ~ Savannah Ghost Tour

Wednesday November 6th

Hospitality Room

9:00am-4:00pm ~ Optional Tour ~ Mighty Eighth Museum & City Tour

5:30pm-9:30pm ~ Optional Tour ~ Dinner Cruise

Thursday November 7th

Hospitality Room

8:30am-10:00am ~ Meeting

8:30am -10:00am ~ Ladies Breakfast

10:30am-4:30pm ~ Optional Tour ~ Fort Jackson & Tybee Island Lighthouse

6:00pm-7:00pm Cocktails ~ 7:00pm-11:00pm ~ Banquet & Dance

Friday November 8th

8:00am-10:00am ~ Farewell Breakfast

Checkout

★ **Call the Savannah Desoto Hotel at 1-844-257-3520 no later October 4, 2019 to make your room reservations. Be sure to mention you are with the USS Benjamin Franklin to receive the reduced group room rate of \$159 plus tax per night. The rate of \$159 plus tax is available based on availability on November 3rd. A discounted rate of \$219 plus tax is available on November 2nd, 8th and 9th based on availability.**

Optional Tours

<u>Ghost Tour</u>	<u>Tuesday November 5th</u>	<u>8:15pm-10:30pm</u>	<u>Price \$39.00</u>
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See why Savannah is known as one of America's most haunted cities as a tour guide takes you into 2 of its most haunted sites. Hear historical facts peppered with entertaining ghost stories as you ride the haunted trolley. Your first stop is at the the house of Andrew Low where Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of the Girl Scouts of America, lived. The Lows were a prominent Savannah family who took a peculiar interest in the paranormal. Legend has it that the presence of both Juliette and her grandmother, Sarah Gordon, can be felt inside the house. Your next stop is River Street's Perkins and Sons Ship Chandlery, known as the paranormal epicenter of Savannah. Step inside this old building that once was a bustling port business. As you enter the building in darkness, you are transported to another time. You may even feel the presence of spirits while you listen to the haunted stories of River Street.

<u>Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum & City Tour</u>	<u>Wednesday November 6th</u>	<u>9:00am-4:00pm</u>	<u>Price \$43.00</u>
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The Mighty Eighth Museum uses state-of-the-art graphics, memorabilia, vintage motion pictures and photographs and interactive "live-it-yourself" features, the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum is a work of art by itself. Divided into galleries, which effectively group the information presentation by either time or location, the museum begins with a concise retracing of the events leading to World War II in the Prelude to War, and then paints a bleak picture of Britain, seemingly alone, against the powerful German forces. Dramatic archival footage, some of which is rarely seen, recreates the life and death struggle that took place over the skies of Great Britain from 1940 until 1942. After our museum visit we will head back to Savannah for lunch on your own. After lunch we will hop on the Trolley for the Savannah City Tour which takes you through Historic Downtown Savannah, one of America's most beautiful cities, one that dates back to the early 1700's and is Georgia's oldest city. The Savannah Historic District is one of the largest National Historic Landmark Districts in the United States.

Dinner Cruise**Wednesday November 6th****5:30pm-9:30pm****Price \$89.00**

Enjoy an evening of dinner, live entertainment, and an unforgettable tour of Savannah on a river boat cruise. Experience refreshing river breezes on a sightseeing harbor tour, delicious local southern flavors, cultural entertainment, fun filled dinner, magical moonlight.

Old Fort Jackson & Tybee Island Lighthouse**Thursday November 7th****10:30am-4:30pm****Price \$58.00**

Georgia's oldest standing brick fortification perches on the banks of the Savannah River so its guns could fire on any vessel coming into Savannah. Chances are good that you will get an up-close view of an oceangoing ship during your visit. Walk on the parapet of the fort and investigate the structure's many nooks and crannies. Two powder magazines and most of the casemates are open to the public, and they contain displays of weaponry and tools used at the fort and artifacts from the CSS Georgia, a Confederate ironclad whose remains lay on the river bottom a few hundred feet away. The 9-inch Dahlgren cannon is one of the largest functional pieces of pre Civil War-era heavy artillery in the United States. After the Fort Jackson tour we will head to Tybee Island for lunch on your own at the Crab Shack. After lunch we will travel to the lighthouse on Tybee Island. The Tybee Island Lighthouse was ordered by General James Oglethorpe, Governor of the 13th colony, in 1732, the Tybee Lighthouse has been guiding mariner's safe entrance into the Savannah River for over 270 years. The Tybee Island Light Station is one of America's most intact having all of its historic support buildings on its five-acre site. You will have time to visit the museum and if you are up to the challenge you can climb the 178 stairs to the top of the lighthouse.

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COME JOIN US AS WE SHARE OLD MEMORIES AND MAKE NEW ONES!!

- **Confirmation of Registration and Itinerary will be sent out by October 10, 2019**
 - **CANCELLATION POLICY: By sending in the registration form, you are agreeing to the cancellation policy**
 - **A \$20 per person cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations received within 30 days of the event.**
 - **Cancellations received within 10 days of the event will be non-refundable.**
- Cancellations can ONLY be requested over the phone at 360-663-2521. You will receive a cancellation number; no refund will be issued without this number. Please make sure to keep this number for verification of your cancellation.**