

## Things to Do in Savannah

Below is a list of tours, restaurants, grocery/convenience stores, evening tours, places of worship, museums, and an option for Wednesday night activity. This list is not exhaustive but provides some options for attendees.

### Things to Do in Savannah

Historic Savannah offers a variety of activities for visitors and is a very walkable city. Here are a few suggestions, but take some time to explore [Visit Savannah](#), the office visitor center site, and [Historic Savannah](#). The Visitor Center Branch is just below the hotel on River Street. Also, in the hotel lobby is a desk with a staff member who can assist with directions and activities.

There are 22 park squares and over 100 restaurants along with great shopping. The squares are on Barnard Street, Bull Street, Abercorn Street, Habersham Street, and Houston Street. There is also Franklin Square on Montgomery next to City Market. The four original squares laid out by Oglethorpe were Ellis, Johnson, Telfar, & Wright Squares. Oglethorpe and Reynolds Squares were planned by Oglethorpe but were laid out after he left Georgia.

A few activities within walking distance of the hotel:

#### [Historic Savannah Area Things to Do](#)

1. Stroll along River Street

2a. Stroll up Bull Street to Forsyth Park (1 mile)

- Johnson Square
- Wright Square
  - [Tomochichi](#) memorial
  - [Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace Museum](#) (founder of Girl Scouts)
- Chippewa Square (Famous for the *Forrest Gump* bench)
  - The Gallery Espresso (Coffee Shop)
  - Chocolat by Adam Turoni (Chocolate Shop)
  - Stachel (locally made leather products) (on Liberty Street)
- Madison Square
  - [Sorrel Weed House Museum](#)
  - E. Shaver Booksellers
- Monterey Square
  - [Mercer Williams House Museum](#) (*Good Night In the Garden of Good & Evil*)
  - [Mickve Israel](#) (first synagogue built in GA, 3rd oldest in America, & only Gothic-style synagogue)
  - Armstrong Kessler Mansion (*Cape Fear*)

- Forsyth Park
  - See the Forsyth Park Fountain (in almost any movie filmed in Savannah)

2b. Return from Forsyth by walking back on Abercorn Street to stay with the squares. (Cross Drayton Street, walk one block, and then turn left on Abercorn.)

Taylor Square

Lafayette Square

- [Andrew Low House](#) (Juliette Low's home)
- Girl Scouts First Headquarters behind the Low House on Drayton)
- [The Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist](#)

[The Colonial Park Cemetery](#) (1789 burial grounds)

Oglethorpe Square

- [Owens-Thomas House & Slave Quarters](#)

Reynolds Square

Back on Bay Street

4. Stroll through the [City Market](#)

- Ellis Square
- Franklin Square

[The First African Baptist Church](#)

5. [Telfair Academy](#) (Bird Girl from Bonaventure Cemetery- the cover of *Good Night in the Garden of Good & Evil*)

6. [Jepson Center & Telfair Children's Art](#)

### **Additional Museums or Experiences ([List of Museums](#))**

- [Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum](#)
- [Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum](#)
- Learn more about [Savannah's Gullah Geechee Heritage](#)
- [Savannah Black Heritage & Cultural Experiences](#)

### **Places of Worship**

- [The First African Baptist Church](#) ([Article](#)) (formed in 1773) (Franklin Square next to City Market)
- [Lutheran Church of the Ascension](#) (1791) (Bull Street)
- [The Independent Presbyterian Church of Savannah](#) (formed in 1755) (Bull Street)
- [First Baptist Church](#) (formed in 1800) (Bull Street)
- [St. John's Episcopal Church](#) (1841) (Bull Street)
- [Congregation Mickve Israel](#), synagogue (1733) (Bull Street)
- [The Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist](#) (formed in late 1700 cornerstone laid in 1873) (Abercorn Street)

### **Other Locations to Visit**

[Visit Tybee](#) (will need a car or rideshare-17 miles)

Tybee Light Station & Museum

Fort Screven

Tybee Island Marine Science Center & Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary

Fort Pulaski National Monument

If you have a car and arriving early or staying after:

[St. Simons Island, GA](#)

St. Simons Lighthouse

[Jekyll Island, GA](#) (State-owned island, limited development, great beaches)

[Georgia Sea Turtle Center Rehabilitation Center](#)

[Cumberland Island, GA](#) (National Park, Access by ferry only, No cars allowed on the island.)

[Penn Center](#) - St. Helena Island, SC (just across from Beaufort, SC)

[Beaufort, SC](#)

[Hilton Head Island, SC](#)

## **Restaurants, Groceries, and Sweets within Walking Distance**

There are more restaurants in the area but here are a few recommendations. Not all restaurants are listed. You can contact the restaurants to see if you can make a reservation. Not all restaurants will make a reservation.

**On [River Street](#) to the right of the hotel if facing the River in order:**

1. [Olympia Cafe](#) (Greek & Mediterranean)
2. [Vic's River Grill](#)
3. [Huey's](#): As seen in several movies including *Cape Fear* and *Forces of Nature*.
4. [Boar's Head Grill & Tavern](#)
5. [The Shrimp Factory](#)
6. [Spanky's River Street](#)
7. [Lizzy's Burger Bar & Grill](#)

**On River Street to the left of the hotel if facing the River in order:**

1. [River House Seafood](#)
2. [Fiddler's Cafe](#)
3. [Dub's Pub](#)

### **[At Plant Riverside](#)**

1. [Savannah Tequila Co](#)
2. [Graffito Pizza](#)
3. [Riverside Biergarten](#)
4. [Riverside Burger](#)
5. [District Smokehouse](#)
6. [District Seafood](#)

## **On Bay Street**

All directions are with your back to the hotel

### **To the left of the hotel**

1. [The Cotton Exchange Tavern](#)
2. [Vic's on the River](#)
3. [Squealing Hog BBQ](#)

### **To the right of the hotel**

1. [Moon River Brewing Company](#): Directly across the street from the hotel Indoor and outdoor seating. A larger group can be accommodated. This site is considered haunted.
2. [Churchill's Restaurant & Pub](#) & Rooftop Bar: Directly across the street from the hotel
3. [Savannah Smokehouse BBQ](#) - 1 block up Bull and turn right on W. State
4. [Mint to be Mojito bar & bits](#) - 1 block up Bull and turn right on W. State

### **City Market Area**

1. [Little Duck Dinner](#)
2. The Chicken Box (Lady & Sons)
3. [Lady & Sons](#)
4. [Vinnie Van GoGo's](#)
5. [B&B Burgers](#) (Congress St & Broughton St)

### **Broughton Street (Shopping & Food)**

Turn right off of Bull Street

1. [Ruan Thai](#) Cuisine
2. [Flying Monk Noodle Bar](#)
3. [Chive Sea Bar & Lounge](#)
4. Toast! All Day

Take a left off of Bull Street

1. [Kayak Kafe Broughton](#)
2. [Jalapenos Mexican Grill](#)
3. [Sushi Hana](#)
4. [B&B Burgers](#) (Broughton St)
5. [The Funky Brunch Cafe](#) (8:00 am - 2:30 pm)

### **Additional Restaurants**

1. [Collins Quarter](#)
2. [Fire Street Food](#)
3. [Six Pence Pub](#)
4. [Zunzi's](#)
5. [The Public Kitchen](#)
6. [Mellow Mushroom](#)
7. [Hitch](#)

8. [Clary's Cafe](#) (Breakfast & Lunch Only)
9. [Mrs. Wilkes Dining Room](#) (Lunch Only)
10. [Crystal Beer Parlor](#) (Recommend car even though only one mile)

## **Rooftop Bars & Food**

[Rocks on the Roof](#)

[Myrtle & Rose Rooftop Bar](#)

[Electric Moon Skytop Lounge + Moon Deck](#)

[The Lost Square](#)

[Perry Lane Hotel Rooftop Bar](#) (Peregrin)

## **Grocery**

[CVS](#) (.3 mile)

[Walgreens](#) (.4 mile)

[Parker's Market](#) .6 mile

[Krogers](#) (drive) 1.5 miles

## **Sweets**

[River Street Sweets](#)

Peaches & Cream (on River Street next to Olympia Cafe)

[District Gelato](#)

[Byrd Cookie Company](#) (Local cookie)

[Savannah's Candy Kitchen](#)

[Leopold's Ice Cream](#) (local handmade ice cream)

[The Peach Cobbler Factory](#) (multiple varieties)

## **For Fun**

[List of movies shot in Savannah](#)

[Re-enact Hollywood Scenes at These Savannah Film locations](#)

[12 movies shot in Savannah](#)

## **Evening Tours**

Note: The conference committee is not organize any group evening activities  
Here are some evening tours you can organize over the conference app or pre-conference.  
Members are welcome to plan their evening excursion with other conference attendees.

[12 Spooky Savannah Ghost Tours](#) (#8 is a self-guided tour)

[Trip Advisor Night Tours in Savannah](#)

Old Trolley Tours - [Ghosts & Gravestones Flightseeing Tour](#) (7 tour times)

[Old Savannah Trolley Tours](#) - [Savannah Ghost Tours](#) (3 tours to choose from)

Ghost City Tours - (Have several tours look at the website for additional ghost tours which are at 9 pm, 10 pm, and 11 pm.)

- [Haunted Pub Crawl](#) - (8:00 pm)

[Savannah History & Haunts](#) - (7:30 pm & 9:30 pm)

## **Tybee Island Excursion on Wednesday Night**

Participation is optional and participants will cover all the expenses. Those who want to participate will complete a form and will meet in the hotel lobby to carpool in personal cars or Uber/Lify share rides to Tybee Island.

[North Beach Bar & Grill](#)

[Sting Ray's Seafood](#)

[The Chab Shack at Chimney Creek](#)

[Pier 16 Seafood Restaurant](#)

[Fannie's On the Beach](#)

[The Deck Beachbar & Kitchen](#)

[Spanky's Beachside](#)