Georgia's Antebellum Trail Pilgrimage
(Preliminary Itinerary)
April 21 – 25, 2010

Comprised of seven communities, this Pilgrimage will transport visitors back in time as they visit historic homes, experience authentic battle sites, view impressive architecture and tour magnificent museums.

ATHENS

T.R.R. Cobb House
T.R.R. Cobb was a UGA graduate, co-founder of its school of law, Confederate General, and principal author of the Confederate Constitution. This tour features information on the house's history, architecture, decorative arts as well as T.R.R. Cobb.

Church-Waddel-Brumby House
One of Athens' four house museums, this Federal-style house, ca. 1820, is believed to be the city's oldest surviving residence. Its rescue from demolition and restoration in the early 1970s as a welcome center sparked the historic movement in Athens. Period-authentic wall- and floor-coverings have recently been installed, as well as furniture and accessories.

WATKINSVILLE

Eagle Tavern
The Eagle Tavern remains on its original site in the center of town. Built in the late 1700's, this former stagecoach stop and tavern now serves as the city's Welcome Center and features examples of handcrafted chests, pottery, tables, beds and other artifacts, typical of the 19th century.

MADISON

Heritage Hall
Built in 1811, this Greek Revival home is noted for its four columns flanked by two square piers, as well as "window etchings" that appear on windows in seven of the eight rooms. Like many antebellum homes, Heritage Hall was originally part of an in-town farm on four acres.

Rogers House/Rose Cottage
Rogers House was built in 1809-1810 and is a fine example of Piedmont Plain style architecture. Designed as a two-over-two style, the back shed portion most likely was added around 1820 when census records showed that 18 people lived in the house. In 1891 Rose Cottage was built by Adeline Rose, a lady born into slavery. She eared her living by taking in washing and ironing at 50 cents per load. Most of her work was done for the boarders of the Hardy House, which was owned by the mother of the famous comedian Oliver Hardy.

EATONTON

Bronson House
The Bronson House was originally a Piedmont Plain house built in 1816-1822, the home was remolded in 1846-52 to Greek Revival and stands today as a gracious mansion with large fluted Doric columns on three sides. Tradition states that previous owner, Mr. Andrew Reid, was the first patron of local author Joel Chandler Harris who lived with his mother in a small cottage behind the house.

MILLEDGEVILLE

Old Governor's Mansion
Sherman slept here! This National Historic Landmark was claimed by Sherman in the infamous "March to the Sea" and served as home to Georgia's governors until the state capital moved to Atlanta in 1868. The Mansion has now been restored to its 1851 appearance in an award-winning $9.5 million restoration process.

Georgia's Old Capital Museum
Experience Civil War history in the building where Georgia legislators voted to secede from the Union and learn about the Native Americans who lived in the area prior to European settlement. The Old Capitol Building was the first public building designed in the Gothic Revival style.

Brown-Stetson-Sanford House
An architectural gem built by John Marlor in the "Milledgeville Federal" style with its characteristic columned double porch. It served the state capital as the Beecher-Brown Hotel and then the State's Rights Hotel for the many visiting legislators who came to the area. Don't miss the spiral staircase which is a Marlor trademark.

Lockerly Hall
Explore a real Southern plantation! This Greek Revival home is the setting of a haunting murder mystery and centerpiece of Lockerly Arboretum, famous for its magnificent lily pads.

MACON

Hay House
Macon's premier National Historic Landmark will be offering a 10% discount in their gift shop to Pilgrimage Tour patrons. (excludes purchases of books)

Cannonball House
Pilgrimage Tour patrons can enjoy a "tea party" hosted by period costumed docents in the formal gardens at Cannonball House. This white columned mansion is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and offers an impressive example of Greek Revival architecture built in 1853. Visitors will re-live the Civil War era with recounts of the 1864 Federal attack on this once privately owned home, tour the two-story kitchen house which once served as servants quarters, and view a collection of Civil War military memorabilia including officer's uniforms, company flags, swords, and guns used by Georgians during the War Between the States. Following their tour, Pilgrimage Tour ticket holders can enjoy a special 10% discount on items in the gift shop.

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