

## Itinerary

### Day 1 - Arrival in Beaufort & A Powerful Welcome

Arrive in the charming coastal town of Beaufort, SC. This evening, savor a delicious Welcome Dinner featuring fresh, locally sourced seafood – an introduction to the rich culinary heritage of the Sea Islands. Then, experience the powerful and moving performance of Christmas Wish...Freedom! by the Gullah Traveling Theater, a story weaving together history, hope, and the true meaning of Christmas.

### Day 2 - Discovering Gullah Heritage & Coastal Traditions

Embark on an immersive Guided journey into the living history of the Gullah Geechee people. Visit historic Darrah Hall and explore the legendary Penn Center, one of the first schools for formerly enslaved individuals – where you'll enjoy a special luncheon brought to life with storytelling, music, and cultural interpretation that celebrates Gullah language, resilience, and community. Continue exploring with a fun and uniquely American stop at the Kazoo Factory. This evening, enjoy a "Night on the Town" in Beaufort, where the charming streets invite you to explore boutique shops and flavors of the Lowcountry.

### Day 3 - Gullah Christmas Celebration & Cultural Festivities

The highlight of your journey – a full day at the vibrant Gullah Taste of Christmas Rice Cook-Off & Celebration! Immerse yourself in the sights, sounds, & flavors of an authentic Sea Island holiday gathering, where the aroma of traditional rice dishes fills the air and friendly competition showcases treasured family recipes passed down through generations. Enjoy live music, spirited line dancing, and a lively marketplace of arts and crafts that reflect the creativity and craftsmanship of Gullah artisans. This celebration of food, fellowship, and heritage captures the heart of the season. Continue the festivities with a special dinner and show, rounding out a joyful & culturally rich day.

### Day 4 - Reflection, Legacy & Farewell

After breakfast, reflect on the meaningful experiences of your journey through Gullah culture and history. Stop for a photo at the Harriet Tubman Monument and visit the gravesite of Robert Smalls, honoring two powerful legacies of courage and freedom. Conclude your time in Beaufort with an uplifting worship service at Tabernacle Baptist Church before departing for home inspired and enriched.

Celebrate the season with a soulful journey to Beaufort, where Gullah traditions, rich history, vibrant music, and unforgettable coastal flavors come together for a one-of-a-kind Christmas experience.

## Highlights

- 'Christmas Wish...Freedom!' Live performance by The Gullah Traveling Theater
- Guided Gullah Heritage Tour
- Darrah Hall
- Penn Center Campus with special Luncheon, Storyteller, and live entertainment
- Kazoo Factory
- 'Night On The Town' Event in Beaufort
- Gullah Taste of Christmas Rice Cook Off & Sea Island Celebration
- Harriet Tubman Statue
- Robert Smalls Grave Site
- Tabernacle Baptist Church

## Inclusions

- 3 nights' accommodations
- 3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, & 2 Dinners
- Admissions and Guide Services
- Taxes & Hotel Fees