



SPOUSAL/GUEST TOURS NCOIL SPRING MEETING MARCH 2 & 3, 2007



NCOIL has two fun tours planned for your enjoyment while we're in one of the South's oldest and finest cities, Savannah, Georgia, for the NCOIL Spring Meeting.

To ensure that we meet our group rate requirements, please register for both tours by February 15, 2007!

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Friday, March 2, 2007

Meet Sandy Feldman in the lobby of the Hyatt Regency at 8:45 a.m. where we will depart via Old Savannah Tours for the Paula Deen Tour. Paula's "Rags to Riches" story will both inspire and entertain you as we peek into the life of this famous southern cooking entrepreneur. We'll sample some of the low country's best delights when we have lunch at her new restaurant, Uncle Bubba's Oyster House. There will be a few surprises that are sure to give you an appetite for more of the "Good Ole South."

The tour will take guests through the historic district and also to the South side of Savannah to the Byrd Cookie Company, then as a special treat, Polk's Produce, and Bethesda where Paula was married.

As a tour participant you will receive a gift bag full of goodies and an exclusive VIP Card to the Lady and Sons restaurant that allows you to call and make priority seating arrangements (*where there is usually a 1 to 2 hour wait*). **You will be back at the hotel by 2:00 p.m. Cost per person is \$54.00. (Price includes tour, lunch, tax, and gratuity.)**

Saturday, March 3, 2007

Meet in the lobby at 1:30 p.m. where we'll depart for an adventure on board Old Town Trolley. We'll enjoy a relaxing 1 hr comprehensive tour of "Georgia's First City," *as the locals call her*. Our professional tour guide will reveal history, charming squares, and insights into that delightful southern belle, *Savannah*. Our first stop will be the History Museum that showcases Savannah's founding in 1733 to the present day. Next door we'll visit the Roundhouse Railroad Museum for a guided tour through exhibits inside seven historic railroad structures and see a fabulous collection of locomotives and rolling stock as well as exhibits explaining steam engines and belt-driven machinery. **Cost per person is \$24.00. (Price includes transportation, tour, entrance fees, tax, and gratuity. We'll return to the Hyatt by 4:00 p.m.**

Sweaters, comfortable shoes, sunscreen, and cameras are recommended.

 Please register by February 15, 2007 to ensure a spot on these great tours!

Friday, March 2, 2007 Number in party _____

Saturday, March 3, 2007 Number in party _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

★Please make your checks payable to:

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No refunds on day of event unless tour is canceled due to inclement weather.



Roundhouse Railroad Museum

The Central Railroad and Canal Company was chartered in 1833 to bring Georgia produce, especially cotton, to Savannah for export. The Roundhouse was built for the construction and maintenance of the growing fleet of steam locomotives and rail cars. By 1843, the Central Railroad & Banking Company of Georgia had constructed 190 miles of rail forming the longest continuous railroad under one management in the world. The Central also increased its rolling stock to over 50 locomotives and 500 cars, making it the second largest holding in the pre-civil war South.

Sherman's soldiers destroyed the Central's rail connectors by heating rails on fires and wrapping the links around trees or telegraph poles. "Sherman's neckties," as they were called, were irreparable in the field. Sherman spared the Roundhouse itself and other shops with the rest of the city.

William Wadley became president of the railroad in 1866 and rebuilt the shattered company, surpassing its original glory. The destroyed rail connections were replaced and almost 1500 new miles of track were added. The Central purchased the fastest train in the country in 1893, the Nancy Hanks. In 1895, the railroad was purchased by bankers and became the Central of Georgia Railway.

The Railroad reached its peak in the early 1920s and was the largest employer in the area. During the Depression it was placed in receivership but continued operations. The Roundhouse shops began servicing the newer diesel locomotives in the late '40s, but it was not optimally suited to diesel service. Most of the repair work was soon sent to newer shops in Macon. In 1963, the Southern Railway purchased the Central and the Roundhouse shops were closed. After years of neglect, the Roundhouse was slated to be demolished, but it was saved by a citizens' group and title was transferred to the City of Savannah. The long-abandoned site came under the management of Coastal Heritage Society in 1989 with major support from the City of Savannah. The structures are currently being restored for use as a museum and a functioning restoration shop for historic rolling stock. Future plans include restoring the track to the old passenger depot and providing shuttle transportation to visitors.