



Just Friends "Come Ride The Train" June 29 – July 1, 2012

Join your friends on this exciting opportunity to visit Plains and Cordele while riding the SAM Shortline Excursion Train. After boarding the train at GA Veterans Park, our first stop is Plains where we have lunch in the Old Bank Café and explore Main Street. Our final visit is Jimmy Carter's boyhood home at Archery. Enroute home Sunday we'll tour the Andersonville Civil War site.

Itinerary

Friday, June 29	McMinnville to Cordele GA
9:00am	Departure.
4-4:30pm	Late-afternoon arrival and hotel check-in - Best Western Colonial Inn Cordele.
6:00pm	Enjoy dinner at Golden Corral.
Saturday, June 30,	Ride the SAM Shortline Excursion Train
L,D 6:00 am	Breakfast opens; go at your convenience.
8:00am	Depart for GA veterans Park on Rt#280 between Cordele and Americus
9:15 am	Board the SAM Shortline at Lake Blackshear for the Archery Explorer excursion. The Shortline train offers a unique and exciting way to see this famous rural area of Georgia. Running between Cordele and Plains, you relax and enjoy the scenery while aboard. www.samshortline.com
Noon	The train arrives in Plains. The first visit is a The Old Bank Café for lunch. Plains is part of the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site overseen by the National Park Service. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Following lunch you'll have time to explore Plains to see the Motel whose rooms the Carters decorated from different decades of their lives. In the rural southern culture of Plains that revolves around farming, faith, and school had a large influence in molding Jimmy Carter's character and in shaping his political policies. His mother was a nurse who dedicated her time to the poor; his father ran a farm and a small country store. He walked the railroad tracks to town to sell peanuts, and when he said he'd grow up to be President, he meant it. The 39th U.S. President and his First Lady, Rosalynn, still call Plains home.
1:00pm	Depart Plains.
1:15pm	Arrive in Archery to see to see the Jimmy Carter's Boyhood Farm and Home.
2:00 pm	Depart Archery.
4:40 pm	Arrival back at GA Vets.
6:30 pm	Dinner at Cracker Barrel.

Sunday, July 1,
B,L **6:00 am**
8:30 pm
9:00am

Cordele to McMinnville

Breakfast opens; go at your convenience.

Checkout.

Depart for Andersonville. On arrival a guide will board the coach to show you the Andersonville site. Officially known as Camp Sumter, it was built early in 1864 after Confederate officials decided to move the large number of Union prisoners kept in and around Richmond, Virginia, to a place of greater security and a more abundant food supply. More than 45,000 Union soldiers were confined here; almost 13,000 died from disease, poor sanitation, malnutrition, overcrowding, or exposure to the elements. The Andersonville story is one of sacrifice and courage. Entrance to the Little Drummer Boy Museum is also included.

12:30pm

Enjoy lunch at Andersonville Station.

2:00pm

Depart for Linville

(B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner, included in package)

Package cost

\$185 per person double occupancy

\$260 per person single occupancy

Package Inclusions

- Two-night's hotel accommodations including taxes Best Western Colonial Inn, Cordele
- Full breakfast daily
- Dinner at Golden Corral Friday and Cracker Barrel Saturday
- Archery Explorer excursion on the SAM Shortline Train, economy class
- Lunch at the Old Bank Café in Plains
- Entrance to Little Drummer Boy Museum in Andersonville
- Lunch at Andersonville Station

Features Not Included: Items of a personal nature such as laundry and phone calls; drinks and mini-bar charges; meals not specifically included.

Conditions

- A deposit of \$50 per person is due by April 20.
- The balance is due 30 days prior to departure.
- There will be a \$15 per person cancellation charge regardless of the reason. Penalty on cancellations received between June 1 and departure will be a maximum of 100% of the cost per person, depending upon the amount recoverable from the suppliers to whom payment had been sent. Cancellation penalties are required to offset non-refundable hotel and supplier payments made by ATA in advance of the tour. There will be no refund for unused services once the tour has begun. If you cancel within 72 hours of the ride, the SAM Shortline tickets can be carried forward to a future trip if used within one year.

Please Note: Complimentary packages are included for the coach driver and tour escort.

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Prices: This price is subject to change due to the number of participants upon which the tour cost is based (40). ATA reserves the right to increase the price for such reasons. All prices are based on rates in effect on November 29, 2011 and subject to change.

Health: A letter of explanation of any physical or mental condition that may require medical attention or special equipment (wheelchair, for example) must be enclosed with the Reservation Form. The SAM Shortline is a vintage train; therefore accessibility is available but limited.

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