

# **The Sunshine Travel Club**



## The Macon Cherry Blossom Festival



**March 31st – April 2, 2020**

2 night 3 day

\$473.00 PP Double

\$614.00 PP Single

Full Payment Jan 14, 2020

**Deluxe Motorcoach**

2 dinners 2 breakfast

Cherry Blossom Festival

Step on guide

And more fun things to do in Macon

**Day 1:** Board our coach at the Ramada Inn at 8 AM, As we head to Macon Georgia, we will of course be stopping for a couple comfort breaks. Fun and games along the way. You will then be checking into your en route hotel at the Marriott where you will be staying the next 2 nights, Tonight we will have dinner at Mike`s on Mulberry. After dinner head back to the hotel for a goodnights rest.

**Day 2:** After breakfast, we`ll leave the hotel at 9A.M.. We`ll step off the bus for a short time to see a movie about Macon and the festival and how it all started! Next we on our way to tour Macon Cherry Blossom. With over 350,000 Yoshino Cherry trees, Macon becomes the pinkest city in the world when these trees are in full bloom. The Yoshino cherry trees have been a city staple for many years. Reaching peak blossom for only 10 days, it seems that the blossom leaves as quickly as they arrive. Why is Macon home to so many of these amazing trees? It all started in 1949 when Macon native William A. Flicking discovered a unique and unrecognized tree blossoming in his yard. Later discovering it was a Yoshino Cherry tree. Flicking and his family freely distributed the tree throughout the city. Nearly 40 years later, Carolyn Crayton, another Macon native, created the cherry blossom festival as a way to celebrate the principles of "love, beauty, and international friendship." To learn more about the Festivals history.

Tonight a real treat, dinner at the Hay House. One of Georgia's most historic houses and distinguished structures started construction around 1855 and continued in 1859. This 18,000 square foot mansion spans four levels and is crowned by a two-story cupola. Ran by imaginative owners and constructed by the most skillful works of the time. During dinner we will get a brief history of the house, and after dinner time to explore the house on our own.

**Day 3:** After breakfast, we will take some time the Shoppes at River Crossing. Here have some time to shop and have lunch. After lunch we head for home, and start planning our next Sunshine Travel Club trip.