

TERMS AND CONDITIONS COST: \$1450.00 per person, double occupancy.

Application with a **deposit of \$250.00 with your application** is needed to make the list of travelers on a first-response basis. **Full payment is due by October 15, 2023.** Please **make all checks payable to ICI/World Pilgrims** or **pay online** at <u>bit.ly/johns-island-</u> <u>2023</u>

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**MEALS:** Breakfast and lunch or dinner are included daily.

**SIGHTSEEING:** As per the attached program, we may have to vary the sequence of the tour or make substitutions, if necessary - all transfers and sightseeing by private motor coach.

**BAGGAGE:** Please limit luggage to no more than one personal item and one carry-on per person. ICI/World Pilgrims is released from any liability whatsoever resulting in loss, damage, theft, weather, delay in transit to any baggage, luggage, handpiece, etc, of the participant during any and all portions of this tour. **TIPS/TAXES:** All service charges for meals, tips for the driver, and other gratuities are included in the cost of the Pilgrimage.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Items of a personal nature, such as in-room service, laundry, telephone, special food or drink, lunches, and checked baggage costs





For full details, terms & conditions, itinerary, and/or to purchase tickets visit: interfaithci.org



# World Pilgrimage JOHNS ISLAND © CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

November 2 - November 6, 2023



Charleston, South Carolina, founded in 1670 as Charles Town, is one of the oldest and largest cities in South Carolina. It is considered the "Gem of the South" and boasts historical firsts, many attractions, well-preserved architecture, distinguished restaurants, and hospitable people. Charleston is one of the South's most popular tourist attractions. It is surrounded by beautiful beaches, including Johns Island, which is the largest island in the state of South Carolina. We will be hosted during our travels by Jan Swanson, co-founder of World Pilgrims, who currently lives on the island.

#### WORLD PILGRIMS

All World Pilgrims© journeys have the same goals:

 To deepen the participants' personal faith by visiting some of the world's most sacred sites

- To gain an appreciation of the shared elements of the three religious traditions, as well as an understanding and respect for the differences
- To establish real friendships with pilgrims from many faith traditions, even with the complexities of today's world

# All World Pilgrims© journeys operate from the same **Guiding Principles:**

- A pilgrimage is a sacred journey—not a travel seminar or a tourist venture. We take time for personal and group reflection, meditation, and sharing. Participants are asked to see these times as essential elements of the pilgrimage.
- The journey will have a formal and very intentional structure. The purpose of this design is ensure that all participants achieve the goals of the pilgrimage. Each participant will be asked to make a commitment to follow the structure so that the shared goals can be met. This means exercising discipline and a willingness to place the interest of the group above the interest of the individual.
- The focus is on understanding and accepting the other pilgrims and their traditions. During a pilgrimage, we discuss rather than debate, respect rather than judge, empathize rather than criticize. We seek to understand each other, not to change each other. and better understand the country's faith traditions.

- As pilgrims on a common sacred journey, participants are expected to share personal thoughts, beliefs, and experiences with each other, trusting the others to respect and appreciate their life stories.
- Pilgrims are expected to make a commitment to continue their common experience after returning home.

#### DAILY ITINERARY - JOHN'S ISLAND CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

(tentative, specific plans and activities may change)

#### DAY 1 (Thursday, November 2, 2023)

Catch the Motor Coach for a ride with the group to Charleston. We check in at the hotel at 4:00 p.m., get settled, and prepare to visit John's Island and Jan Swanson, one of the founders of Interfaith Community Initiatives. There we catch up with her in her retirement, have a roundtable conversation about what we will experience, and retire in our hotel rooms.

#### DAY 2 (Friday, November 3, 2023)

We begin the morning with breakfast in the hotel and an Interfaith Roundtable. Then we head to Muslim Jumah. Have lunch and free time before participating in Shabbat at a local synagogue. We end the night with dinner.

#### Highlights

- Jumah at a local Masjid
- Shabbat at a local Synagogue
- Dinner with Pilgrims

# DAY 3 (Saturday, November 4, 2023)

After breakfast at the hotel, we gather to talk about the activities for the day and head out to visit newly built International African-American Museum, After the Museum tour, we gather for dinner and take in an evening tour of Charleston.

#### Highlights

- International African-American Museum tour
- St. John's Island/Lunch with Jan
- Interfaith Roundtable

### DAY 4 (Sunday, November 5, 2023)

We begin Sunday with breakfast and then on to worship at Mother Emanuel AME Church and visit the memorial dedicated to the Emmanuel 9. Founded in 1816, Emanuel Church is the oldest African Methodist Episcopal Church in the Southern U.S. After worship service, we gather for dinner and take in an evening tour of Charleston.

#### Highlights

- Worship at Emanuel AME Church
- Visit Emanuel 9 Memorial

# Day 5 - (Monday, November 6, 2023)

Enjoy breakfast and a conversation with Interfaith leaders of Charleston, South Carolina, and prepare to return to Atlanta. The pilgrimage ends at 1:00 P.M. as we board the motor coach to return to Atlanta.