

# What's New in the Old South? Come Visit Savannah to Find Out!



Ellis Square fountain with lights (City of Savannah)



The Presidents' Quarters Inn

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The Presidents' Quarters Inn Cocktails

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The renowned Savannah Music Festival, the biggest in Georgia and one of only a handful of its kind in the world takes place March 18 through April 3. in Savannah, Georgia. Acts ranging from the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Wynton Marsalis to bluesman Henry Butler and southern rockers the Derek Trucks & Susan Tedeschi Band transform Savannah into the center of the music universe when they take the stage at a dozen venues throughout the historic district.

Even better, most Festival performances are within walking distance of The Presidents' Quarters Inn. Located on Oglethorpe Square, the Inn is near performing venues such as Jepson Center, Lucas Theatre and Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences. And for the ultimate in convenience, veteran innkeeper Jane Sales and her staff can assist guests with everything from concert tickets to getting to and from the shows.

As you venture in and around town, be sure to check out what else makes Savannah the place to be in March: Now in its 75th year, The Savannah Tour of Homes & Gardens (March 25-28) continues to offer visitors a glimpse inside Savannah's most treasured private homes. The unique walking

tours highlight the city's landmarks, architecture and history through home tours, seminars and special evening events. More information on tour schedule and tickets can be obtained at the front desk of The Presidents Quarters Inn.

The new Ellis Square is set for its grand opening March 12. Named after Henry Ellis, the second Royal Governor of the Georgia colony, one of Savannah's original squares has been lovingly restored to include open spaces for public events and a new underground parking garage. Let yourself be mesmerized by the new interactive fountain in the center of the square, powered by state-of-the-art water jets and a dazzling light display. Nearby stands a bronze statue of native son, songwriter/lyricist Johnny Mercer, whose likeness was unveiled on what would have been his 100th birthday on November 18, 2009.

Over on the southern boundary of the historic district, Forsyth Park's freshly renovated multi-million dollar visitor center is now open, complete with a new Forsyth Fort canopy, café, band stage, and plenty of seating areas. Lose yourself in the curtains of Spanish moss that descend from centuries-old oak trees or take in the view of one of the city's most famous landmarks, the

Forsyth Park Fountain.

And what's a trip to the Old South without honest-to-goodness Southern cookin'? The Alligator Soul restaurant is widely acclaimed by locals and visitors alike. In addition to the restaurant's fine dining supper menu, co-owner Maureen Craig and chef Christopher DiNello have recently introduced southern fare during lunch (under \$10), including popular garden-fresh vegetarian and day boat fish. Alligator Soul is within walking distance from The Inn and the staff will gladly assist you with reservations.

The President's Quarters Inn promises a relaxing stay. Call or email The Presidents' Quarters Inn at (912) 233-1600 or visit [www.presidentsquarters.com](http://www.presidentsquarters.com).

The Presidents' Quarters Inn is an historic bed and breakfast inn featuring 16 overly spacious rooms and suites in the heart of Savannah, Georgia's downtown Landmark Historic District. Two adjoining 1855 mansions have been transformed into a stately, restful, and intimate inn that marries 21st century amenities with old world elegance. Overlooking Oglethorpe Square and neighbor to Owens-Thomas House museum, Presidents' Quarters Inn is acclaimed as a place where generals, governors, politicians and busi-

ness pioneers have shaped Savannah's and the nation's history. Each one-of-a-kind guest quarters is named to honor a U.S. President who visited Savannah during his presidency. Complimentary afternoon wine and hors d'oeuvres, plus a southern breakfast featuring top southern chef specialties are just a smattering of the inn's amenities, assuring that every guest's Savannah experience is extraordinary. Featured by Conde' Nast Johansens internationally, this beautiful property offers a shaded courtyard, free on-site parking, balconies and private entrances at street level, Wi-Fi and elevator. The inn is only a short walk to Savannah's favorite restaurants, shopping, and the theater district.

The owner of President's Quarters is a lifelong, fourth generation Savannahian; with 13 years of experience owning and managing luxury inns in Savannah.

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