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SAVANNAH Georgia – Deliciously relaxing, the Azalea Inn is a laid-back Savannah bed and breakfast mansion offering vintage Savannah garden sensibilities, 19th century architecture ... complete with soulful imperfections ... and scrumptious, reinvented southern cuisine breakfast. A hidden garden courtyard pool, modern comforts and off-street parking extend special appeal.

The allure for Savannah visitors to the daffodil-Queen Anne Italianate inn is its casual 21st century casual living personality, which blends with its colonial Savannah garden district heritage. Victorian romance prevails in a stay at the Azalea Inn, taking guests back to a previous century, when Savannah's prosperity teamed up with Victorian tastes to create richly comfortable surroundings. The hall and stairway epitomize a bygone era of decorative, handsome tastes and the dining room is beautifully decorated with murals depicting important moments in Savannah's history. Here guests delight in breakfast each morning with Generals Robert E. Lee and William Tecumseh Sherman, along with Juliette Gordon Low, founder of the Girl Scouts. Artists have taken certain liberties with the paintings to include contemporary faces.

Savannah travelers are invited to rendezvous on brick-cobbled Huntingdon Street in the uptown Forsyth Park neighborhood for bonding adventures ... with lots of choices for sportive or cultural interests, fickle moods, a balance of time together and apart in colonial Savannah's garden district. For convenient sightseeing and business casual movement through the Savannah historic district, a complimentary shuttle-bus runs nearby.

Proving you can 'travel well on little' in Savannah ... or indulge to your heart's content, the congenial atmosphere of spoiling guests includes casual dining, light and easy fine living services, and tips on where to go to savor Savannah's infamous character and chic, old town style.

Frommer's guide writes, the inn is "especially appealing..." The Inn is featured in the prestigious Tour of Homes and Gardens (2006), Charlotte Magazine (April 2006), *Bed and Breakfast Inns of America*, and Savannah Business Report.

Location

Off-street parking presents special appeal to the laid-back inn which is located in the Forsyth Park neighborhood of Huntingdon Street, one of the most beautiful brick-cobbled, Spanish-moss canopied streets in the urban forest of historic Savannah. The





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mansion is within walking distance to attractions, churches, and annual events which take place in the historic district.

Rates and Rooms

Rates: \$125-275.

Payment types accepted include MasterCard, Visa and AMEX.

Rooms: The property has 10 total guest accommodations with 9 private baths, fireplaces, 2 suites and 1 dining/conference room. The types of beds available include King and Queen, with roll-aways available. Romantic suites feature grand scale whirlpool/Jacuzzi bath. Some rooms feature private balconies, garden courtyard pool decks.

Meals

Reinvented Southern cuisine breakfast is presented for casual enjoyment in the dining parlor, on the veranda or pool-side. Breakfast and finger desserts are included in rates. Advance request special dietary needs are accommodated by the Inn's chef.

Types of meals: Garden or dining room full gourmet breakfast, early coffee/tea, and special holiday cuisine. Advance requests may include custom picnic basket options, plus special occasion fare.

Amenities

In Room: Plush robes, cable TV, air conditioning and heat, iron and ironing board, robes, fireplace and/or balconies enhance guest rooms. Some private room baths feature Jacuzzi whirlpool tubs.

On Site: Fax, parlor and dining fireplaces, guest refrigerator/freezer, laundry facility, gift shop, and daytime finger desserts. Weekends feature "Wine with Attitude"sm. Resident small puppies on premise. The inn's staff will gladly make tour, excursion and dinner reservations.

Cancellation Policy

Seven days in advance; \$25 cancellation fee. Disciplined children over 12 are very welcome. Pets selectively accepted.





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Brief History of the Inn

The Azalea Inn is a Queen Anne Italianate mansion (ca. 1889), one of 1100 buildings in the National Landmark Historic District of Savannah, Georgia. Built on settler garden lands of colonial Savannah, Georgia, the urban manor finds connections to "Wall Street of the South" through its pedigree to its original owner, Captain Walter K. Coney. The robust and beloved Captain Coney played a significant role in the shaping of the philosophy of Savannah's 20th century. With daring Confederate Blockade Runner resilience, he was a visionary director of the Savannah Trade Organization (along with next door neighbor William B. Stillwell), founding director of the Savannah Bank & Trust, captain in the state militia, and member of the Savannah Cotton Exchange, which was referred to as "Wall Street of the South."

Historic researcher Joy Beall uncovered an untold story of the antebellum garden district (ca. 1733). "It is understandable that prominent Savannahians, like mercantile executive and competitive yachtsman Captain Walter Coney, would choose to build his new residence along the wide, uncluttered streets of the colonial garden district. Before the turn of the century, new commercialization and rapid industrialization were underway in Savannah's urban downtown, especially along "the Bay" and Broughton Street," explains Teresa Jacobson. "Today the expansive Huntingdon Street is one of the most beautiful brick-cobbled streets in Savannah," Teresa Jacobson concludes.

In the mid 1850s Savannah was the architectural center of the state. By 1872, the Savannah Cotton Exchange was one of only two places in the world where the price of cotton was quoted. The other place was Liverpool, England. Downtown architect G. L. Norrman's Citizens Bank (ca. 1895) had been built on Broughton and Bull Street, the site of today's SunTrust bank complex. The Central of Georgia Railroad was actively moving cotton between inland Georgia plantations and the port of Savannah, at the time recognized at the third largest port for cotton in the United States.

From 1733, the Georgia Trustees gave each male settler a tithing lot of 60-feet by 90-feet within the Town of Savannah. From the Savannah River and to Oglethorpe Avenue (formerly South Broad Street), one will find the oldest urban settlement of Savannah's "first forty" lots. About two miles from the riverfront these colonial settlers were assigned 5-acre-garden plots, plus farm plots (between what is now Gwinnett Street and DeRenne Avenue) of 44-and-7/8ths acres. Historian Walter J. Fraser, Jr., in *Savannah the Old South* references a "town-garden-farm lot" conveyed to a female.

Following a trend towards highest and best land use, city planners formalized the repurposing of the colonists' garden and farm lands. On the east and west of Forsyth Place (today's Forsyth Park) are the 5-acre plots assigned to the colonists for gardens, including those of the Azalea Inn on Huntingdon Street -- named for England's Countess of Huntingdon, Lady Selina Shirley Hastings, a benefactor to Savannah's Bethesda Orphanage and Phillis Wheatley, the first African American published poet.

Current owners are Teresa and Micheal ("Jake") Jacobson, who were enticed to historic Savannah, Georgia, while their son was a student at the Savannah College of Art and Design. The Jacobson's friendly, personal attention is the hallmark of the Inn's "home-away-from-home" appeal.



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Historic Awards

Arrington's Inn Traveler Book of Lists 2005, "Most Historical Charm"

Historic Memberships

Historic Savannah Foundation, Georgia Historical Society and Savannah Chamber of Commerce.

Inspected/Ratings

[Romantic Inns of Savannah](#) member

Special Discounts & Packages

Romantic engagement; Thanksgiving, Christmas and Valentine holidays; Weekday business executive lodging; Group or full house reservations; Corporate retreats; Chef Randall's Cooking School students; and Gift certificates.

Activities

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Highlights include romantic wedding engagements, small corporate or meeting retreats, friends and romantic getaways, photographic walking tours, scenic nature exploration, and the Inn's private heritage gardens. The inn offers southern cuisine, romantic getaway and walking vacation escapes.

Need More Information?

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