15 THINGS TO DO in SAVANNAH

CITY MARKET

Four blocks in the heart of the Historic District have been renovated to capture the authentic atmosphere and character of the city's old open marketplace. The market features artists working in their lofts and exhibits of works for sale. There are also restaurants, open-air cafés, theme shops, and stores offering crafts, accessories, and gifts.

1. 219 W Bryan St, Savannah, GA 31401

JEPSON CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Jepson Center for the Arts features two large galleries for major traveling exhibitions and galleries for African-American art, Southern art, photography, and works-on-paper, as well as a community gallery. The center also has a 3,500-square-foot hands-on gallery for young people; two outdoor sculpture terraces; education studios; a 200-seat auditorium; a café; and a store. The center is covered with glistening white Portuguese stone and consists of two separate structures connected by glass bridges. The building has a soaring, light-filled atrium and a sweeping, three-level staircase that provides access to its expansive galleries.

4. 207 W York St, Savannah, GA, 31401

DAVENPORT HOUSE MUSEUM

Located on Columbia Square, the Isaiah Davenport House was built between 1815 and 1820 and is an exceptionally fine example of Federal architecture. It was the proposed demolition of this home that served as a catalyst in the founding of the Historic Savannah Foundation. It features a fine collection of Davenport china and period decorative arts.

2. 324 E State St, Savannah, GA 31401

LEOPOLD’S ICE CREAM

Leopold’s is an ice cream parlor circa 1935. Much of the décor is original including the original soda fountain, soda fountain cover, back bar, sundae holders, banana split boats, and malted milk dispenser—all of which are still in use. Even the old Philco radio and the wooden-interior phone booth from the old store are being used!

5. 212 E Broughton St, Savannah, GA 31401

RIVER STREET

Bordering the thriving river port, River Street imparts old-world charm. The nine-block brick concourse is ideal for strolling and ship-watching. More than 75 boutiques, galleries, artists’ studios, restaurants, and pubs are housed in one-time cotton warehouses that have been restored to their rustic beauty.

3. 317 E River St, Savannah, GA 31401

BEACH INSTITUTE

The Beach Institute is Georgia’s oldest school for African Americans. Initially, the school had 600 students enrolled, with nine female teachers and a male principal. Most of the teachers were white and tuition was $1 per month. The Beach Institute closed as a school in 1919. Visitors may view local and national African American art exhibitions, including an impressive collection by Ulysses Davis, a renowned native Savannah wood carver.

6. 502 E Harris St, Savannah, GA 31401
Built between 1818 and 1820, the center is the birthplace of Juliette Gordon Low, founder of the Girl Scouts. The building has been restored and furnished to depict the 1870s and was named Savannah’s first National Historic Landmark in 1965. It is owned and operated by the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. as a memorial to their founder and is a program center for all members. The Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace is an exciting destination for Girl Scout troops from across the country and around the world.

10 E Oglethorpe Ave, Savannah, GA 31401
This $13 million museum honors the courage, character, and patriotism embodied by the men and women of the Eighth Air Force from World War II to the present. The 95,000-square-foot museum is situated on a 13-acre tract at the intersection of Interstate 95 and U.S. Highway 80 in Pooler, just outside of Savannah. This landmark includes a museum, library, static aircrafts, displays, archives, research center, bookstore, and gift shop.

175 Bourne Ave, Pooler, GA, 31322