# The Garden Series Presents: CHARLESTON GARDENS AND A MAN NAMED PEARL With George Weigel

Monday-Sunday, March 16-22, 2015

## Monday, March 16, 2015

6:30 AM Depart Weis Markets Linglestown Road
7:00 AM Depart Stauffers of Kissel Hill, Mechanicsburg Rest stop en route

Arrive at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens and grab a quick bite on your own in the café before your guided garden tour followed by a little time to explore on your own. One of the most-visited attractions in Richmond, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden offers year-round beauty on a historic property with more than 50 acres of spectacular gardens, dining and shopping. More than a dozen themed gardens include a Children's Garden, Healing Garden, Fountain Garden, Asian Valley and Victorian Garden.

Overnight in Fayetteville, NC ~ Dinner is included

## <u>Tuesday, March 17, 2015</u>

Today we'll travel to Charleston and tour the United States' only remaining tea-growing operation at the Charleston Tea Plantation. Then we'll see one of America's oldest trees, a majestic live oak on Johns Island that's more than 1,500 years old. Our hotel is in the Historic District in the heart of Charleston. Dinner is included tonight.

## Wednesday, March 18, 2015

After breakfast at the hotel, we'll travel to Savannah, Ga., for the day. You'll have time to explore this city of parks (two dozen of them) and then head over to Savannah's revitalized warehouse district for a unique riverside shopping experience. Dinner is included tonight at the Pirates House in Savannah.

# Thursday, March 19, 2015

After breakfast at the hotel, a local step-on guide will take us on a morning coach tour of Historic Charleston, ending at the city's marketplace where you can explore and grab a bite to eat. The afternoon features the Historic Charleston Home and Gardens Tour, regarded as one of the country's best garden tours. Your Glorious Gardens ticket lets you stroll leisurely through eight to ten private gardens. Guides are stationed at each location to provide information about garden design, plants and each garden's history. The tour includes wine and American Classic Tea receptions in the garden of the Nathaniel Russell House Museum, 51 Meeting St., from 4-5 p.m. Dinner is included tonight at Hyman's Seafood.













## Friday, March 20, 2015

A visit to two amazing Charleston-area public gardens is on today's schedule. First up is Middleton Place, a classic Southern garden with formal plantings, statuary and a look at how rice is grown. Included there is a Low Country Buffet Luncheon of regional foods. The afternoon stop is to Magnolia Plantation, where you'll see camellias and a swamp landscape among other Southern gardens. You'll have free time to explore Historic Charleston on your own this evening since our hotel is in the heart of this district.

### Saturday, March 21, 2015

We'll depart Charleston today and head for Murrells Inlet and a guided tour of the beautiful Brookgreen Gardens, known for its scores of sculptures as well as superb landscaping. Then we'll depart with a box lunch for Bishopville S.C. and the home of Pearl Fryar. Pearl is in his 70s and is untrained in horticulture but has a magnificent private topiary garden that resulted in national fame and a movie about him ("A Man Named Pearl.").

Back on the road and overnight in Greensboro, N.C., before heading home.

#### Sunday, March 22, 2015

We'll depart for home this morning with a stop for your included luncheon and then a tour at James Madison University's Edith Carrier Arboretum in Harrisonburg, VA. Rest stop en route home.

6:00 PM Approximate arrival in Mechanicsburg

6:30 PM Approximate arrival in Harrisburg

Entrée selections circle 1 per day

Tuesday— Baked Seafood casserole Au Gratin—Fried Shrinp— Broiled Flounder—Seafood Jambalaya—Rosemary Thyme Broiled Chicken—Sweetgrass Shrimp and Grits

Wednesday—Honey Pecan Fried Chicken—Mango Chili Glazed Salmon—NY Strip

Saturday Box Lunch - Ham & Swiss on Wheat—Turkey & Swiss on White—Vegetable Wrap on Tomato Basil Tortilla



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## **Trip Includes:**

- Transportation
- Accommodations
- Luggage Handling
- George Weigel & Escort
- Admissions & Tours
- 6 Breakfast, 3 Luncheons & 3 Dinner
- Taxes
- Gift Card Giveaway

Driver's Gratuity is not included

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Tuesday—Seafood, Shrim	p, Flounder, Jambalya, Chicken or Shrimp & Grits
Wednesday—Chicken, Sa	lmon or NY Strip
Saturday—Ham & Swiss	Turkey & Swiss or Veggie Wrap (See descriptions above)