

FAMILY ROUTE · SAVANNAH, GA

SAVANNAH MADE EASY FOR FAMILIES

The ultimate Savannah travel guide for families: a shaded, stroller-friendly route with children.

Pick one historic square a day, match sights to your kids' ages and the weather, and leave room for a shady nap and a snack stop.

Squares and riverfront · free parks · rainy-day museums

AT A GLANCE

Your guide, in one glance

Check these family patterns first, so your riverfront walks and square visits fit your crew.



First-time visitors

Pick one historic square a day, then add a shaded bench or a playground stop.



Little ones under 6

Keep walks short, choose flat paths, and favor museums with dedicated kids' zones.



Mixed-age crews

Pair one hands-on museum with an easy riverside stroll that everyone enjoys.



Rainy-day plan

Keep one indoor museum or play space near your route as a backup plan.

ORIENT YOURSELF

Savannah at a Glance

Plan around one walkable district a day, so little ones get shade and naps between stops.

ZONE	WHAT'S THERE
Historic District	Shaded squares, cobblestone lanes, and short walks between family stops.
Riverfront	River Street shops, a flat boardwalk for strollers, and ice cream breaks.
Forsyth Park & Midtown	A famous fountain, playgrounds, and wide lawns for picnics.
Tybee Island (day trip)	A beach, a pier, and a marine science center for little explorers.
Starland & Victorian District	Street murals, casual cafes, and calm side streets for strollers.
Practical tips	Stay within walking distance of your sights and build in time for snacks, naps, and afternoon heat.
Transit & airports	Walk the historic core, use rideshare or the trolley for longer hops, and book a car seat ride from the airport.

Which major attraction fits your family?

DESTINATION	WHY IT WORKS
Savannah Children's Museum	Hands-on play rooms built for toddlers and young school-age kids; a rainy-day favorite.
Oatland Island Wildlife Center	Boardwalk trails and animal habitats; go early while the air is cooler.
Forsyth Park	Fountain views, playgrounds, and shaded lawns for a slow family afternoon.
Tybee Island Beach	Sand, shallow water, and a sea breeze; pack shade and water for the trip.
Jepson Center and Telfair Children's Art Museum	Art activities for little creators and a calm indoor break from the heat.
Georgia State Railroad Museum	Historic locomotives and rail cars; a strong pick for train-loving kids.
River Street Savannah	Riverfront shops, ice cream, and a stroller-friendly walk with views.
Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum	Ship models and maritime stories; a good match for school-age kids.

Before you book, check each attraction's official site for current hours, timed tickets, stroller rules, and closures.

THE BIG LIST

18 Must-Visit Family Attractions

1. **Savannah Children's Museum** for hands-on exhibits and a kid-sized play area.
2. **Jepson Center and Telfair Children's Art Museum** for art activities for little artists.
3. **Georgia State Railroad Museum** for historic locomotives and rail cars.
4. **Oatland Island Wildlife Center** for boardwalk trails and animal habitats.
5. **Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum** for ship models and waterfront stories.
6. **Savannah History Museum** for a short, family-paced look at local history.
7. Savannah Science Museum for hands-on science rooms for curious kids.
8. Tybee Island Beach for sand, shallow water, and a sea breeze; go early for shade.
9. Wormsloe Historic Site for a shaded live oak avenue and a short trail.
10. Fort Pulaski National Monument for a brick fort, cannons, and a quick ranger talk.
11. Tybee Island Marine Science Center for touch tanks and shore creatures.
12. Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum for planes and a big-kid hangar.
13. Savannah Riverboat Cruises for a seated river trip that rests tired legs.
14. Old Fort Jackson for a Civil War-era fort with cannon displays.
15. Savannah Bee Company for a short tasting and bee stories for kids.
16. The Pirates' House for pirate lore and a kid-friendly tour.
17. Savannah Historic Trolley Tour for an easy seated sightseeing break.
18. Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace for a short tour of the Girl Scouts founder's home.

Before you go, check age guidelines, timed-entry slots, stroller rules, and closures on official sites.

LOWER-COST DAYS

13 Free & Budget-Friendly Places

Pair one paid highlight with a free stop, and the day stays relaxed and affordable.

01 **Forsyth Park** for a famous fountain and shaded lawns for picnics.

02 **River Street Savannah** for a riverfront walk with views and ice cream stops.

03 **Historic Savannah Squares** for shaded benches and short, easy walks.

04 **Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist** for a quiet, free pause with striking stained glass.

05 Emmet Park for a playground and shaded picnic lawns.

06 Tybee Island Pier for free fishing and a sunset view over the water.

07 Bonaventure Historic Cemetery for slow, scenic strolls with older kids.

08 Chippewa Square for benches and a classic park stop.

09 Wright Square for shade between sights and a quick snack break.

10 Madison Square for a short, shaded picnic on the grass.

11 Lafayette Square for a quiet bench break near historic homes.

12 Johnson Square for a quick, shaded rest on a stroller-friendly route.

13 A self-guided Historic District walk with a stroller-friendly route and frequent shade.



A Savannah local day: shaded squares, a playground, and a snack break.

OFF THE BEATEN TRAIL

Local Favorites & Hidden Gems

1. Factors Walk for cobblestone lanes and bridges above the river.
2. Colonial Park Cemetery for old tombstones and shady grass for older kids.
3. Starland District for street murals and a casual cafe stop.
4. Thomas Square for shade and a quiet bench break.
5. Ellis Square for a shaded bench in the middle of the city.
6. Jones Street for its live oak canopy and calm sidewalks.
7. Telfair Square for a bench-side pause near the museum.
8. Pin Point Heritage Museum for a short, local history stop.

Choose one neighborhood per day; shade, a snack, and a short walk keep little legs happy.

WEATHER BACKUP

Rainy-Day & Indoor Picks



For little scientists

Savannah Science Museum and the **Savannah Children's Museum** for hands-on rooms.



For the littlest ones

Jepson Center and Telfair Children's Art Museum for art play, plus a quiet hotel-room nap break.



For train and ship fans

Georgia State Railroad Museum and **Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum** for indoor history.



For a brief break in the rain

City Market for a covered snack stop with plenty of seating.



For grown-ups

Keep a cushion in the schedule for snacks, a dry set of clothes, and one indoor highlight such as the **Savannah History Museum**.

Confirm each museum's hours, timed entry, and stroller access on its official website before you go.

BEFORE YOU GO

Savannah Area Map, Pitfalls & Source Notes

Savannah Area Attraction Map

ZONE	HIGHLIGHTS
Historic District	Squares, River Street, Savannah Children's Museum, Savannah History Museum
Midtown & Forsyth	Forsyth Park, Jepson Center, Savannah Science Museum
Riverfront & Rail	Georgia State Railroad Museum, Ships of the Sea, Cathedral Basilica
Tybee Island (day trip)	Tybee Island Beach, Tybee Island Marine Science Center, Tybee Pier
Oatland & Wormsloe	Oatland Island Wildlife Center, Wormsloe Historic Site

Common Planning Mistakes

1. Packing too many squares and museums into one day with toddlers.
2. Forgetting that cobblestones on River Street and Factors Walk are tough for strollers; bring a carrier.
3. Visiting Tybee Island at peak afternoon heat without shade or water.
4. Assuming every museum is open on Sundays or public holidays.
5. Skipping sunscreen and hats on open squares in summer.
6. Having no plan B for afternoon thunderstorms.