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2005 Summer Trip

Happy to report, the summer trip went off without a hitch - except for one strategic rainstorm in Charleston that we'll tell you about - and everyone made it back safely for the July 4th weekend.

First Stop - Savannah



After a tour of River St on Sunday night, our class on Savannah's design and her architecture was a tough day. We spent

several hours in the morning learning the secrets of the nation's first planned city and the afternoon walking the squares. Classes were held at the Massie Heritage Center, the city's first public school and everyone came away with an absolutely dynamite materials book and CDs to teach Savannah. A great first day!!



Ogelthorpe's
Surveying
Instrument

For America's first
planned city

Then Charleston



As luck would have it, the first big weather maker of the summer was stalled above the coast when we arrived in

Charleston. Yes, we did have to duck rain showers in the Holy City but on a positive note, it was cooler than it would normally have been. Our first day was a walking tour of old Charleston that was partially rained out, but everyone got the idea and many were able to retrace our steps when the showers





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stopped. And the ladies got to shop in one of the more exclusive shopping areas in the nation since we were in easy walking distance of old Charleston's downtown shopping

district. Everyone probably gained a few pounds sampling Charleston's unique cuisine but there did not seem to be many complaints.

on to Augusta.

Augusta's Riverwalk Park along the Savannah River immediately adjacent to our hotel was a good place to walk off the accumulated calories of the past several days. Bright and early the next



morning, we investigated the Augusta Canal National Heritage Area with a walking tour of a restored Industrial Age factory and a 15 mile

boat tour of the Canal itself. Our tour guide was Georgia's foremost historian, Dr Edward Cashin, also the subject matter expert on the history of the canal itself.



Our second day was spent in the morning at the Ft Moultrie National Historic Site looking at the layers of history from pre-Revolution to today - a seafood lunch on the waterfront at Shem Creek, a quick transit to Drayton Hall for afternoon classes and first hand observation of southern plantation life, then

Then back to Lenox through the heart of Georgia to conclude our packed full trip. These



trips just get better. If you didn't get to go with us, make plans for next year well in advance - the last 10 days of July, 2006.

Thru the Augusta Canal Locks



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