

# UNCOVER SAVANNAH'S MARITIME HISTORY AT SHIPS OF THE SEA MARITIME MUSEUM



## STEP INSIDE SAVANNAH'S PREMIER MARITIME MUSEUM

History comes alive through stunning ship models, rare artifacts, beautifully hand-crafted models, and the rich stories of the region's waterways. Set in the historic William Scarbrough House, this museum offers a deeper dive into Savannah's connection to the ocean. Explore history through one of our four unique guided tours, each revealing a different facet of Savannah's maritime legacy.

### FOUR IMMERSIVE TOURS TO EXPLORE!

- Echoes Through Time: The Scarbrough House
- Cannon, Courage, and Conflict: Maritime Warfare
- Titanic and Beyond: Maritime Disasters
- Savannah's Secret Garden: Nature & Nostalgia





## ECHOES THROUGH TIME: THE SCARBROUGH HOUSE

Journey back in time in one of Savannah's most fascinating historic homes built in 1819 for shipping mogul William Scarbrough, a key investor in the SS Savannah, the first steamship to cross the Atlantic.

Once a symbol of wealth and innovation, learn how this grand residence designed by celebrated Savannah architect William Jay was abandoned at the conclusion of the Civil War. For 90 years, it was a school for Black children during Reconstruction through the 1960s, providing education in the newly emancipated South. Relegated to become a storage facility after the school closed, the house was nearly lost to time before being beautifully restored by Historic Savannah Foundation and then serving as Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum.

This tour reveals the architectural splendor, personal stories, and evolving purpose of this remarkable home, tying it all to the broader history of Savannah itself.



## CANNON, COURAGE, AND CONFLICT: MARITIME WARFARE

From the age of sail to steel-hulled warships, maritime warfare has shaped the course of history. In this tour, we explore the vital role ships played in conflicts from the Revolutionary War through World War II.

Discover how Savannah's port was a hub for trade and naval activity, facing both blockades and battles. Stand before models of legendary ships like the WWII ship USS Savannah and hear the harrowing story of Chief Aviation Radioman Edward J. True, who flew scouting missions in a Kingfisher plane during World War II. After being shot down over the water, he was left stranded until a daring rescue brought him back to safety. Step back in time to the Civil War and uncover the impact of the USS Monitor, an ironclad warship that revolutionized naval combat with its groundbreaking design and its historic clash with the CSS Virginia. Learn about the role of merchant ships, submarines, and the men who fought to control navigable waters.

Whether it was defending independence, enforcing blockades, or surviving torpedo strikes, the stories of these ships bring the danger, bravery, and strategy of naval warfare to life.



## TITANIC AND BEYOND: MARITIME DISASTERS

The ocean holds countless secrets, and some of the most haunting and tragic stories in maritime history involve the ships that never made it back to shore.

This tour uncovers the human stories behind famous maritime disasters, from the Titanic's doomed voyage to Savannah's own SS Pulaski—known as the 'Titanic of the South'—which exploded and sank in 1838 on only its fourth voyage. Learn how early steamships faced unforeseen dangers and how technological advancements didn't always prevent catastrophe. Explore the fate of the HMS Cressy, a British warship sunk by a German submarine in World War I, marking a new and terrifying era of naval warfare. Discover the science behind shipwrecks, from fires and structural failures to devastating storms and torpedo strikes.

Through detailed ship models, firsthand accounts, and gripping narratives, uncover the heroes who saved lives, the mistakes that sealed fates, and the lessons learned from these tragedies. This tour offers a chilling yet fascinating look at why ships sink and how these disasters shaped maritime history.



## SAVANNAH'S SECRET GARDEN: NATURE & NOSTALGIA

Escape the bustling city and step into Savannah's largest private garden in the Historic District, a breathtaking oasis within the museum's historic walls.

This tranquil retreat is more than just a collection of native plants—it's a living link to the past. Discover the history of the original garden wall, the purpose of gardens in 19th-century homes, and how the space evolved over time. Wander through towering live oaks, fragrant magnolias, and vibrant azaleas to learn how these plants were not just ornamental but played a role in everyday life, medicine, and folklore.

Whether you're a history lover, a garden enthusiast, or just seeking a peaceful escape, this tour offers a unique blend of architecture, botany, and nostalgia that celebrates the natural beauty of Savannah.

# BOOK YOUR TOUR TODAY!

Whether you're a history buff, a nature lover, or simply curious about the untold maritime stories of Savannah, Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum has a tour for you!

Perfect for groups, private tours, and history enthusiasts!

Location: 41 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Savannah, GA 31401

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Come set sail and uncover the legends, battles, and beauty hidden of Savannah's maritime past!

