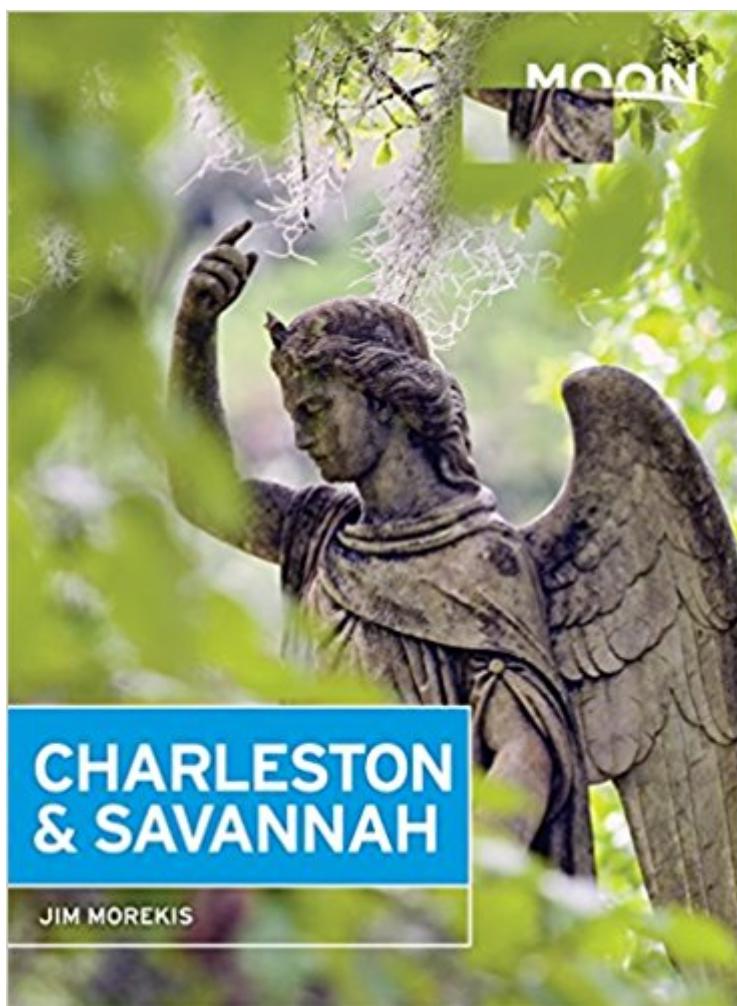


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# Moon Charleston & Savannah (Moon Charleston & Moon Savannah)



## Synopsis

Travel writer and Savannah native Jim Morekis shares the must-see sights and local secrets of Charleston and Savannah, from exploring the French Quarter to kayaking in the Golden Isles. Morekis includes unique trip strategies like Literary Lark; following the life and work of authors Robert Louis Stevenson, Edgar Allan Poe, and John Berendt; and his Kayaker's Paradise tour. Including expert advice on walking the squares of Savannah's Historic District and dining on she-crab soup in Beaufort, Moon Charleston & Savannah gives travelers the tools they need to create a more personal and memorable experience.

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## Customer Reviews

Maybe it's because he was born in the same hospital as Flannery O'Connor, but there's no doubt that Jim Morekis has writing in his blood. As longtime editor-in-chief of the weekly newspaper Connect Savannah, the University of Georgia graduate has written about and experienced pretty much every cultural happening in the area. He credits his love of travel to his mother, Elizabeth, who was John Berendt's travel agent during his stint in Savannah while writing *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. As for the ongoing debate over which city is better, Charleston or Savannah, Jim calls it a tie: Charleston has better long-term planning, but Savannah has to-go cups (allowing anyone to explore the Historic District with a beer or cocktail in hand).

I looked at a large number of guides before a recent trip to Savannah, both in the library and

bookstores. The older edition of this one was the best by far and I was delighted to find this new one on . Unlike many guides, not only is this informative—*with sidebars on very interesting facts and customs omitted in most guides*—but it is extremely well written. It's the only guide you will need.

Jim Morekis knows this area, and his insights display an enthusiastic authenticity. His writing style is both engaging and witty, making this guide a pleasure to read. Jim understands that, though these deeply historic Southern "capitals" share some physical similarities, they are sprung from different mothers: Savannah is an English colonial city, formal and planned, while Charleston is a Caribbean city, organic and more akin to Nassau or Bridgetown. This is the best guide currently available for Charleston and Savannah, though I believe it is still too brief. Brevity aside, Jim's recommendations are spot on, and the listings he has chosen are sure to provide travelers with an exciting, authentic experience. There is coverage of sights, activities and listings for a variety of tastes and budgets, from the historian to the party animal. There are many sidebars and special interest sections (Literary Lark, African-American history, Civil War, etc...) that add diversity to the guide and make it more than a directory of tourist sights. The chapter on Savannah is particularly good, since this is the place where Jim is most in his element. The side trip to Beaufort is a nice addition, and Beaufort is a beautiful town well worth your time, but it consumes space in the guide that should be allocated to more from Charleston and Savannah.

This book had excellent information on both Charleston and Savannah! A friend and I used it to make hotel reservations--we stayed at the Francis Marion in Charleston and the Brice in Savannah based recommendations in this book, and both places were outstanding! The Brice is only one year old, but it was included in this book. This book also had excellent information about restaurants and tours. We would have missed some important sights in Charleston and Savannah if we had not read this book before going to these places!

We used this book to help decide what sites to see in and around Savannah. It was more complete and provided better information than other sources we used. It was far better and more complete than Frommers Portable Charleston & Savannah that I checked out of a library. I felt that the maps in the book were very useful and worked well in the format size of the book; it was easy to find free larger maps with more detail after arriving in Savannah.

An excellent guide to a wonderful area. I especially appreciated the historical background of the places I visited. Plan to go back for another visit and take this same book with me. Only big disagreement with the author was that I liked the movie: "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil." The author thought it stunk. Other than that minor disagreement, this is an excellent book if you are planning to visit the low country of South Carolina or Georgia.

I purchased this particular guidebook because several readers commented that they thought it was the best guide available. But I found it overly detailed in some topics and a bit awkward to navigate. The hotel suggestions were not terribly helpful and I ended up using my old standby trip advisor to find a perfect hotel and dining suggestion. Overall the book left me confused and uncertain about what I wanted to see in Savannah so I think I would have been better off with a simpler guide.

Purchased this guide for an upcoming visit to Savannah, and was not disappointed. Visited several of the recommended coffee shops/restaurants and was very impressed. Excellent tourist guide!

This Guidebook is a good travelling companion, covering all the basics about these two historic cities, without taking up too much space. I know that eBooks are "in" but I still prefer print on paper for guide books.

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