



## **Ladies!! Sign up now for a fun weekend!**

All aboard for LaGrange, GA for our annual Women's Retreat October 19, 20 & 21, 2018! This is a weekend of fun, fellowship and a chance to get to know everyone who attends better. We will leave my house at 9am Friday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. I have plenty of safe parking spaces to leave your car over the weekend. We will go in individual cars with room for all that want to go.

Friday, we will go to BAPPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir at Lilburn for a guided tour. A Mandir is a Hindu place of worship – a haven for spirituality and a place of paramount peace. It is also a center vibrant with social, cultural, and spiritual activities. The BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir was inaugurated in August of 2007 after only 17 months of construction time utilizing 1.3 million volunteer hours. The Mandir is comprised of 3 types of stone (Turkish Limestone, Italian marble, and Indian pink sandstone). More than 34,000 individual pieces were carved by hand in India, shipped to the USA and assembled in Lilburn like a giant 3-D puzzle. I have been here before and it is very impressive and worth anyone's time to go see and learn.

After we leave the Mandir, we will have lunch (either a picnic lunch or fast food) and go to LaGrange. At 3pm we have a guided tour of Bellevue, a Greek revival mansion built in 1853-1855. It was built by Benjamin Harvey Hill for his wife, Caroline. Senator Hill served in the Georgia Legislature, Confederate Congress, and U.S. House and Senate. The mansion is designated a National Historic Landmark by the National Park Service.

Then, we will check in our hotel which will be the La Quinta in LaGrange. Each room has two beds, microwave, refrigerator, hairdryer, etc with two people staying in each room and includes a hot breakfast. We will go out to dinner – restaurant to be decided.

Saturday morning we are going to the Biblical History Center in LaGrange. The goal of the Biblical History Center is to help people understand the Bible and the ancient world in its historical and cultural context by providing exact replicas of ancient life settings coupled with cutting-edge teaching based on the most up-to-date evidence and information in the fields of archaeology and biblical scholarship. We will have a guided tour thru the archaeological replica garden where full-scale reconstructions of structures relevant to daily life in Biblical times bring history to life and also see the museum.

We will have lunch and go to Wild Animal Safari. We will ride through the grounds in a bus and see the animals up close – sometimes very close! Then we will go through the walkthrough area to see other animals.

We will return to the hotel. Then go to dinner somewhere in time to attend the play, "*The Curious Savage*". This is the story of an elderly widow named Mrs. Savage, whose husband has left her ten million dollars. She wants to make the best use of it, in spite of her grown step-children's efforts to get their hands on it, including having her committed to a sanatorium hoping to "bring her to her senses." *The Curious Savage* is a warm comedy that compares the kindness and loyalty of psychiatric patients with the greed and hostility of so-called "normal people". It is at the New Horizons Community Theater in West Point at 8pm.

Sunday, we will have breakfast; have a devotional and check out. Then we are going to Hoganville to attend the Hummingbird Festival which was featured in the September issue of *Southern Living*. They have lots of vendors and lots of food!

**Cost will be \$195. per person which covers:**

**Gas**

**Picnic Lunch**

**Two nights lodging – double occupancy (La Quinta, LaGrange)  
Rooms are non-smoking, 2 queen beds, hot breakfast included.**

**BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (free)**

**Bellevue Mansion**

**Biblical Historical Center**

**Wild Animal Safari**

**Play "A Curious Savage"**

**Hummingbird Festival (free)**

**Does not include dinner either night or lunch Saturday or Sunday.**

I hope each of you can attend. Ask anyone who has been on previous trips they will tell you we always have a fabulous time.

**I just need to know if you plan to go where I can be sure I have enough tickets and rooms. You can pay me later. Make checks out to me. Everything is billed to my personal credit card. If you want to go but need an extended time to pay, just see me. Reservations need to be made by Sunday night, October 14.**

**Thanks**

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