

# Inaugural Gullah Riverboat Cruise

## 1. Event Overview

- The Inaugural Gullah Riverboat Cruise is a cultural riverboat experience celebrating Gullah heritage, cuisine, music, fashion, and storytelling.
- This is a one-night, immersive cultural experience blending history, entertainment, and elegance on the water.
- Designed for adults, couples, cultural travelers, families, and supporters of African American heritage.

## 2. Date & Time

- Date: Thursday, May 21, 2026
- Time: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
  - Boarding begins: 5:30 PM
  - Riverboat departs promptly at 6:00 PM
- Guests are encouraged to arrive early for smooth boarding and check-in.

## 3. Location

- Departure Location:

9 E. River Street

Savannah, GA 31401

- Centrally located on Savannah's historic riverfront.
- Nearby parking garages and public parking available.

## 4. What's Included With Your Ticket

- Scenic riverboat cruise along the Savannah River
- Curated Gullah cultural experience, including:
  - Live music and traditional rhythms
  - Gullah storytelling and oral history moments
  - Cultural fashion showcase / runway segment
- Light Gullah-inspired cuisine or tasting experience
- Access to onboard entertainment and cultural programming
- One-of-a-kind inaugural event experience

## 5. Cultural Experience Highlights

- Celebration of Gullah Geechee traditions, language, and legacy
- Storytelling that connects the Sea Islands, Lowcountry, and diaspora
- Fashion and visual expression rooted in African and Gullah heritage
- A meaningful blend of education, entertainment, and celebration

## **6. Attire / Dress Code**

- Cultural Chic / Elegant Casual
- Guests are encouraged (but not required) to wear:
  - Gullah-inspired colors
  - African prints
  - Cultural accessories
- Comfortable footwear recommended for boarding and standing areas.

## **7. Ticket Types & Pricing**

- Early Bird Ticket: \$135
- Limited quantity available
- Prices may increase closer to the event date
- All sales are final (no refunds)

(Optional future additions: Sage, Legacy, Vanguard, or Patron ticket tiers)

## **8. Who Should Attend**

- Cultural heritage enthusiasts
- Couples and groups looking for a unique Savannah experience
- Festival-goers attending Gullah Festival weekend
- Supporters of African American history and preservation
- Visitors seeking an upscale cultural night out

## **9. Accessibility & Comfort**

- Riverboat seating includes indoor and outdoor areas
- Restrooms available onboard
- Event staff available to assist guests
- Guests with special accessibility needs are encouraged to notify organizers in advance

## **10. Photography & Media**

- Professional photography and video recording may take place
- Attendance grants permission for images to be used for promotional purposes
- Guests are welcome to take personal photos and videos

## **11. Weather Policy**

- Event takes place rain or shine
- Riverboat operates under safe weather conditions
- Any weather-related updates will be communicated via email

## **12. Safety & Policies**

- Valid ticket required for boarding
- No outside food or beverages permitted
- Alcohol policies subject to riverboat regulations
- Security and staff present throughout the event

## **13. Why This Event Is Special**

- This is the first-ever Gullah Riverboat Cruise
- A rare opportunity to experience Gullah culture on the water
- Part of a broader mission to preserve, promote, and sustain Gullah heritage
- Supports cultural education and community-based initiatives

## **14. How to Purchase Tickets**

- Tickets available online via official festival website
- Early purchase recommended due to limited capacity

## **15. Contact & Updates**

- Website: [www.originalgullahfestival.org](http://www.originalgullahfestival.org)
- Social media updates will share performer announcements and experience previews
- Email confirmations sent upon ticket purchase

## **16. Where should we park?**

We are located in historic downtown Savannah, Georgia, therefore, we do not have our own parking. Parking is available in the public parking lots on River Street. Parking is also available on the Bay Street level. Metered parking north of Liberty Street is enforced Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

The Bryan Street Parking Garage is conveniently located just two blocks from the Riverboat Ticket Office and has over 400 parking spaces available on an hourly fee basis. Tour buses over 35 feet long must obtain a special parking permit through the City of Savannah.