

TOUR SCHEDULES

THE TOUR

Learning about our region is an important part of your leadership development. With a menu of tours available for our attendees, the Southeast Georgia Leadership Forum will provide an engaging and informative opportunity for leaders to choose an area of interest and dig deeper – all while networking with your fellow attendees.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Housing is in crisis across the country and in our area, it is no different with thousands of new homes needed to meet current and future projections. So, what are we doing to help our neighbors to meet their housing needs? This multi-stop tour will look at our local housing challenges and will highlight services working with individuals and families to overcome homelessness and to establish safe, stable housing.

1:15 - 1:30 pm	Load bus Welcome remarks (on the bus)
1:30 - 1:45 pm	Drive to Emergency Shelter
1:45 - 2:25 pm	Tour of Emergency Shelters - Parkers House and Grace House
2:25 - 2:40 pm	Reboard bus Drive to Permanent Supportive Housing
2:40 - 3:05 pm	Tour of Permanent Supportive Housing - Tiny House Village/Cove at Dundee
3:05 - 3:20 pm	Reboard bus Drive past/reference East Savannah United
3:20 - 3:30 pm	Drive to Subsidized Housing (LIHTC)
3:30 - 3:55 pm	Tour of Subsidized Housing: Savannah Gardens
3:55 - 4:05 pm	Reboard bus Drive to Habitat for Humanity Site
4:05 - 4:30 pm	Site visit at Habitat for Humanity site
4:30 - 4:50 pm	Reboard bus Drive back to Venue Q&A on the Bus

PORTS AND LOGISTICS

The Port of Savannah is home to the second busiest container port on the US East Coast. With its annual rapid growth, the Georgia Ports has become a vital economic engine to our state and nation, with an ecosystem of logistics companies and suppliers calling our area home. This tour will take you on a visit to the port and others in the supply chain of our economy.

1:15 - 1:30 pm	Load bus Welcome remarks (on the bus)
1:30 - 2:00 pm	Drive to Ship8 Logistics Center
2:00 - 3:00 pm	Tour Ship8 Logistics Center
3:00 - 3:15 pm	Drive to Georgia Ports Authority
3:15 - 4:15 pm	Tour Georgia Ports Authority
4:15 - 4:45 pm	Drive back to Venue
4:45 - 5:00 pm	Recap Q&A



SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN

In 2023, the Savannah College of Art Design (SCAD) provided more than \$1.3 billion in economic impact for the state of Georgia, with more than \$1 billion for the Savannah area. Started in 1979 with 71 students, SCAD now has 17,500 students across its three campuses in Savannah and Atlanta, Georgia and Lacoste, France. Its students come from more than 120 countries and SCAD offers more than 100 academic degree programs. This multi-stop tour will take you on a visit to some of the inspiring and creative learning spaces that SCAD offers its students as the preeminent source of knowledge in the disciplines it teaches.

1:15 - 1:20 pm	Load bus Welcome remarks (on the bus)
1:20 - 1:30 pm	Travel to SCAD Story
1:30 - 2:10 pm	Tour SCAD Story
2:10 - 2:20 pm	Travel to SCAD Museum of Art
2:20 - 2:50 pm	Tour SCAD Museum of Art
2:50 - 3:00 pm	Travel to SCAD Savannah Film Studios
3:00 - 4:00 pm	Tour SCAD Savannah Film Studios
4:00 - 4:10 pm	Travel to River Housing
4:10 - 4:45 pm	Tour SCAD River Residence Hall
4:45 - 5:00 pm	Drive Back to Venue - Recap Q&A

TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY

With annual visitor spending exceeding \$4.7 billion with more than 30,000 employed in the tourism and hospitality sector of our local economy, Savannah continues to receive accolades for its charm, history and hospitality. With 69% of Savannah's visitors being repeat travelers, the tourism and hospitality community continues to evolve with new and improved options for business and leisure guests alike. This multi-stop tour will explore the visitor economy in Savannah, including a visit to the newly expanded Savannah International Trade and Convention Center and other new options for those visiting our beautiful city.

1:15 - 1:20 pm	Load bus Welcome remarks (on the bus)
1:20 - 1:30 pm	Travel to Savannah International Trade and Convention Center
1:30 - 3:30 pm	Tour new Savannah International Trade and Convention Center
3:30 - 3:40 pm	Travel to new downtown Savannah Culinary Institute
3:40 - 4:25 pm	Tour new downtown Savannah Culinary Institute
4:25 - 4:30 pm	Walk a block to Visit Savannah
4:30 - 5:00 pm	Session on Tourism and Hospitality
5:00 - 5:10 pm	Drive Back to Venue - Recap Q&A

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

A 2023 study performed for the Savannah Economic Development Authority (SEDA) recommended a new workforce development organization focused on meeting opportunities and challenges as Hyundai and its suppliers ramped up its construction. The Regional Industry Support Enterprise, known as RISE, was born in 2024. While new, RISE has been busy working on six focus areas to broaden opportunities for the regional workforce, including the military, underrepresented communities, housing, education, transportation, and marketing. This multi-stop tour will bring you to up to speed on the latest efforts being made by this important new regional initiative.

1:15 - 1:30 pm	Load bus Welcome remarks (on the bus)
1:30 - 2:00 pm	Travel to Mitsubishi Power Americas
2:00 - 3:00 pm	Tour Mitsubishi Power Americas
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Travel to Hyundai Transys Georgia Seating Systems
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Tour Hyundai Transys Georgia Seating Systems
4:30 - 5:00 pm	Drive Back to Venue - Recap Q&A