

GEORGIA TRAVELER 112 - European Tour
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David Zelski VO:

Coming up on this week's Georgia Traveler, join us for our first ever European Tour of Georgia. Explore Athens, Brunswick, Dublin, Rome and Vienna, or as we say here in Georgia, Vi-Anna!

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On the road most every day, looking for a place where you can play, looking for the best place you can stay. From the mountains to the coast, looking for a trip you'll like the most, maybe even find a friendly ghost, we're Georgia Traveler. Well we're from Georgia and we travel, that's why we call it Georgia Traveler, and nothing rhymes with Georgia Traveler, but still we're called the Georgia Traveler.

Woman:

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Woman:

We all have dreams.

Man:

To wear the green jacket.

Woman:

To see wild horses.

Kid:

To catch a major league ball.

Man:

To create memories with my family.

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Thank you.

David Zelski:

Hello and Welcome to Georgia Traveler, I'm your Tour guide David Zelski. And this week is Georgia Traveler's first ever, European Tour of Georgia. So we begin here in Athens, Georgia next to the statue of Athena, the Greek goddess of wisdom, weaving and war, but she is also known as the protector of the city. So no doubt while in Athens, Georgia, she spends most of her time protecting the Athenians from Florida Gators and Auburn Tigers. Now even though sports is a big deal in this town there is still so much more to see when you visit Athens, Georgia.

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Hannah Smith:

We are named after Athens, Greece. The city of Athens was incorporated in 1806 which was 21 years after the University of Georgia was chartered. And naming it after the center of learning in Athens, Greece was a great idea I think.

Woman:

I love the downtown, I love the music scene.

Man:

It's got like a big town flare to it even though it is a small town.

Woman:

We just have a little bit of everything here. I mean any type of music you like you can just go downtown pretty much any night of the week and see.

Woman:

Just a good variety of people here.

David Zelski:

You may have noticed that these young Athenians were enjoying coffee at Jittery Joes. The four coffee shops around town have become a hotspot for students and locals, and you can even take a tour of the roasting factory. Jittery Joe.

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Jittery Joe's Waiter:

Welcome to Jittery Joe's what can I get for you?

David Zelski:

How about a frothy latte.

Jittery Joe's Waiter:

Alright sounds good.

Charlie Mustard:

Anybody can come in whenever they want and stand right where you're standing now and watch the process and learn something. And then actually take some of this coffee over and we'll make you a cup of coffee that's right out of the cooling bin.

David Zelski:

Thanks Jittery Joe. After my morning coffee and tour of the Coffee roasting, I decided to become a farmer. So just my luck I stumbled into Full Moon Farms located a few minutes from downtown. Many of the harvesters here are actually servers at the downtown restaurant Farm 255, an educational cooperative sponsored by the University of Georgia.

Olivia Sargeant:

We all do believe in what we're doing. It's very important to educate folks about where their food comes from. And to support the local economy, the local farming structure and a sustainable agriculture in the south east.

David Zelski:

I can eat it?

Olivia Sargeant:

Yea you can.

David Zelski:

So the stuff I'm picking today I might find in my food today later.

Olivia Sargeant:

You definitely will.

David Zelski:

Ok. I decided to leave the harvesters alone for a little while, at least until I got hungry again, so I traveled back in town and stopped by the TRR Cobb House and talked with its curator Samuel Thomas.

Samuel Thomas:

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Thomas Reade Rootes Cobb was the main author of the Confederate Constitution. And a Brigadier General during the Civil War.

David Zelski:

This massive historical home was actually picked up and transported from Stone Mountain back to Athens. And they painted it this pinkish, salmon hue, which studies have shown is historically accurate.

Samuel Thomas:

Pink is actually a masculine color up until the 1920's when rolls were reversed. And green was used around windows to keep out the flies so they believed.

David Zelski:

One thing that Athens, Greece does not have is a giant double barrel cannon. In fact this one here in Athens is the only one in the world. The goal was to put a ball in each one, attached by a chain and shoot it out and it would clear everything in its path. They decided to test it pointing north of course and this is what happened.

Hannah Smith:

The problem was they did not come out at the same time and the two cannon balls started whirling, mowed down everything in their path. Rumor has it even a few cows succumbed. You know it was never used in battle and now it sits on the grounds of city hall pointing north just in case.

David Zelski:

Later on, after the veggies from Full Moon Farms were transported from the farm to the kitchen, I decided to talk with Farm 255's head chef Tamar Adler.

David Zelski:

Alright Tamar, I went out to Full Moon Farms, I picked this Cheyenne Pepper. I figured I could help you out cooking today. You need this?

Tamar Adler:

I would love that.

David Zelski:

Alright where do you want me to put it?

Tamar Adler:

Give it to Miguel over there.

David Zelski:

Ok, looks like I'm helping you out. I can put that there.

Tamar Adler:

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Let me tell you what we're going to do...Don't do that.

David Zelski:

Here I learned that Cheyenne Peppers are not meant to be eaten whole. But Tamar eased my pain and thoroughly quenched my appetite with a Farm 255 original. After that I decided to find a place to settle down for the evening and relax. Just a few blocks away was the Foundry Park Inn and Spa.

Shelby Wright:

It is a historic hotel and boutique property as well. Original portions of the property were built in the 1820's and 1850's.

David Zelski:

So it was time to relax and enjoy my pick of these spacious alluring rooms. Until I realized I was in Athens and I hadn't even heard music yet. The music scene in Athens rivals any other town in the country.

Shelby Wright:

The New York Times called us Live Music Central, the Forty Watt Club, which really came to fame during the 80's with R.E.M. Georgia Theater's another great spot, the Melting Point. The Melting Point was launched September 21st of 2001. It's a music venue for those of us that are not quite in the college scene but still like to go out and see live music and performances.

David Zelski:

Music at the melting point, waking up with Jittery Joe, and a little Confederate History are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to an Athens experience. So you may want to stay a couple of nights, get some REM sleep at the Foundry, and enjoy Athens, Georgia. From Athens, we head south to the coast for a visit to Brunswick.

Keely Walker:

It sits on a peninsula of land barely a mile wide, nestled between the intercostals waterway and the Marshes of Glynn. It's called the Gateway to the Golden Isles, but it is more than just that.

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Keely Walker:

It's a quaint city known for its Brunswick Stew, its shrimping industry and its numerous historic buildings. Who better to show us around than the Mayor himself? And where better to get a look at the City of Brunswick than atop the Mary Ross house?

Mayor Bryan Thompson:

Alright. We are here.

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Keely Walker:

Great, but, uh where is the light house?

Mayor Bryan Thompson:

This is not the lighthouse. This is the tower at Mary Ross Waterfront Park. It's in historic downtown Brunswick This park as you look around you'll see was designed...

Keely Walker:

Beautiful.

Mayor Bryan Thompson:

Yes it is, and it was designed and built as a festival and special events park for the community. I mean it's been open for about ten years. We have a lot of events here all during the year.

Keely Walker:

So this is where you come as the mayor to look over you're domain?

Mayor Bryan Thompson:

Yes I guess you could say that. I do come up here occasionally.

Keely Walker:

Where did the name Brunswick come from?

Mayor Bryan Thompson:

Brunswick the name Brunswick is actually named in honor of Brunswieg, Germany, the ancestral home of George II.

Keely Walker:

What are the top three things somebody should do if they come to Brunswick?

Mayor Bryan Thompson:

Oh they definitely need to come to down to waterfront and see the shrimp boats. We still have a working shrimp boat fleet here. Our down town is the old town national register historic district. We have the second largest number of documented historic structures in the state of Georgia outside of savannah. Most people don't realize that.

Keely Walker:

Well why don't you show me downtown, show me your main drag.

Mayor Bryan Thompson:

I would love to show you our main drag, go right back down the way we just came up.

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Keely Walker:

Ok. Walking is one of the best ways to get around the historic district of Brunswick. The Brunswick Downtown Development Authority offers information for self-guided tours and co-sponsors guided tours with the Coastal Georgia Community College.

Tour Guide:

The first one on the corner was actually originally a mercantile. It was a furniture and dry goods store.

Matthew Hill:

A visitor to Brunswick can experience a lot of history. We were founded in 1771 so we've been around a very long time. We have some great shops downtown, 8 restaurants, numerous bed and breakfasts in the historic district. So it's a great place to visit.

Keely Walker:

A location sure to be on anyone's list is the Ritz Theater located on Newcastle Street. The theater was built in 1899 as the grand Opera House. Today the theater is used as a performance arts theater and the lobby hosts a gallery for local, regional and national artists.

Rob Nixon:

So this is one of the many exhibits we have here throughout the whole year. This is the private collection of Mildred Huey Wilcox, who's a local art collector and dealer. These are a couple of my favorites. I love these. Guy Wiggins paintings from New York.

MUSIC

Keely Walker:

After all the retail therapy and high culture I can take it's time for a hearty lunch. Upon the advice of Matthew, I'm headed to Brunswick Station Cafe.

Waitress:

Good Morning.

Keely Walker:

Hey.

Waitress:

How are you?

Keely Walker:

Good. How are you?

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Waitress:

Welcome to Brunswick Station.

Keely Walker:

Thank you.

Waitress:

Can we interest you in award winning Brunswick Stew today?

Keely Walker:

That's what I came for.

Waitress:

Ok.

Keely Walker:

Exactly what I came for.

MUSIC

Keely Walker:

Brunswick, GA and Brunswick County, Virginia have both laid claim to the creation of the hearty hunting dish Brunswick Stew. Although recipes differ, there are always three things in common, meat, tomatoes and a lengthy simmer. Whether you've found yourself in Brunswick on your way to the Georgia Golden Isles or you've made this your destination of choice, you'll soon find out that Brunswick is a town with an identity all it's own.

We continue our European Tour in Dublin.

We begin our tour of Dublin here at the Shamrock Bowl. Now this is not the shamrock bowl, this is the home field of the fighting Irish of Dublin High School. Now I wanted to know more about this so I to go and talk to my friend Coach Roger Holmes.

Phil Proctor:

Roger good to see you again.

Roger Holmes:

Good to see you Phil.

Phil Proctor:

Alright. Roger you've got a great stadium here and you've got a great new field house. Tell us about this renovation.

Roger Holmes:

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Well our voters in Dublin City went to the plate and voted in a splice fund to help get this done. And the real history of this place is it was built in 1962 by a group of parents that went to the bank, borrowed money and paid back five to fifteen dollars a month, whatever they could afford to build this original stadium. You know our people have a lot of pride in their Dublin Irish and the town as a whole is just so much full of pride. And you've got to respect how the people here get behind the youth of Dublin and Laurens County and support everything that they do.

Phil Proctor:

And speaking of things to do, I found myself in a familiar place but with some very different results.

Roger Holmes:

Come, alright, last one, ten, push, push, push, lock it up.

Phil Proctor:

Whew, man feels like the old days. How much was that coach?

Roger Holmes:

Fifty pounds Phil, good job.

Phil Proctor:

Fifty pounds, that's embarrassing. Where are we going to go, you got any place special?

Roger Holmes:

Why don't we stop at the Page House first. That's a pretty nice place here in Dublin. I think the people in Dublin really care. It's a great place to raise your family. It's a small town atmosphere. And you can be in Atlanta in two hours. You can be on the beach in Savannah in an hour and a half. It's got a great location.

Phil Proctor:

How did Dublin get its name?

Roger Holmes:

I don't know. We'll have to ask some people downtown.

Phil Proctor:

The Page House Bed and Breakfast built in 1903. This mansion was purchased in 1998 by Kelly and Janice Canady. Doing most of the work themselves, they transferred the stately old mansion into an elegantly furnished house that features fine antiques and custom fabrics, six bedrooms, beautifully stained glass windows, twelve foot ceilings and numerous fire places. And as for the experience the Canady's would like you to leave with...

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Kelly Canady:

A real flavor of living and southern hospitality.

Phil Proctor:

Southern hospitality. Well somehow or another for me that means food. Coach and I wound up downtown at the Blue Plate restaurant.

Roger Holmes:

Just take a pen, circle what you want.

Phil Proctor:

Uh, huh.

Roger Holmes:

And they'll fix you right up.

Phil Proctor:

So if I circle everything on here I can get a little bit of everything.

Roger Holmes:

Hey they got it.

Phil Proctor:

Ok.

Roger Holmes:

What the heck, you know go for it.

Phil Proctor:

While Coach and I sat waiting on our food, I decided to go and see if I could find the answer to my question. How did Dublin get its name? Does anybody know where Dublin got its name from?

Blue Plate Restaurant Patrons:

I don't know.

Scott Thompson:

Dublin was named for the home town or ancestral home town of Elizabeth McCormick Sawyer. Her husband Peter Sawyer came here about 1807 and opened a store in a town that was originally called Sand Bar. And she died a couple of years later and when he became the first post master of Dublin he had the right to choose the name. and he chose Dublin so that his wife would always be buried in Dublin, Georgia.

Phil Proctor:

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Like the Fighting Irish football team, Dublin the city it's a winner. I had a chance to visit a bed and breakfast, ate some tremendous food down here, got to meet a lot of great people. You get an opportunity, come down and visit. There's a lot to do and a lot to see. Right now I'm going over and check out football practice, maybe coach still needs me. Coach, coach.

Roger Holmes:

What about it Phil?

Phil Proctor:

Hey I'm so fired up now after seeing everything I think I can go. Where do you want me, where do you want me?

Roger Holmes:

Phil after what I saw in the weight room a minute ago buddy I think you'd be better off just to hit the showers.

David Zelski:

Next, it's north to the mountains and the city of Rome.

Gerald Bryant:

What has seven hills, a river and a famous statue of Romulus and Remus? Why it's Bella Roma, Rome, Georgia that is.

MUSIC

Gerald Bryant:

By the way I was lying about Rome, Georgia having one river, it actually has three.

Jennifer Collins:

We have a great array of walking trails that follow the rivers. You'll see that a lot of our activities follow the rivers here in Rome. We also have a lot of cycling in Rome because of Tour de Georgia and a lot of cycling events have come to Rome. It's created a lot of interest in cycling in Rome and Floyd County. We are a short drive from Atlanta and you can come here and do some great shopping, do some great sightseeing, get away from it all, de-stress a little bit and just enjoy the beautiful foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and just see the seasons change and the beauty of Rome and Floyd County.

Gerald Bryant:

But how did Rome, Georgia come to be called Rome?

Anne Culpepper:

The legend says that they put five names in a hat, and the names were Rome, Pittsburgh, Hamburg, Hillsbery, and Warsaw. Rome was chosen. So Rome

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came out of Rome probably very much the way Athens, Georgia came out of Athens, Greece.

Gerald Bryant:

But Rome, Georgia has a claim to fame that neither Rome, Italy nor Athens, Greece can claim, the Rome Braves.

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Jennifer Collins:

We have the Class A affiliate of the Atlanta Braves and we draw approximately 3500 to 3700 a game. We've seen a lot of those players go up to Atlanta and it's been exciting to see those players come right out of Rome.

Gerald Bryant:

But something else great comes out of the stadium here in Rome, super tasty hot dogs. Phil Proctor's in the kitchen with more.

Dave Atwood:

It's a 1/3-pound hot dog.

Phil Proctor:

Now I pretty much pride myself on being able to handle just about anything, but 1/3 of a pound? That might put a pound on me brother.

Dave Atwood:

Well that's not the only thing. We have over twelve different types of toppings that you can put on this bad boy. This is the big frank.

Phil Proctor:

This is a 1/3.

Dave Atwood:

This is 1/3 of a pound.

Phil Proctor:

Ok.

Dave Atwood:

That's 10 inches on a 10-inch special Italian roll little chili right on top, take a little bit of this cheese because the cheese needs to melt on top of the chili.

Phil Proctor:

We want the cheese melting.

Dave Atwood:

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Where I'm from only mustard goes on hot dog, a little relish, a little sauerkraut a little tomato, everybody's got to have a little onion. Alright now a little bit of the southern flare, we'll have some of this coleslaw right across the top. A cucumber wedge we have some Louisiana peppers. And then we top this thing off with a little celery salt right on top of it.

Phil Proctor:

Dave.

Dave Atwood:

And there you have it. Fit for a king.

Phil Proctor:

Now that is an awesome. I want you to take a look at this. This is the kind of dog that when you come to a ball park or you go to any type of restaurant this is what you want. But the ultimate responsibility for Dave is to please me with the building of this hotdog. My responsibility right now is to eat it in front of you. For Phil's fantastic food finds here in Rome, Georgia, home of the Rome Braves I'll catch you later.

Dave Atwood:

Hey, huh?

Gerald Bryant:

Just down the road is another Rome landmark, Berry College, which bears a unique distinction.

Stacy Jones:

It is the largest campus in the world. Now when we say that, we're talking about 28,000 acres and that's phenomenal for anyone to try to imagine. They tell us that Oak Hill and Martha Berry Museum, along with Berry College, is the best tourist attraction in Rome. You start here with Oak Hill, it's sitting on 170 acres and that's the home of the museum as well as Martha Berry's home, Oak Hill, her gardens and her nature trails. Then you add the College with its 28,000 acres and it just makes it a phenomenal place to visit.

Gerald Bryant:

And the same can be said for Rome, Georgia.

David Zelski:

We conclude our European tour of Georgia with a visit to Vienna or Vi-anna. Now, Vienna, Austria boast the likes of Sigmund Freud, Arnold Schwarzenegger, & Wolfgang Amedeus Mozart, but Vienna Georgia may be a more a preferred destination for someone who is nuts.

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David Zelski:

When driving along interstate 75 I couldn't miss the billboards with this logo saying we're nuts, so I tracked down Lucile Ellis of Ellis Brothers Pecans.

Lucile Ellis:

This pecan Grove was planted in 1918. And my husband's father Marvin Ellis bought it in 1944 when he moved from Crisp county to Dooly county. They can buy pecans retail or wholesale. We have candies and fruitcake and you know a line of goodies like that including a line of sugar-free

David Zelski:

So I guess the term we're nuts works better than we're fruitcake or...

Lucile Ellis:

Yea.

David Zelski:

Peaches.

Lucile Ellis:

It's attracted a lot of tourists all the way from Canada to Florida. A lot of people remember us from that sign more than Ellis Brothers Pecans.

David Zelski:

Now I've heard Pee-cans and pe-cons, you say pecans.

Lucile Ellis:

Actually as an English teacher the correct pronunciation is pe-can. That's the preferred but you never hear anybody saying pecan.

David Zelski:

A nothing says we're nuts like a hat that says we're nuts. One of the best things about this place free samples.

Customers:

Samples are wonderful.

David Zelski:

I had about ten different samples, how about you?

Customers:

At least. Yes. We love the glaze and the cinnamon ones as you can see.

David Zelski:

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The recipes of the Ellis family.

Lucile Ellis:

Right this is compilation of the recipes from my mother-in-law who was a wonderful cook and then some that my boys enjoyed growing up.

David Zelski:

Is this nut supposed to resemble anyone in particular in the family

Lucile Ellis:

No.

David Zelski:

Ok, ok. Just making sure there.

Lucile Ellis:

Three generations so far have worked in it, we hope that it will pass onto another one.

David Zelski:

Just down the road on the other side of the interstate is the Georgia State Cotton Museum where I met Carolyn Cromer.

Carolyn Cromer:

When you come to this museum, you'll learn something about the tools they used in the olden times to produce cotton. And how hard the work was.

David Zelski:

At the Georgia State Cotton Museum, I learned about the history of cotton in Georgia and the long battle between cotton farmers and these nasty, destructive little bugs known as the Bowl-wevil, but in an attempt to stick to our European theme, I began trying to find out how Vienna got its name.

Carolyn Cromer:

There's a lot of different stories, the main one is they let people choose a name, put it in the hat and drew the name out of the hat.

David Zelski:

My next source was Rick Moore who runs the A to Z corner market right off the town square, which happens to be the information hub for all of Vienna.

Rick Moore:

The city of Vienna was incorporated in 1841. The particular name of Vienna came about because this person liked to travel Europe and his wife liked the European names. And she was the one that suggested Vienna for Vienna. In the United States there are 9 municipalities or cities spelled Vienna. We're the

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only one that pronounces it Vi-anna. The rest of them pronounce it Vienna like Vienna, Austria.

I've heard someone say Vye-ena before. Is that just going over board?

Rick Moore:

That doesn't fly too good here because we don't know what they're talking about when they say Vye-ena.

David Zelski:

Vienna Mayor Willie Davis then discussed a hopeful relationship with their European relative city.

Mayor Willie Davis:

We love our Vi-anna and they love their Vienna, and somewhere we hope that we will cross and share their culture and the values of each of the different towns.

David Zelski:

Even though the town of Vienna is nuts about cotton & pecans, there is one early October event which Vienna is best known for.

Kid:

Welcome to the Big Pig Jig.

David Zelski:

Known as the official Barbeque contest of Georgia.

Woman:

Here in Vienna, barbeque is serious business.

David Zelski:

The Big Pig Jig attracts over 20,000 people every year to partake in this annual pork party.

Pig Noise

David Zelski:

Well that concludes our European Tour of Georgia, even though there are several more Georgia towns with European names like Manchester, Sparta and Geneva. And if you dare venture out of this European theme you'll find town like like Cairo or Cay-Ro, Montezuma, and even Bethlehem. I hope you join us for the next Georgia Traveler, until we meet again, I'm David Zelski wishing you pleasant journey's.

Woman:

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