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GUESTS OF AVIA ARE SEDUCED BY ALL THAT SAVANNAH HAS TO OFFER

From Haute Cuisine and Historic Finds to Ghostly Discoveries

Wichita, KS –- Just outside the doors of AVIA Savannah is the multi-faceted cobblestone streets of Savannah. Founded in 1733, Savannah is one of America's most charming towns never ceasing to awaken the senses of first-time guests.

Located in Coastal Georgia's Lowcountry, Savannah's historic squares are cloaked in Spanish moss and lined with a fleet of magnificent antebellum homes. Spared by the torch of General Sherman during the Civil War, the town still retains its genteel charm and southern grace. Visitors can enjoy tours of historic estates, scour museums and art galleries, chase ghosts in the witching hour or enjoy Savannah's many culinary pleasures.

There are themed walking tours that emphasize antiques, architecture, African-American heritage, the Civil War, cemeteries and gardens. Celebrity chef Paula Deen's restaurant, The Lady & Sons, is located just around the corner from AVIA. Visitors can explore more than 45 historical and cultural attractions, from well-preserved forts to significant house museums that chronicle life, then and now, in Savannah. The Historic District and its menagerie of squares are lined with shops, cafes and jazz bars.

Visitors can also plan their trip to Savannah around one of the 200 festivals that take place each year, including a rousing St. Patrick's Day celebration. Autumn yields a spectacular Oktoberfest along River Street and a Holiday Tour of Homes is a much anticipated event during December.

AVIA is just…

- 50 steps to Paula Deen's restaurant The Lady & Sons
- 50 steps from City Market – entertainment, dining and shopping
- 1 block form River Street – shops, dining and local color
- 1 block from Horse Carriage rides
- 1 block from River Boat Dinner Cruises
- 2 blocks from Broughton Street – boutique and national shopping
- 3 blocks from Telfair Academy of the Arts – where the famed Bird Girl statue from "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" is located
- 1 blcok from Juliette Gordon Lowe Home – founder of Girls Scouts
- 14 miles from Old Fort Jackson – the oldest standing fort in Georgia
- 14 miles from Fort Pulaski – memorial monument and national park
- 15 miles from Tybee Island – perfect beach escape
- 20 miles from Savannah State University – the oldest university in Georgia
- 25 miles from Armstrong Atlantic University
- 35 miles from Hilton Head Beach – a South Carolina resort town

AVIA Savannah is located at 14 Barnard Street on historic Ellis Square, one of the city's original 18th century squares laid out by James Ogelthorpe. Its location in the Historic District will appeal to movie buffs who can visit Chippewa Square on Bull Street to see where the famous "Box of Chocolates" scene from Forrest Gump was filmed. The area is also rich with antebellum homes and historic architecture as well as decorated dolphin-shaped downspout fountains that add a hint of whimsy. Lauded by the editors of Conde Nast Traveler and Travel + Leisure, AVIA Savannah is an intricate part of the district's revitalization. For reservations and information, call 912.233.2116 or visit online at www.aviahotels.com.

About AVIA

AVIA is a new boutique hotel collection from LodgeWorks, L.P. of Wichita, Kansas. Launched in September 2007, AVIA infuses sophisticated, locally inspired designs and an imaginative service culture crafted to bring authentic moments of discovery to discerning travelers. LodgeWorks has teamed with accomplished boutique hotel designer Colum McCartan and other industry innovators to create the AVIA presence. Highlighted by local flavor and an air of discovery, the AVIA experience embodies "the art of living well" that is sought by boutique hotel travelers. Four hotels comprise the AVIA collection, with properties located in Savannah, GA; Napa and Long Beach, California; and at The Woodlands, north of Houston, TX. For more information, visit www.aviahotels.com.