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around Seagrove. There are lots of local eateries and places to picnic, and a sense that around the next bend might be a glimpse into the past or a new family treasure to be found.

THERE FROM HERE: I-95 North 300 miles to U.S. 52 North and West to U.S. 1 to U.S. Route 220 to Seagrove, located a mile east of Route 220, about 40 miles due south of Greensboro and 11 miles south of Asheboro. **TRAVEL TIME:** 8 hours. (KB)

Get a Taste of the Colonial South

**OLD SALEM MUSEUM AND GARDENS
WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA** ▶

While summer crowds jam Colonial Williamsburg, consider visiting its smaller, more authentic and more accessible southern cousin, the Old Salem Museum and Gardens (900 Old Salem Road, Winston-Salem, 888-653-7253, www.oldsalem.org), tucked under the wing of urban Winston-Salem, North Carolina. **WHY WE LIKE IT:** Here, the scents of ginger cookies and hearth-baked bread draw us into the world of southern colonial America, with its bakers and blacksmiths, weavers and potters, merchants and slaves, and the ordinary people who partook of everyday life more than two centuries ago. Stroll the cobbled streets and duck into the shops, see artisans and trades people at their work, and eat a delicate Moravian cookie fresh from the hearth oven. There are fragrant herb gardens and the large, handsome vegetable gardens needed to sustain the colonists. **THERE FROM HERE:** I-95 North 230 miles to I-26 West 50 miles to I-77 North 104 miles to I-85 North 50 miles to U.S. 52 North to I-40 West into Winston-Salem. **TRAVEL TIME:** 8-1/2 hours. (KB)



Low-country Luxury

PALMETTO BLUFF, SOUTH CAROLINA ▼

A true escape to nature situated in South Carolina's low-country, Palmetto Bluff (www.palmetto-bluff.com) is a planned residential community surrounded by 20,000 acres of nature preserves, marshlands, walking trails and river front access on the May, Cooper and New Rivers. **WHY WE LIKE IT:** The elegant, peaceful resort, The Inn at Palmetto Bluff, voted the Best U.S. Resort in 2009's *Travel + Leisure*, magazine, includes 50 charming guest cottages with views of the May River. The cottages blend rustic screened porches with luxurious accommodations and modern amenities, from plasma TVs to sub-zero refrigerators. Large families can rent entire homes in the Palmetto Bluff village. A Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course is available for Inn guests. **DON'T MISS:** Bask in the 9,500 square-foot Spa at Palmetto Bluff, located on a private island. Modeled after a Southern manor house, the spa boasts eight treatment

rooms and private Vichy steam rooms, each with its own veranda, soaking tub and view. Or explore the area's waterways with complimentary canoes and kayaks from the Palmetto Bluff Canoe and Kayak Club. Great day trips from Palmetto Bluff include Savannah, Georgia and Beaufort, South Carolina, where that baby-boomer touchstone "The Big Chill" was filmed. **THERE FROM HERE:** I-95 North to Highway 278 in South Carolina to South Carolina 170 to South Carolina 46 East to Palmetto Bluff entrance on right. **TRAVEL TIME:** 4-1/2 hours. (FF)

Bubble Gum Balladeer

HILTON HEAD, SOUTH CAROLINA

Gregg Russell has the kind of magnetism that makes children gravitate to him — and parents and grandparents happy for his clean-scrubbed breed of music and fun. Russell says it (or, rather, sings it) himself, without shame in one of the songs he sings most summer nights from beneath the Liberty Oak Tree in Hilton Head's Harbour Town: "My critics think I'm corny, but the kids think I am cool." **WHY WE LIKE IT:** In addition to the nightly concerts, hop aboard Russell's Bubble Gum Cruise for more songs — and kid-style fun — aboard the Vagabond dolphin-sighting boat. **DON'T MISS:** For child-friendly dining that grownups will love, too, head to Frankie Bones (1301 Main St., Hilton Head, S.C., 843-682-4455, frankieboneshi.com), specializing in steaks, seafood and pasta — plus a full martini menu. An expansive children's menu includes sliders and even a child-sized filet mignon.

THERE FROM HERE: I-95 North to Exit 8, follow U.S. 278 East to Hilton Head Island.

TRAVEL TIME: 4 hours, 20 minutes. (AWS)



RIVER HOUSE AT
PALMETTO BLUFF WITH
A VIEW OF RUINS.

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