

  
*The Presidents' Quarters*  
HISTORIC BED AND BREAKFAST INN  
ON OGLETHORPE SQUARE

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**SAVANNAH GA** – Showcasing one of the most beautifully panoramic social settings in downtown Savannah, plus the best of nearly three centuries in Georgia history, The Presidents' Quarters is acclaimed as an influential place where generals, governors, politicians and industrialists have shaped Savannah and the nation's history. From the aristocratic lodging of The Presidents' Quarters in the Landmark Savannah Historic District, guests are invited to take a place in the rich historical pageant that is Savannah, Georgia's bellwether city. The true luxuries to experience are the world-famous landscapes, historic architecture, unforgettable hospitality, classic to modern art and music, southern cuisine, world-leading business, international connections, and genteel social life. The inimitable Presidents' Quarters will make the exclusive introductions.

The breakfast inn's two stately Federal mansions (ca. 1855-1860) feature 16 guest quarters, each named to honor U.S. Presidents who visited Savannah. New owner, businessman Stephen S. Green, is reincarnating The Presidents' Quarters as Savannah's *Toast of the Town* -- "Luxury with a Lineage. A Tradition of Hospitality, a Legacy of Style"<sup>SM</sup>. In concert with the property's 2007 renovations, the hospitality-pacesetter is benchmarking distinctive services that portray exclusive Savannah.

### Media

Top prominent travel guides, including *Frommer's*, *Fodor's*, and the 2008 *Insider's Guide to Savannah*, recommend The Presidents' Quarters. The property was a movie location in "Roots," the celebrated television mini-series, and featured in *New York Times Travel*, *Georgia Magazine*, Southern Homes, *TripAdvisor*, Yahoo! Travel, and *Road and Travel*.

Mary Ann Anderson for *Georgia Magazine* writes, "The furnishings—rich fabrics, ornate four-poster beds, heavy draperies—suggest the romance, luxury and refinement of Savannah.... And the best part: It is within walking distance of cobblestoned River Street and its myriad shops, restaurants and pubs."



  
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### Location

Poised in the hub of the theater and entertainment district with its quiet, top-tier location – **225 East Presidents Street on Oglethorpe Square** -- the popular inn encompasses a full-city block in the heart of the world-renown Landmark Historic District of Savannah. Today Telfair Museums' Owens-Thomas House, regarded as North America's foremost example of Regency architecture, is the inn's world-famous Oglethorpe Square neighbor (north on President Street, formerly King Street, prior to the American Revolutionary War). This square is where [Food & Wine magazine](#) reports that Food Network chef Bobby Flay and his wife, actress Stephanie March stopped to rest on a park bench in downtown Savannah.

A downtown luxury of on-site, self-service parking is provided, complimentary with guest lodging.

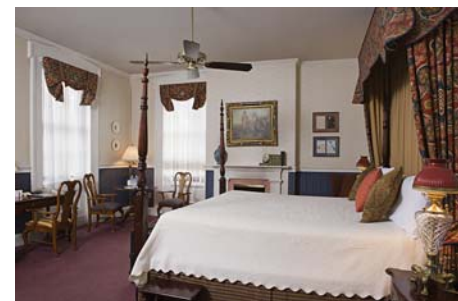
### Rates and Rooms

**Rates:** \$150-395.

Payment types accepted include MasterCard, Discover, Visa, and American Express.

**Grand, Elegant Rooms:** Uniquely, each of the 16 guest accommodations features spacious king, queen or dual full bedrooms, private bath, gas fireplace, and plush linens. Various guest quarters include executive suites with private balconies, hospitality suites with loft bedrooms, and street-level lodging. Two suites offer private, parlor-level access. Two feature wheelchair accommodations.

The Presidents' Quarters exemplifies the old south and new south's commitment to do what is required for guests to feel welcome and comfortable. The modernized rooms (due for completion by spring 2008) meld aristocratic "old luxury" with "new luxury" customer-centric experiences. All guest quarters are accessible by elevator.



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### Meals

Types of meals: All-inclusive cuisine features a lovely breakfast, pre-dinner wine and hors d'oeuvres, and evening cordials, plus all-day light refreshments -- early hour's premium coffee, lemonade, southern sweet tea and bottled water. A pillow-top sweet is the staff's nightly turndown gift. Advance special requests for dietary restrictions are coordinated during reservations.

Especially delightful is the inn's panoramic courtyard gardens, allowing guests to enjoy the temperate Savannah out-of-doors during the most of the year. Intimate table setting niches offer settings for planned or impromptu togetherring.

### Amenities

**In Room:** Many bedrooms in the the townhouse mansions feature ceilings up to 13 feet high. Signature toiletries, wireless Internet, cable TV, telephone, turndown service, hair dryers, iron and ironing board, plush robes, and fireplace in each room. Designer bed appointments feature fine linens. Antique and reproduction beds, private baths, and individual room controlled air conditioning / heat.

**On Site:** On-site (off-street) parking, elevator, boutique wines, business fax, copier, sitting parlor, panoramic courtyard garden, wireless Internet, attentive concierge service and tourist information assistance, plus all-inclusive cuisine. Guest may arrange special request services through the front desk.

### Policies

Seven days in advance \$25 cancellation fee. The required reservation deposit is forfeited if cancellation falls within 7-day's of arrival. Business travel reservations (weekdays) will incur no restrictions or cancellation fees. Children over 12 and over, traveling with lodging guests at The Presidents' Quarters, are welcome. Children of all ages are welcome during full-house bookings, such as weddings or family reunions. The inn encourages callers to inquire with the inn during low season regarding requests for younger guests.

In consideration of all guests, pets are NOT permitted. To adhere to historic district building codes, candles are NOT permitted. Smoking is allowed only in the exterior garden.



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### **Brief History of the Inn**

No fanfare announced the triumphant acquisition (April 2007) of The Presidents' Quarters, a small trophy historic inn on British-Colonial Georgia's Trust Lots in the heart of the world-renown Landmark Historic District of Savannah. Converted to historic mansion lodging in 1987, The Presidents' Quarters pioneered the bed-and-breakfast development of Historic Savannah, giving guests time for some recreational "time travel." With the added bonus of panoramic courtyard gardens and private balconies, guests enjoy Savannah's world-famous beauty and temperate out-of-doors most of the year.

Energized by its past, the historic inn hotel in Savannah GA gives a nod to its very civilized pedigree. On the Trust Lots overlooking Oglethorpe Square (formerly Upper New Square), the family home (ca. 1754) of the Georgia colony's first Royal Governor, John Reynolds was built. Earlier, a fort was posted on the property, just outside the colony's palisades that ran roughly along today's Drayton Street.

In 1855 the prominent [William Washington Gordon](#), whose monument rests in Wright Square, and [George W. Anderson](#) (once owner of [Lebanon Plantation](#) now on the [National Register of Historic Places](#)) bought the double trust lot on Oglethorpe Square for ~\$1,900. Twin townhouses were built for ~\$7,600. Juliette Gordon Low, founder of the [Girl Scouts of America](#) was the second of six children born to William Washington Gordon and Eleanor Lytle Kinzie Gordon.

These aristocratic mansions offered Savannah's most prominent citizens the unforgettable, large elegant rooms of the Federal Style mansion. Here, in 1870 [General Andrew Lawton](#), charge d'affaires to the Court of Vienna, received the eminent General Robert E. Lee.

The historic inn's prominent neighbors on quiet [Oglethorpe Square](#) include the renowned [Telfair Museum Owens-Thomas House](#), the [Chatham-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission](#), administrative offices of [Savannah College of Art and Design](#) (named by [U.S. News & World Report a Top College in America](#)), and private residences. Early neighbor residents in Anson Ward include the following:

- Arriving in 1735, the Morovians (German mission-minded Christians) were allotted their home sites primarily in Anson Ward.
- Sir Patrick Houston, the father of the first mayor of Savannah, John Houston lived here. A street is New York City is named for Mr. Houston.
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### **Brief History of the Inn, continued**

- The Reverend Zouberbuhler, Savannah's foremost churchman at Christ Church made his home in Anson Ward.
- The colonial residence of William DeBrahm, Savannah's surveyor and early writer on Savannah, was one of two homes on the present site of Owens-Thomas House. Two homes of the surveyor generals of South Carolina and Georgia, Henry Yonge and William Gerard DeBrahm, were formerly on the site.
- Charles Pryce, the attorney for the Crown, lived in this ward.
- Architect William Jay had his first commission in Savannah here on Oglethorpe Square when he built today's Owens-Thomas House, built for banker and cotton merchant Richard Richardson.
- Richard Arnold was born, lived and died in the house that was called "the oddly constructed frame house" that was sitting where today's MPC now stands. Richard Arnold was an outstanding doctor and professor of Savannah Medical College and Mayor of Savannah during the occupation of the Union army while Sherman was in residence, and was the first president of the board of education.
- The Unitarian Church once stood on the corner of Abercorn and State Street, now the site of an accountant's office. The church was moved in 1860 to its present location on Troup Square.

USA Weekend's Annual Travel Report named "[The Squares of Savannah GA](#)" among The 10 Most Beautiful Places in America. The Presidents' Quarters inn overlooks beautiful Oglethorpe Square, named for James Edward Oglethorpe, British Parliamentarian and founder of the Georgia colony on the east coast of America. The international world-class city in a garden -- with its genteel, political, artesian, artistic and intellectual tapestry woven complementarily together -- reflects nearly three centuries of diverse cultures, lifestyles, history and forward-thinking momentum.

Today, The Presidents' Quarters is a study in refinement as it takes part in the quintessential southern city's aristocratic tradition of continual transitioning ... fostering an appreciation of grand things, old and new, in Historic Savannah.

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### **Historic Awards**

National register, local register and city historical site.

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### **Historic & Hospitality Memberships**

Historic Savannah Foundation; Savannah Chamber of Commerce; and Professional Innkeepers Association

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### **Inspected/Ratings**

Post-renovation (2007), the historic inn's new management will apply for new Select Registry and AAA ratings. Meanwhile, devoted, loyal guests continue to praise the top-tier location, congenial service, at-home comforts and affordable rates.

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## Special Discounts

AAA, AARP, business / corporate travel, military, first-responder and last minute discounts are available. Uncommon, exclusive cultural and special occasion packages differentiate the inn's commitment to showcase visitor experiences that are distinctively Savannah, those things and places found only in Savannah.

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## Activities

The panoramic courtyard garden's intimate, social setting is ideal for small weddings, business socials and private relaxation. Walk just out the historic inn's gates to discover Savannah's classic pleasures -- lush landscaped park squares, entertainment attractions, historic house museums, art galleries, boutique and antique shopping, and world-class architecture. On a short stroll, one may explore fine dining, boutique shopping, Lucas Theatre, SCAD's Trustees Theater, Savannah River Street, Factors Walk, downtown Savannah business district, Forsyth Park, and City Market. The inn is a short drive to the Savannah River Harbor's International Trade Center. The Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport, Gulfstream Aerospace, and Georgia Ports Authority are within 20 minutes, as is the Atlantic Ocean and outdoor sports of Tybee Island. Legendary golf on Hilton Head Island is less than an hour away.

The Telfair Museums' Owens-Thomas House, regarded as the America's foremost example of Regency architecture, is the inn's world-famous neighbor on Oglethorpe Square -- north on President Street, formerly King Street, prior to the American Revolutionary War. Historical points of interest regarding The Richardson-Owens-Thomas House include:

- The elegant residence was designed and built (1816-1819) by architect William Jay for cotton merchant and banker Richard Richardson and his wife Francis Bolton. Mr. Richardson's brother-in-law was married to Ann Jay, the architect's sister. The structure is considered the finest example of English Regency architecture in North America by architectural historians. Inspired by classical antiquity, this style of architecture takes its name from England's King George IV, who ruled as Prince Regent from 1811 to 1820.
- Mrs. Mary Maxwell ran an elegant lodging house in the structure following Richardson's loss of the splendid home to the Bank of the United States.
- Revolutionary War hero Marquis de Lafayette stayed at the home and on March 19, 1825, he is believed to have addressed Savannahians from the unusual cast-iron veranda, facing south towards The Presidents' Quarters.
- In 1830, congressman, lawyer, and mayor of Savannah, George Welshman Owens, purchased the property.

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