



IS IT SAFE?

Savannah

SOLO TRAVELER SAFETY GUIDE

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OVERALL SAFETY ASSESSMENT

RATING ●●●■

Exercise caution outside tourist areas.

Savannah is one of America's most beautiful cities — and one that requires more situational awareness than its dreamy, moss-draped appearance suggests. The historic district squares are genuinely safe and ideal for solo exploration. But Savannah has notable violent crime in residential areas outside the tourist corridor, and the boundary between safe and unsafe territory shifts quickly. Know where you are, use ride apps after dark, and stay oriented.

Savannah's 22 historic squares are your anchor. Everything worth visiting as a first-time solo traveler is walkable between them.

RATING SCALE

- = Very safe
- = Safe
- = Use caution
- = Avoid at night
- = Avoid

NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY AT A GLANCE

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AREA	RATING	NOTES
Historic District squares	●●●●●	Visitor core. Safe and walkable.
River Street / Factors Walk	●●●●●	Touristy, busy. Pickpocket awareness.
Forsyth Park area	●●●●●	Beautiful. Safe in daylight; caution after dark.
Victorian District	●●●●●	Transitional. Caution advised at night.
Eastside / Westside	●●●●●	High crime. Avoid as a visitor.
Starland District	●●●●●	Gentrifying arts area. Mostly fine by day.
Thomas Square	●●●●●	Emerging area. Generally safe.

If you're heading to Forsyth Park — a highlight — go during daylight hours. The park gets darker and quieter after sunset.

GETTING AROUND SAFELY

MODE	RATING	NOTES
DOT Trolley (free)	●●●●●	Free downtown loop. Ideal for visitors.
Uber / Lyft	●●●●●	Essential for travel after dark.
Walking (historic district)	●●●●●	Excellent within the squares area.
Cycling	●●●●■	Good on park paths; less so on main roads.
Taxis	●●●■●	Available but fewer than apps. Use apps.
Chatham Area Transit (CAT)	●●●■●	Covers wider area. Research routes first.

COMMON SCAMS & HOW TO AVOID THEM

Ghost tour price inflation:

Savannah has dozens of ghost tour operators. Compare prices — quality and value vary widely.

River Street tourist traps:

Some bars and restaurants on River Street apply tourist pricing. Check menus before ordering.

Unofficial parking attendants:

Individuals collecting 'fees' in informal lots are not city-authorized. Use official paid lots.

'Blessed' trinket sellers:

Vendors may insist you owe payment after placing an item in your hand.

HEALTH & MEDICAL

- Dial 911 for all emergencies.
- Memorial Health University Medical Center is the major trauma center.
- Candler Hospital (downtown) also provides emergency services.
- Heat and humidity in summer months can be extreme — carry water at all times.
- Pharmacy options include CVS on Bull Street and Walgreens locations citywide.

SOLO WOMEN TRAVELERS

Savannah's historic district is generally comfortable for solo women travelers. The tourist and restaurant scenes are welcoming, and southern hospitality is genuine. However, the safety picture changes sharply outside the visitor zones. Use Uber or Lyft after dark rather than walking back from bars or restaurants. Forsyth Park is beautiful during the day but less advisable as a solo evening destination. Trust your instincts — if an area feels off, it may well be.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Police / Fire / Medical	911
Savannah PD non-emergency	912-651-6675
Memorial Health	912-350-8000
Poison Control	1-800-222-1222
Visitor Information Center	912-944-0455