



Maritime Day 49    October 10, 2010    64 degrees F, Sunny topping off at 87 degrees today

We slept in today 'til 8:00, had breakfast at the campers then headed down the road at 11:00 to visit the Charleston Tea Plantation about 18 miles from here. It opens at noon so we had to wait a while at the gate. First we toured the factory where they process, dry and cut the tea leaves, then took a trolley ride around the 69 acres of tea plants. It was very informative. We learned that this tea farm is the only one in North America. They have a unique machine that helps to harvest the flushing, new growth, off the bushes once every 30 days from April until October. The bushes will live for hundreds of years and were originally imported from China long, long ago. The Bigelow family owns the plantation but all the tea is packaged and sold under the Charleston Tea label. We shopped in the gift shop and made several tea selections.

We left at 1:30 to drive to Brunswick, Georgia for a one night stay. Dinner was at a roadside Ruby Tuesdays. The Coastal RV Resort is at exit 29 on US 95. It is only 2 years old and very up-to-date modern. We sat outside (after dark) and had evening tea and bakery goodies from Charleston. We are certainly back in tropical weather! Tomorrow we will be back in Florida!