

## Ports & Excursions



### Charleston, South Carolina

Superb colonial and antebellum architecture, ornate old gardens, narrow cobbled streets, a rich turbulent history, and Southern charm define Charleston, one of America's premier destinations.

Located on a peninsula between the confluence of the Cooper and Ashley Rivers, the city was the first English settlement in South Carolina. The surrounding Low Country has proved a rich and fertile land, producing rice, cotton, indigo and lumber. The great planter and merchant families that rose from this bounty made Charleston a glittering center of wealth, power and culture. The city has long prized and preserved its heritage. As you stroll the city's cobbled streets, history is on display. The College of Charleston was founded in 1770. The Old Exchange and Provost Dungeon, built 1771, was the sight of a Southern "Boston Tea Party" in 1773. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, built 1752, is the oldest church building in the city-both George Washington and Robert E. Lee attended services there, sitting in Pew 41. And it was in Charleston Harbor, of course, that the first rounds were fired in America's tragic Civil War.

### Points of Interest

#### 1 Battery Park

During the American Civil War, this public park was used for artillery. Today it is a landmark known for its stately antebellum homes and the White Point Gardens.

#### 2 U.S. Naval & Maritime History

In the early 1700s, pirates frequently plundered what was then known as "Charles Towne." One such infamous pirate was Blackbeard who was later killed in a battle with the Royal Navy. Charleston is home to Patriot's Point and the USS Yorktown and submarine Clamagore.

#### 3 Old Exchange & Provost Dungeon

The Old Exchange is one of the most significant colonial buildings in the U.S. Beneath it lies the Provost Dungeon that was used by the British to detain their prisoners.

#### 4 Fort Sumter

This coastal fortification in the Charleston harbor is best known as the site of the start of the American Civil War when the first shots were fired at the Battle of Fort Sumter.

#### 5 Nathaniel Russell House

This Neoclassical house was built by a wealthy merchant in 1808. It was sold to the state in 1955. Today it is a National Historic Landmark that serves as a museum.

#### 6 Magnolia Plantation & Garden

This beautiful southern plantation features an ornate estate and 18th-century garden, complete with manicured beds, rice fields, swampland and bird-watching opportunities.

#### 7 Boone Hall

On one of America's oldest working plantations, watch live presentations on the history of the plantation, see exhibits about slavery or visit the Butterfly Pavilion.

#### 8 Joseph Manigault House

This historic house was designed in the Adam style and completed in 1803. It was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1973. Today, it is part of the Charleston Museum.

### Special Child Pricing Available!

Children age 12 and younger, savings up to 50%. For actual pricing information, click on tour title or Reserve button.

### Sightseeing & City Tours



Most Popular

#### Historic Charleston & Joseph Manigault House CHS-100 | Charleston, South Carolina

You will visit:

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3 hours

from \$79.95

A scenic, narrated drive through the city's historic districts includes a visit to the beautiful Joseph Manigault House, an Adams style mansion built in 1803.



#### Historic Charleston & Magnolia Gardens CHS-105 | Charleston, South Carolina

You will visit:

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6 hours

from \$159.95

Tour Magnolia Gardens, one of the most beautiful romantic gardens in the world, followed by a city tour. Boxed lunch at the Plantation is included.



#### Charleston Highlights Scenic Drive CHS-110 | Charleston, South Carolina

You will visit:

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2 hours

from \$55.95

This narrated scenic drive is perfect for passengers who wish to see the city's major sights with little or no walking.



#### Charleston Highlights Scenic Drive (Wheelchair Confined Passengers) CHS-111 | Charleston, South Carolina

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2 hours

from \$55.95

Tour CHS-111 is the same as CHS-110 and uses the same transportation. Wheelchair confined passengers should book this tour CHS-111. Able-bodied family members and friends should book CHS-110. You will travel together. Guests with collapsible wheelchairs should book CHS-110. Collapsible wheelchairs/walkers can be folded and stored.



#### Historic Charleston Scenic Carriage Ride CHS-140 | Charleston, South Carolina

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1 hours

from \$39.95

Tour the streets of one of Charleston's historic districts on a leisurely and elegant carriage ride.

### Special Interests



Off the Beaten Path

**Boone Hall Plantation & Historic Charleston**  
CHS-210 | Charleston, South Carolina

You will visit:

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4  
hours

from \$119.95

Experience the grace and charm of the Old South on a narrated drive through historic Charleston, just one reason to choose this easy half day tour. Marvel at the antebellum homes, the prestigious military institutions, and the beautiful seaside setting. Then see why Boone Hall is "America's Most Photographed Plantation."



**Fort Sumter & The Civil War in Charleston**  
CHS-300 | Charleston, South Carolina

You will visit:

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4.5  
hours

from \$139.95

Step back in time to the 1860s as you travel by boat to Fort Sumter where the Civil War began. Then explore the old city by air-conditioned transportation and see the historic landmarks.



Off the Beaten Path

**Patriots Point & Charleston Naval History**  
CHS-310 | Charleston, South Carolina

You will visit:

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3.25  
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from \$99.95

Tour one of the world's largest naval and maritime museums. At Patriots Point, you'll board the legendary aircraft carrier, the "USS Yorktown" and ride a Navy Flight Simulator.



**Grand Houses of Charleston Walking Tour**  
CHS-380 | Charleston, South Carolina

You will visit:

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2.5  
hours

from \$69.95

Stroll with your guide down lovely streets and lanes and view the marvelous architecture of homes built more than a century ago. The tour covers just over one mile and includes presentations in two of the most renowned of Charleston's museum houses.