

Historic Houses of Charleston
8 days – 7 nights
Charleston, Yemassee, Wadmalaw, Mt. Pleasant, Georgetown, McClellanville
Discovery, History, Culture, Fun

This program may be operated for individuals or for groups
This is a suggested itinerary

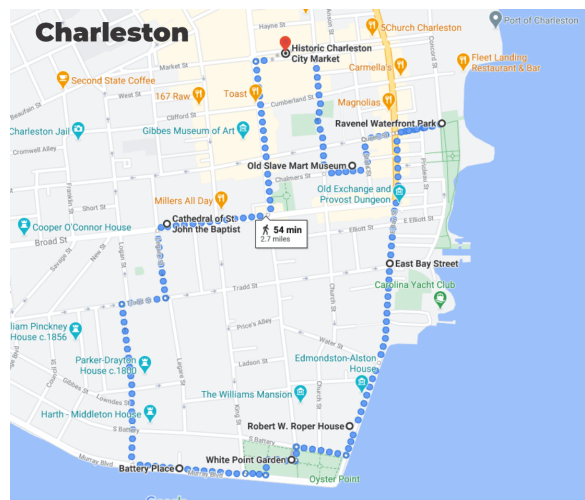
In South Carolina we find many sumptuous homes with their place in the country's history as well as the families who built them and lived there. For this itinerary we chose some of the historic houses easily reachable from Charleston. These houses open to you to tour inside and most also have beautiful gardens you can walk through.

Day 1: Charleston (13 miles)

Upon arrival at Charleston airport, pick-up your rental car and drove to your hotel for overnight.

Day 2: Charleston

Start discovering the city with the Historic City Market, one of the nation's oldest public markets and the city's cultural heart. Continue to St. John the Baptist Church, a neo-Gothic structure built to replace the previous cathedral, which was lost in the devastating 1861 fire. A couple of blocks down is the promenade along the seawall washed by the Ashley and Cooper Rivers where they form Charleston Harbor. The park, bordered by some of Charleston's grandest stately homes and mansions, became a public garden in 1837 and offers a spectacular view of Fort Sumter. One block from the park is Charleston Robert W. Roper House, considered one of the most significant Greek Revival homes in Charleston. In fact, the imposing mansion was the first to grace this side of the Charleston Battery when it was built in 1838 for the cotton planter. Now, walk to East Bay Street to see the "Rainbow Row", formed by 14 houses each painted in a different color, and continue to the Waterfront Park, a place where tourists and locals gather to relax and enjoy the unusual Pineapple Fountain and views of Charleston Harbor. Then, walk to the Old Slave Mart Museum, in the French Quarter, set inside the building where slaves were auctioned prior to the Civil War. Try one of the several excellent restaurants around and return to your hotel for overnight



Day 3: Charleston (26 miles)

This morning visit Drayton Hall, an 18th century Palladian-style mansion, located on the Ashley River just 15 miles outside of Charleston that has the distinction of being the only home to survive both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. In the afternoon head to Magnolia Plantation and Gardens, just outside Charleston, the only garden in the State honored with this distinction of "America's Most Beautiful Gardens". Founded in 1676 by the Drayton family, Magnolia Plantation has survived the centuries and witnessed the history of our nation unfold before it from the American Revolution through the Civil War and beyond. Overnight in Charleston

Day 4: Charleston [Fort Sumter, Patriots Point]

Today, our focus will not be on the magnificent houses, but, instead, on monuments of several wars. Walk to Charleston Water Taxi and take the ferry to Fort Sumter where the American Civil War began on April 12, 1861. After the fort's tour, take the ferry to Patriots Point Historic District, where you can board the carrier USS Yorktown that served the United States Navy in World War II and Vietnam.

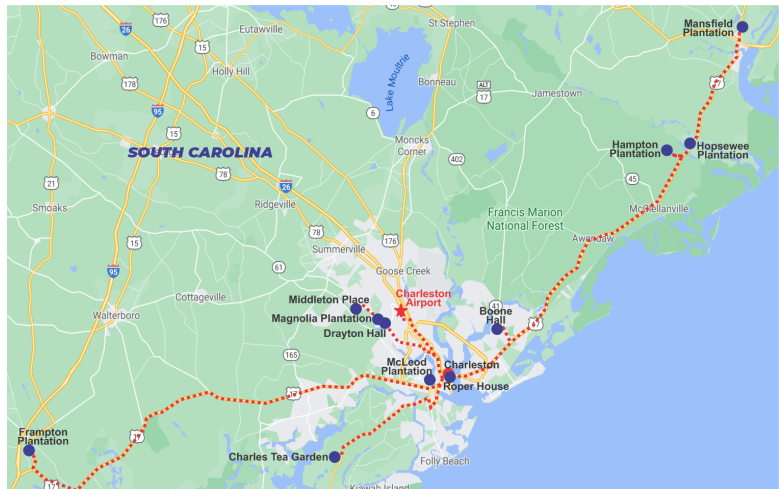
Then take the ferry back to the Charleston pier. Use the rest of the day to complete your visit, discover the food style you most like and shop at the many downtown stores.

Day 5: Charleston [Yemassee, Wadmalaw] (152 miles)

Drive 1 hour to Frampton Plantation House in Yemassee, SC, a beautiful home land that has the distinction of being gifted to the Frampton's by the King in the 1700's. In 1865, General Sherman's troops burned the plantation house and all the farm buildings that stood on this site. In 1868, John Frampton rebuilt the present charming Lowcountry farmhouse. Drive back towards Charleston to reach the historic and beautiful Wadmalaw Island where the Charleston Tea Plantation was built on a 127-acre property. Take one of the available tours and enjoy as much tea as you like as this is the only place in North America that grows tea. And they grow 320 varieties of it! Another 20-minute drive to return to downtown Charleston.

Day 6: Charleston (31 miles)

This morning drive 12 miles towards Mt. Pleasant to visit Boone Hall Plantation Gardens, founded in 1681 by Englishman Major John Boone on the banks of Wampacheone Creek. Live oak trees in two evenly spaced rows whose massive, moss-draped branches meeting overhead and forming today's natural corridor symbolize southern heritage. After the visit, drive back to Charleston for a tour of McLeod Plantation Historic Site, established in 1851, that has borne witness to some of the most significant periods of our nation's history. The plantation's important 37-acre heritage site has been carefully preserved in recognition of its cultural and historical significance. The grounds include a riverside outdoor pavilion, a sweeping oak alley, and the McLeod Oak, which is thought to be more than 600 years old. Return to Charleston for overnight.



Day 7: Charleston [Georgetown, McClellanville] (136 miles)

Today will be a bit crowded as we have 3 houses in the program. The first, Mansfield Plantation in Georgetown, 66 miles from your hotel, was built in 1718 on a 500-acre plot of land. Today, the plantation covers nearly 1,000 acres and is recognized as "one of the most architecturally intact rice plantations in South Carolina". The house has been featured in numerous television shows and most notably, was one of the locations where Mel Gibson's "The Patriot" was filmed. Twenty minutes to the south is Hopsewee Plantation, built in 1735, was the birthplace and residence of Thomas Lynch, Jr, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Five minutes apart is Hampton Plantation State Historic Site in McClellanville. Tucked away in the remote last vestiges of a colonial-era rice plantation the site is both bucolic and evocative. The plantation's Georgian-style mansion and well-kept grounds serve as an interpretive site for the system of slavery that helped build such plantations into the greatest generators of wealth in early American history. They also tell the story of the freed people who made their homes there for generations after emancipation. Visitors can explore the mansion, wander the plantation grounds and look out upon Wambaw Creek. Drive 46 miles to Charleston for overnight.

Day 8: Charleston, Hometown (30 miles)

On your way to the airport drive 15 minutes to visit Middleton Place. South Flanker, the surviving portion of the once three-building residential complex, is the House Museum and was built in 1755 as gentlemen's guest quarters and a business office. Tour the house and, if your flight schedule permits, take the optional tour. Then, drive another 15 minutes to the airport to drop-off your car and board your flight back home.

Option: The Beyond the Fields tour

Introduces visitors to the institution of slavery and the lives lived by enslaved Africans and African Americans – both slave and free - who labored at Middleton Place and other plantations throughout the South.

Note: Due to COVID-19 restrictions some of the attractions in this itinerary may be closed. Check before planning your trip.

Your Tour includes

- Round-trip airfare New York-Charleston
- 7 nights' accommodation at hotels of your choice
- Breakfast daily where available
- Car rental for the duration of the trip including*:
 - Automatic Transmission
 - Air Conditioning
 - 2 doors
 - 4 seats
 - Unlimited Mileage
 - Sales Tax
 - Local Fees
 - Free Cancellation

Tour does not include:

- Airfare taxes and fees
- Car rental does not include:
 - Additional Driver: \$90
 - Child Seat: \$90
 - Booster Seat: \$90
 - Rental GPS: \$90
- Meals not mentioned under inclusions
- Travel Insurance
- Visas
- Early check-in or late check out
- Wi-Fi in rooms
- Tips to guides or drivers
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Any item not mentioned as "Included"

* Car models are just for information and similar types may be substituted,

Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Superior Tourist		
Charleston	TownePlace Suites by Marriott Charleston North	3
First Class		
Charleston	Elliott House Inn	4
Superior First Class		
Charleston	The Mills House Wyndham Grand Hotel	4.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

Category	2 Pax	4 Pax	Pax
Tourist Class	\$1,229	\$1,095	\$1,049
First Class	\$1,659	\$1,529	\$1,479
Superior First Class	\$2,319	\$2,185	\$2,139
Car included	Kia Rio	Mazda CX-5	Chevy Tahoe

Fares available from all US gateways.

Prices above are based on double room occupancy. Single supplement, car upgrades available upon request.

These programs can be customized for individuals and for groups

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

• Airfare

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

• Program

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

- **Other options**
 - The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
 - If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

- **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.
- Car can be upgraded upon request

Group Quotations

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
 - In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
 - Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.