

Charleston

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Charleston, South Carolina, is one of the prettiest cities you ever will visit in North America and has been voted as one of the top destinations to visit in the world by Travel and Leisure magazine. It has exceeded other destinations in categories such as Arts, Culture, Historical landmarks, food, shopping and restaurants.

It overlooks the harbor, defined by its cobblestone streets, beautiful Palmetto trees, amazing antebellum homes located in the French Quarter, horse drawn carriage rides for tours, a beautiful battery area surrounded by colorful Rainbow homes. The architectural design of their buildings will make you think you are in Italy or France. While visiting this city you must take in a culinary and historic tour. Charleston is known for its she-crab soup, delicious seafood, fine dining, casual eats and their restaurant menus are covered with the fresh catch of the day. Make sure you bring your walking shoes because King Street is a shopper's delight.

Just a short distance away is Kiawah Island, Seabrook Island and the Isle of Palms if golf is your desire. Kiawah has many beautiful courses to play and have a day full of fun. Oh, did I mention Folly Beach is very near to surf the waves and while there take in a few delicious restaurants that's within walking distance of the beach. If you want a piece of Charleston to take back home buy a couple of souvenirs at the City Market in the historic district. The Market offers all types of regional and local art. You may catch a glance of the basket weavers known for making beautiful sweet grass baskets.

Charleston has a vibrant culture and art scene. Every year there is an Arts Festival called Spoleto which is a 17 day event consisting of dance, opera, theater and music held at different venues. Spoleto is one of America's major performing Arts Festival. It is paradise for the musician and art lover. Speaking of art, while exploring the

downtown historic district be sure to stop by the Gibbes Museum Of Art. The collection of art includes numerous artists with a connection to the area. While exploring the Gibbes Museum of Art you have a connection to the paintings and will experience what the Artists was feeling as they painted the wonderful masterpieces. Not far from the Gibbes Museum of Art is the Charleston's History Museum. This museum is a perfect museum waiting to be explored. On display there are artifacts, information on wars, art, science and slavery. While in the historic district, you must visit the South Carolina Aquarium where you will experience ocean life and many educational opportunities. The highly anticipated International African American Museum is scheduled to open in 2021, and at this museum African Americans can possibly trace their ancestors who arrived in America through Charleston, S.C. (www.iaamuseum.org). This city has something for everyone and is multicultural, creative community who supports and loves the Arts.

Charleston is full of history from the past and living history given by tour guides on horse drawn carriage rides. If you want more in depth information curators and historians are easily accessible. Boone Hall, a historical plantation is where the movie Queen was filmed and is a must see for the history buff. Breathtaking garden tours of Middleton Place which is a landscaped sculptured garden should definitely be on your itinerary.

My words can't explain everything this beautiful city has to offer but I hope I painted a wonderful picture. Time will escape you but special moments last forever. So what are you waiting for Charleston, SC is waiting for you!!

Happy and Safe Travels

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