

48 HOURS in ...

CHARLESTON



With historic cobblestone streets, delicious Lowcountry cuisine, gracious locals and plenty of Southern charm, it's no wonder that Charleston, South Carolina has been voted the #1 U.S. city by readers of *Conde Nast Traveler* three years in a row. The city offers plenty for visitors to see and do, yet it's still easy to navigate for the perfect long weekend getaway.



SHOP

HISTORIC CHARLESTON CITY MARKET "The cultural heart of Charleston since 1804," Charleston City Market is an absolute must-see. Visitors and locals alike shop this historic four-block market of handcrafted products and local specialties from over 300 entrepreneurs throughout the year. The Charleston City Market features everything from artwork, jewelry, clothing, and toys to leather goods, local food specialties, and the highly sought after sweetgrass baskets.



SEE

1 THE BATTERY Also known as White Point Gardens, The Battery is a beautiful park located right on the waterfront of downtown Charleston. During the Civil War this area served as a Confederate artillery battery, but today it's the perfect place to stroll under shady oak trees and admire the monuments and gorgeous homes.

3 FORT SUMTER On April 12, 1861, Confederate artillery opened fire on Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor. Today, visitors of all ages can brush up on their history on a self-guided tour of this national monument. Located on an island, Fort Sumter is only accessible by boat. (From March through October, visitors can choose to enjoy a Sunset Tour). If you have the time, take the ferry from Fort Sumter and visit nearby Fort Moultrie.

2 SOUTH CAROLINA AQUARIUM Home to 60 unique habitats and over 6,000 different animals and plants, the South Carolina Aquarium is one of the most visited attractions in Charleston. Get hands-on with stingrays, sea urchins and more at the Touch Tank; meet Caretta, the 220-pound loggerhead sea turtle, at the 385,000-gallon Great Ocean Tank; and visit a bald eagle and river otters in the Mountain Forest exhibit.

4 BOONE HALL PLANTATION & GARDENS Pass through a majestic row of moss-draped oak trees and discover why Boone Hall is "America's Most Photographed Plantation." Experience what plantation life is really like on a tour of this scenic plantation that's been growing and producing crops for over 320 years, and continues to do so today.

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FUN FACT: Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island (the location of America's first victory over the British Navy during the Revolutionary War) was originally built with palmetto logs, hence the palmetto tree has been South Carolina's symbol since 1776.



STAY

BELMOND CHARLESTON PLACE | Charleston, South Carolina

Belmond Charleston Place offers unparalleled accommodations in the heart of the city's historic district. It is known for its signature double staircase and 12-foot crystal chandelier in the Italian marbled lobby. The hotel boasts a full-service spa, an indoor swimming pool with a retractable roof and four-star dining in the award-winning Charleston Grill. Its 435 guest rooms include 40 suites and 80 club-level rooms and their décor features distinctive period furnishings with Southern-style armoires and luxurious bathrooms of Italian marble, sophisticated fixtures and indulgent toiletries. A full business center and 24-hour room service are available.

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SAVOR

1 POOGAN'S PORCH | 72 Queen Street | 843-577-2337 Located in a restored Victorian house and named after a beloved dog, Poogan's Porch is a Southern institution known for its fresh approach to Lowcountry cuisine. Enjoy the highly-rated grits and She-Crab soup, but keep your eye out for a lady in Victorian dress - rumor has it that the restaurant is haunted.

3 HANK'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT | 10 Hayne Street | 843-723-3474 Chef Frank McMahon offers a blend of traditional fried seafood platters and Lowcountry dishes that recreate a classic Charleston Fish House. This charming restaurant overlooks the Charleston City Market and features an old fashioned saloon-style bar and an exhibition raw bar.

2 MCCRADY'S | 2 Unity Alley | 843-577-0025 Recognized on the National Register of Historic Places and Landmarks, this grand four-story Georgian house has been serving handcrafted drinks and fine Southern food intermittently since 1778, including a 30-course dinner for President George Washington. Today, McCrady's is the perfect juxtaposition of understated elegance alongside cutting-edge cooking techniques.

4 THE GIN JOINT | 182 East Bay Street | 843-577-6111 Want to cap off your day with a handcrafted cocktail in a speak-easy style bar? Look no further than The Gin Joint, which offers "balanced cocktails alongside defiant bar food." Choose a classic cocktail, a drink from the seasonal menu, or take a chance on Bartender's Choice.