

Attractions

SC Aquarium

The South Carolina Aquarium features thousands of marine animals, including sharks, loggerhead turtles, and seahorses. The aquarium has different exhibits throughout the year and will provide an educational experience for kids and adults! Open daily. For information, call 843.720.1990 or visit www.scaquarium.org

Boone Hall Plantation

At Boone Hall Plantation you can see one of Charleston's most famous plantation houses, walk through beautiful gardens, and eat at the Plantation Kitchen restaurant. Boone Hall Plantation is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 843.884.4371 or visit www.boonehallplantation.com

Magnolia Plantation

Also listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Magnolia Plantation is the original home of the Drayton family. Visitors can tour the home and walk through one of the oldest public gardens in the United States. Open daily, 8 a.m. to dusk through October; call for November through February hours. For more information call 843.571.1266 or 800.367.3517; or visit www.magnoliaplantation.com

Middleton Place Plantation

Built in the 1700's, Middleton Place features 65 acres of landscaped gardens. Visitors can learn about the historical importance of the Middleton family. Also, Middleton Place is a National Historic Landmark. Located 14 miles north of downtown Charleston on Hwy. 61. Open daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 843.556.6020 or 800.782.3608; or visit www.middletonplace.org

Charles Pinckney National Historic Site

This historic site features the cottage and 28-acre farm of a Founding Father. Visitors can watch a twenty-minute film, view exhibits, and walk on trails at the farm. Located on 1254 Long Point Road in Mount Pleasant. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except Christmas and New Year's. Admission is free. For more information call 843.881.5516 or see www.nps.gov/chpi.

Fort Moultrie

Fort Moultrie is a National Park Service site with over 200 years of coastal defense history. Located on 1214 Middle Street on Sullivan's Island. Visitor center has a 20-minute film and exhibits. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Christmas and New Year's. Admission rates: adults, \$2; seniors and children, \$1; family, \$5; school groups, free. Call 843.883.3123 or see www.nps.gov/fomo for more information.

Fort Sumter National Monument

See where the Civil War began on April 12, 1861, and also get incredible views of the Charleston Harbor. Boats depart from Liberty Square in Charleston and Patriots Point in Mount Pleasant. For admission rates and departure times, call 843.883.3123 or 843.722.2628. Exhibit hall at Liberty Square (south of the Aquarium) is open daily 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at no charge. Closed Christmas and New Year's. See www.nps.gov/fosu.

The Hunley

The Hunley was the first submarine to sink a battleship during combat. Tours of the Hunley are available every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and every Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. at the Warren Lasch Conservation Lab. For tour tickets and directions, call 1.877.4HUNLEY (1.877.448.6539). Walk-up tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Patriots Point Naval Maritime Museum

This museum is located on the Charleston Harbor, 2 miles east on US-17 at 40 Patriots Point Road. Visitors can tour the aircraft carrier Yorktown (World War II's Famous "Fighting Lady"), tour the submarine Clamagore, and see many other exhibits. Open daily, 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., April through September; 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., rest of the year. Closed December 25. Admission: adults, \$14; adults over age 61 and military with ID, \$12; military in uniform, free; ages 6 through 11, \$7; ages 5 and under, free. Food is available. MC, VI. Charleston Harbor, Mount Pleasant side of Cooper River Bridge. For more information call 843.884.2727 or visit www.PatriotsPoint.org

Children's Museum of The Low Country

This museum encourages children to learn through hands-on experience. The museum has seven exhibits relating to sciences, arts, and humanities. Admission is \$5 per person. Open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Located on 25 Ann St. For more information call 843.853.8962.

Charleston IMAX Theatre

The Charleston IMAX Theatre shows different films throughout the year on a variety of topics. Visitors can watch a movie on a huge, 3-D screen that is the width of a basketball court! The theater is adjacent to the Aquarium and Fort Sumter Visitor Center. For more information call 843.725.IMAX (4629) or see www.charlestonimax.com

Charleston Carriage Tours

Take a horse-drawn carriage tour of historic downtown Charleston. The tours highlight the most famous monuments, public buildings, and historic homes of downtown Charleston. The tours are also a good way to learn about Charleston's heritage. These tours start from Guignard Street, which is right off the Market. For more information call 843.853.3747 or visit www.classiccarriage.com/

Charleston Ghost Tours

If you're looking for a slightly different kind of tour, then you can take your pick from the Charleston Ghost Tours. These walking tours give you access to some of Charleston's most haunted places such as the Pre-Revolutionary Dungeon, the Old City Jail, the Haunted Historic District, and Charleston's oldest graveyard. To learn more about the different kinds of tours that are offered, see www.bulldogtours.com/

Charleston Riverdogs Baseball

The Riverdogs is the minor league baseball team in Charleston. The Riverdogs also has a baseball camp for kids. The stadium is located in downtown Charleston. You can find the team's schedule and order tickets online at www.riverdogs.com/

Tanger Outlet Shopping Mall

The Tanger Outlets in North Charleston have more than ninety outlet stores, including Banana Republic, Gap, Old Navy, Ann Taylor, Nine West, Coach, Mikasa, and Eddie Bauer. To see all of the outlet stores and to get directions visit