

CHARLESTON

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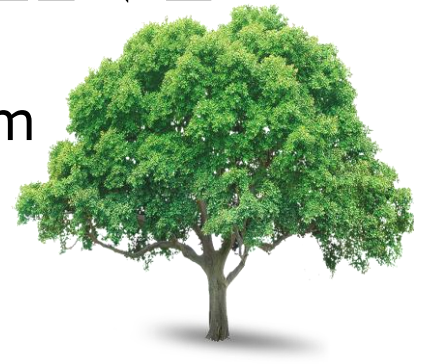
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4 DAYS April 7 – 10, 2019

INCLUDES: 4 MEALS (3B, 1D), 3 NIGHT STAY AT THE SLEEP INN IN NEARBY MOUNT PLEASANT SC, GUIDED CITY TOUR WITH A LOCAL, PROFESSIONAL STEP-ON GUIDE, LUNCH BREAK (MEAL ON YOUR OWN) AT HISTORIC CHARLESTON CITY MARKET WITH BROWSING TIME, A NARRATED HARBOR CRUISE, A VISIT TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA AQUARIUM, VISIT "CHARLES TOWNE" LANDING – A STATE PARK WITH LOTS TO SEE AND DO.

Day One – There is much to see as we travel through central Florida, and on up the east coast through Jacksonville and into South Carolina. Our travels through SC will take us through the Low Country, crossing many Rivers, used to transport supplies in the early days. All throughout our tour we will make appropriate stops for rest breaks and meals. Our home for the next three nights is the **Sleep Inn in Mt. Pleasant SC**, just adjacent to Charleston and all our fun activities. Make yourself at home in your stylish guest room, which is just as restful as home—but better—featuring a flat-screen TV, refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker and premium bedding, along with an iron and ironing board. Our hotel also features a hot, buffet style breakfast each morning. During our visit, **one dinner** will be included at a popular, local restaurant with Deliciously Southern Food. Get a good night's rest, tomorrow is a busy day of sightseeing.

Day Two – After a delicious **breakfast** at our hotel, we will enjoy a **professionally guided tour of Charleston, South Carolina**. This day of touring will long be remembered with great fondness. Her stately homes with their lovely gardens, her magnificent public buildings and the majestic churches will enchant you. As you tour you will see the College of Charleston, Harleston Village (one of the early suburbs of the city), the **Citidel**, the Military College of South Carolina and of course the famous **Battery** with its elegant town houses built by planters and merchants in the 18th and 19th centuries. After our



morning of touring we will visit the **Historic Charleston City Market—the Cultural Heart of Charleston Since 1804**. With free time for lunch (on your own) and browsing the many beautiful, handmade arts and crafts. With more than 50 resident Gullah artisans, the Charleston City Market is the very epicenter of **sweetgrass basketry**, one of the nation's oldest and most beautiful handicrafts. From authentic Lowcountry dishes, like shrimp & grits, to sophisticated interpretations of Southern fare, such as bourbon-glazed shrimp with lobster hushpuppies, the

Charleston City Market's Great Hall and surrounding neighborhood offer a range of excellent restaurants, making for a great lunch break. This afternoon we will hop aboard the **Carolina Belle for Charleston's top-rated harbor tour**. During this scenic and relaxing 90-minute tour, you will see over 75 landmarks and points of interest and we will cover over 300 years of history! This boat features 2 decks, the climate-controlled main salon & the observation deck.

Day Three – After today's included **breakfast** at the hotel, we have a great itinerary of activities. We will start the day by visiting **The South Carolina Aquarium in Charleston**. Home to more than 5,000 animals, this aquarium features many diverse exhibit areas. Experience South Carolina and be entertained by an intimate look at many of South Carolina's native animals and plants as your journey through the Aquarium takes you from the mountains to the sea. Experience the Mountain Forest, as you venture past the bald eagle, look low and you'll see fish in a stream. Look up to gaze at waterfalls over a rocky gorge. Somewhere in the middle, you can find our river otters swimming, snacking or snoozing. Be sure to visit the Coastal Plain, Saltmarsh Aviary, Touch Tank, the Coast featuring a variety of fish found locally. Finally, it is impossible to miss the two-story, 385,000-gallon Great Ocean Tank. You'll practically rub noses with sharks and can wave a flipper hello to the 220-pound loggerhead sea turtle, Caretta. Divers interact with visitors during daily dive shows. You'll find this and much more at this terrific aquarium! This afternoon we continue our Charleston adventure at **"Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site"**. This State Park has many great features and attractions including: Avenue of the Oaks leading to the impressive **Legare Waring House**. This home was constructed in the 1840's is primarily used as a Wedding Destination. Imagine the lovely Wedding Photographs that have been taken in this beautiful setting. Be sure to visit the Museum Exhibit Hall, a 12-room interactive experience located in the Visitors Center. Attend a black powder program and feel the earth shake and hear the cannons boom or muskets bark. Meet living history demonstrators in period costume and learn about the threats that faced the first Charles Towne residents. Visit the wharf area where English settlers landed in 1670. See the Adventure, Charleston's only 17th century replica ship, called a trading ketch. Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site, located along the banks of the Ashley River, is known as the birthplace of South Carolina.



Day Four – Again, enjoy your hot, delicious breakfast provided at our hotel before our departure back to St. Petersburg. We hope you have found Charleston both charming and unforgettable. Thank you for choosing **Travel Is Fun Tours** for your Charleston Tour.

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