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4 DAYS **September 23, 2024**

INCLUDES: 5 MEALS (3B, 1L, 1D), 3 NIGHT STAY AT THE HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS IN NEARBY MOUNT PLEASANT SC, GUIDED CITY TOUR WITH A LOCAL, PROFESSIONAL STEP-ON GUIDE, WITH A VISIT TO THE EDMONSTON ALSTON HOUSE – NEARLY 200 YEARS OLD AND WE’LL ENJOY AN INFORMATIVE, GUIDED TOUR HERE. LUNCH BREAK (MEAL ON YOUR OWN) AT HISTORIC CHARLESTON CITY MARKET WITH BROWSING TIME, OUR NEXT ADVENTURE A FORT SUMTER TOUR ABOARD “SPIRITLINE CRUISES” with a VISIT TO FORT SUMTER (We may even see some dolphins on the cruise). DURING OUR TIME IN CHARLESTON, WE’LL ALSO PAY A VISIT TO THE CHARLESTON TEA GARDEN, AMERICA’S LARGEST COMMERCIAL TEA GARDEN (located on picturesque Wadmalaw Island in the heart of Lowcountry) & AN INCLUDED BOX LUNCH ON SITE. RETURN VISIT TO CITY MARKET THIS AFTERNOON & FINISH UP ANY SHOPPING & EXPLORING.

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 **Holiday Inn Express** in **Mt. Pleasant SC**, located a short drive over the river from Charleston’s historic district and all our fun activities. The warm, relaxed rooms feature free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs and sitting areas, as well as microwaves, minifridges, and tea and coffeemaking facilities. Our hotel also features a hot/cold, **buffet-style breakfast** each morning. We will be stopping enroute for a good, **included dinner** at **The Golden Corral** near our destination. 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. “The heart of Charleston’s historic district including the Old Exchange Building, Rainbow Row, The Battery, Meeting Street, Broad Street, St. Michael’s Church, East Bay Street, the area directly north of Calhoun Street and much more will be covered with our knowledgeable, local tour guide. While most of the tour is on the bus, we do get off the bus a few times to get up-close and personal with the history.” During our tour we will also visit the **Edmondston-Alston House, Charleston’s Harborside House Museum.**

You'll learn the history of this nearly 200-year old home through its collection of furniture, paintings, silver, books and other objects that belonged to the family, reflecting not only their history, but American History. 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 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 (on your own). Then, to wrap up our day of touring, we will travel to Fort Sumter aboard **Fort Sumter Tours/Spirit Line Cruises**. This informative tour lasts 2 ½ hours with approximately **1 hour on historic Fort Sumter**. You'll board the boat (with restrooms & cash only snack bar) & experience a relaxing 30-minute cruise to historic Fort Sumter. You may see Dolphin frolicking in the harbor during this cruise. Upon arrival, you'll be greeted by National Park Service Rangers who will provide programming and answer questions about the history of Fort Sumter & its pivotal role in the American Civil War. Learn about the events that led up to this war. Dinner stop (on your own) this evening.



Day Three - After today's included **breakfast** at the hotel, we have a great itinerary of activities. We will start the day by visiting **Charleston Tea Garden**, Home of American Grown Tea! Learn all about how tea is made during your visit. This experience is not only educational and fun, but one-of-a-kind. Located on picturesque Wadmalaw Island in the heart of the Lowcountry. Enjoy acres of & acres of breathtaking tea plants as far as the eye can see! While here, we will enjoy special attractions including an informative Factory Tour, an enjoyable Trolley Tour through the tea fields, visiting the greenhouse to learn how tea is grown and help yourself to all the iced or hot tea you can drink! Our visit to this beautifully scenic Tea Garden features an **included Box Lunch** with a variety of sandwiches and salads available to enjoy. After a relaxing, delicious lunch at the Charleston Tea Garden, then, a return visit to **City Market** to finish up any shopping & exploring. Dinner stop (on your own) this evening.

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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