



Insiders Guide

Snooping around a new city can be exciting and intriguing, or overwhelming. If you tend toward the latter, let our Insider's Guide take the guesswork out. These curated experiences and off-the-beaten track adventures ensure you see Charleston up-close and personal. There's so much to experience and explore. Our number one Insider's Guide tip? Make your reservations now for your return trip to Charleston—you'll want to pick up where you left off.

CEMETERIES AND CHURCHYARDS

WHERE: DOWNTOWN CHARLESTON

Charleston boasts some of the nation's oldest cemeteries, with funeral art dating to the late 1600s. Exploring the Holy City's churchyards and cemeteries is a moving way to walk through time. Here lie prominent statesmen and historical figures, and here lie beloved infants, decorated veterans, distinguished preachers and regular people "sacred to the memory" of those whom they left behind.

EXPLORING CHARLESTON'S CITY MARKET

WHERE: 188 MEETING ST.

Visit the open-air Charleston City Market where you can find an intriguing array of local vendors, many selling hand-crafted items (jewelry, soaps and perfumes, candles, decor and more). Pick up a classic Charleston souvenir like a hand-woven sweetgrass basket!



A TWO-WHEELED, SELF-GUIDED TOUR

WHERE: ZERO GEORGE

When in doubt, pedal it out! Borrow Zero George's complimentary bicycles to enjoy a cruise around the peninsula—our concierge is happy to map out a route to ensure you cover a lot of ground without missing the sights, smells and sounds.

SECOND SUNDAYS ON KING

WHERE: KING STREET

Every Second Sunday of the month, the city's scenic and main thoroughfare gets a reprieve from traffic and visitors can enjoy a King Street stroll from a new (or really old!) perspective. From south of Calhoun Street and Marion Square, King Street is blocked off to vehicles (including bikes) and store owners, musicians and vendors create a festive atmosphere to shop, eat, drink and socialize.

WALK THE BRIDGE

WHERE: ARTHUR RAVENEL, JR. BRIDGE

Call it what you will—"the Bridge," "the Cooper River Bridge," "the Ravenel Bridge" or to some who still remember the harrowingly narrow "Old Bridges" it's the "New Bridge," the iconic structure is a wonder to behold, and a great place to walk or run. When the Bridge opened, it became the longest cable-stayed bridge of its time in North America and the tallest structure in SC.

Rain or Shine

Depending on the forecast and your adventure quotient, use the itineraries below to chart out excellent climate-controlled options, buffered with suggestions for getting outside for active-lifestyle ways to experience Charleston's natural charm.

DOCK STREET THEATRE

WHERE: 135 CHURCH ST.

Known as America's First Theatre, Dock Street was the nation's first building to be constructed solely for the purpose of hosting live performance. Plan to catch a show, or just pop in during the day for a glance at the beautiful, intimate theater space. Head down the street after the show to enjoy a glass of wine at Bin 152!

ANGEL OAK

WHERE: 3688 ANGEL OAK RD., JOHNS ISLAND

Photo Op alert! This ancient live oak tree is thought to be one of the oldest living things in the country. "You have to see it to believe it!"



GIBBES MUSEUM OF ART

WHERE: 135 MEETING ST.

The Gibbes Museum of Art is home to an excellently curated collection of American art, including the foremost collection of miniature portraits, that incorporates the story of Charleston. Don't miss the garden in the back!

CHARLESTON RIVERDOGS

WHERE: 360 FISHBURNE ST.

A night at "The Joe" is a fun, wholesome outing for the whole family. Charleston's hometown minor league team has one of the most beautiful stadiums in the country, so grab a gourmet hotdog and some boiled peanuts and enjoy!

EDMONDSTON-ALSTON HOUSE

WHERE: 21 EAST BATTERY

We love this historic house museum which provides a beautifully accurate representation for how planter families lived. The home is ideally situated to enjoy sweeping views of the Charleston Harbor, including Fort Sumter.

THE CHARLESTON MUSEUM

WHERE: 360 MEETING ST.

The Charleston Museum is one of the oldest museums in the United States, and home to a highly regarded collection that includes historic artifacts, natural history displays, decorative arts, textiles and costumes, and two historic Charleston houses.

SOUTH CAROLINA AQUARIUM

WHERE: 100 AQUARIUM WHARF

Visit the aquarium and watch the astonishing underwater world come to life! Don't miss the Sea Turtle Care Center to learn about how the community is helping to rescue, rehabilitate and release sick or injured sea turtles.



REDFIN FISHING CHARTERS

WHERE: INSHORE OR NEARSHORE CHARLESTON WATERS

RedFin Captains love the sport of fishing and getting out on the gorgeous waters of the Lowcountry. With 20+ years of experience, they understand the changing waters, migration patterns and habits of the Redfish, Speckled Sea Trout and Flounder.

72 Hours

Charleston is made for walking. Actually, meandering. Heck, why not wander a bit while you're at it. Charleston's an old girl, well-mannered to be sure, but she rewards the visitor who's not afraid to poke around, duck down alleyways and sneak a peek through wrought iron gates. Discoveries await at every turn, from architectural delights to enchanted gardens and window-box bonanzas, to historical tales of statesmen, pirates and suffragettes.

EXPLORE WATERFRONT PARK

WHERE: 1 VENDUE RANGE

Gaze for days at sunny Charleston Harbor. How many sailboats can you count from the pier at Waterfront Park?



OYSTER POINT WALKING TOUR

WHERE: HISTORIC DISTRICT

Walk the walk! Take an Oyster Point Walking Tour with the experts. Ask for Bill or Palmer as your tour guide.

THE OBSTINATE DAUGHTER

WHERE: 2063 MIDDLE ST., SULLIVAN'S ISLAND

Cap off your beach afternoon with dinner at The Obstinate Daughter, the culinary gem of Sullivan's, featuring a raw bar and house-made pasta and wood-fired pizza. Or make a trip to The Obstinate Daughter as your excuse to get out to the beach.



SULLIVAN'S ISLAND

WHERE: SULLIVAN'S ISLAND

If you start your day at Fort Sumter, then you'll have gotten a glance from afar of how quaint and dreamy Sullivan's Island is. Home to Fort Moultrie and four miles of lovely beach, Sullivan's is the quintessential residential beach town—low-key and family-friendly, complete with a few restaurants, ice cream shops, a playground and art galleries. A great place to spend a relaxing afternoon at the beach.

Eat Your Heart Out



Architecture has long been a primary gateway to experiencing Charleston, but appetite is now equally the entrée, so to speak, to the Holy City's sacristy of delights. At Cannon Green, we consider the culinary arts to be as equally refined as hospitality. In fact, they're inseparable. Also, we assume that if you're in any way, shape or form a "foodie" that you've already made a reservation to experience dinner at Wild Common, so this guide steers you to some of our favorites beyond those of our Spring Street doorstep.



DINNER AT WILD COMMON

WHERE: 103 SPRING ST.

Wild Common's culinary experiences features James Beard Award Semi-Finalist Chef Orlando Pagán's custom tasting menu in one of Charleston's most inspired spaces. For diners seeking exceptional food and spirits, Wild Common celebrates "All that is right, all that is good" (from D.H. Lawrence's poem of the same name). Come taste the uncommon.

XIAO BAO BISCUIT

WHERE: 224 RUTLEDGE AVE.

For all its culinary gusto, Charleston was lacking on the ethnic food front, until Xiao Bao shook things up and converted an old gas station into the go-to spot for all things spicy, intriguing and robustly flavorful. Asian street food on a sweet Charleston street corner.

LEON'S FINE POULTRY & OYSTER SHOP

WHERE: 698 KING ST.

A local favorite, Leon's serves up fresh local seafood, oysters and the best fried chicken in town—trust us. Did someone say Frosé?

CALLIE'S HOT LITTLE BISCUIT

WHERE: 476 1/2 KING ST.

There's nothing more southern, and more decadent, than a fresh-baked, fluffy, perfectly golden biscuit. And no one makes them more perfectly than the crew at Callie's. Plus, it's the cutest teeny storefront AND the best deal in town: ~\$6 for a sampler three-pack. Though we're betting you'll want more.

167 RAW

WHERE: 193 KING ST.

The world is your oyster at 167 Raw, a local favorite seafood joint a short walk away on lower King Street.

CHARLESTON FARMERS MARKET

WHERE: MARION SQUARE, SATURDAYS 8AM TO 1PM

Live like a local every Saturday at the Charleston Farmers Market in Marion Square.

ZERO RESTAURANT + BAR

WHERE: 0 GEORGE ST.

Ask our team to contact the Zero George concierge to get those coveted dinner times at our sister restaurant Zero Restaurant+Bar—we promise it's a delightful dining experience. Additionally, a decadent and delicious offering, The Caviar Bar features a series of caviar-focused dishes, accompanied by elegant beverage selections.



CHARLESTON TEA GARDEN

WHERE: 6617 MAYBANK HWY., WADMALAW ISLAND

Hello neighbor! After a stop at Charleston Tea Garden in Wadmalaw Island, check out Deep Water Vineyard right next door.

RODNEY SCOTT'S WHOLE HOG BBQ

WHERE: 1011 KING STREET

There's BBQ and then there's Rodney Scott's. The lost art of live coal cooking, honed over decades, gives Rodney's that authentic, lip-smacking, smoky deliciousness.

BREWERY TOUR

WHERE: PALMETTO BREWERY, EDMUND'S OAST BREWERY, TRADESMAN BREWERY, FATTY'S BEER WORKS, REVELRY, MUNKLE

Enjoy "hopping" around on a brewery tour featuring a selection of the area's best breweries on the upper peninsula. Grab a bike taxi so you don't have to worry about a designated driver!

FIG

WHERE: 232 MEETING ST.

Founded by James Beard Award-winning chef, FIG's ever-changing menu always delights. Food Is Good!

