

## Things to Do in Charleston, SC

### Carriage Rides

- **[Palmetto Carriage Works](#)**: Horse-drawn carriages carry passengers past stunning mansions, gardens, houses, churches, and parks. [palmettocarriage.com](#)
- **[Old South Carriage](#)**: Draft horses and led by certified guides, these carriage tours cover some 30 blocks and more than three centuries of history. For a unique twilight experience, try the haunted carriage tour. [oldsouthcarriage.com](#)

### Tours

- **[The Battery](#)**: The Battery is a landmark defensive seawall and promenade in Charleston, South Carolina, famous for its stately antebellum homes. <https://travelerofcharleston.com/attractions/the-battery/>
- **[Adventure Sightseeing](#)**: Led by licensed guides, “See It All Charleston” bus riders cruise along Rainbow Row and the Battery, through the Old City Market and The Citadel, and past centuries-old churches and homes. [adventuresightseeing.com](#)
- **[Grayline City Bus Tours](#)**: Gray Line of Charleston provides informative, entertaining mini-bus day-trip tours of Charleston’s famous historic district daily to visitors. [graylineofcharleston.com](#)
- **[Gullah Tours](#)**: Explores the places, history, and stories that are relevant to the rich and varied contributions made by Black Charlestonians. [gullahtours.com](#)
- **[Charleston Water Taxi](#)**: Roomy catamarans ferry riders across the harbor between Mount Pleasant and Downtown, often passing dolphins along the way. [charlestonwatertaxi.com](#)
- **[Fort Sumter Tours](#)**: This ferry operator is the only boat service permitted to dock at Fort Sumter, site of the first shots of the Civil War. [fortsumtourtours.com](#)
- **[Charleston Harbor Tours](#)**: Narrated sightseeing trips bring visitors aboard a classic tour boat or the tall ship Schooner Pride, modeled after an 18th-century trading vessel. [charlestonharbortours.com](#)
- **[Spirit line Harbor Tours](#)**: This tour company offers dining cruises aboard the luxury yacht Spirit of Carolina as well as trips around Charleston Harbor on Palmetto Spirit. [spiritlinecruises.com](#)
- **[Bulldog Tours](#)**: Walk , talk, and taste your way through Charleston’s renowned culinary history and culture. [Bulldogtours.com](#)
- **[Firefly Distillery](#)**: Enjoy spirited tastings, Firefly craft cocktails, live music, and entertaining and informative tours at the home of the world’s first sweet tea vodka. [Fireflydistillery.com](#)

## Aquarium

- **[South Carolina Aquarium](#)**: Home to 5,000-plus animals and North America's deepest tank, this wildlife experience lets visitors get hands-on with exhibits to inspire conservation of the natural world. [scaquarium.org](#)
- **[Rainbow Row](#)**: Rainbow Row refers to the row of pastel-colored historic homes located on East Bay Street, just along the Battery.

## Museums

- **[International African American Museum](#)**: Opened in 2023, this extensive museum shares the African American experience with unvarnished stories of trauma and triumph, fascinating artifacts, and transformative exhibits. [iaamuseum.org](#)
- **[Charleston Museum](#)**: America's oldest museum delves into the city's past with fascinating exhibits on historic textiles, weapons, fossils, geology, and more. [charlestonmuseum.org](#)
- **[Gibbes Museum of Art](#)**: In a stately Beaux Arts building, this American art collection boasts permanent works spanning 400 years of Charleston's past as well as rotating exhibits of contemporary art. [gibbesmuseum.org](#)
- **[Angel Oak Tree](#)** : The largest Live Oak Tree east of the Mississippi estimating to be 300 to 400 years old. <https://angeloaktree.com/>
- **[Charleston Tea Garden](#)**: Home of American Grown tea company. <https://charlestonteatgarden.com>
- **[Middleton Place](#)**: Home to America's oldest and most landscaped gardens, the historic site and encompasses 110 acres including the Garden, House Museum, Stableyards, and Eliza's House. <https://www.middletonplace.org/>
- **[McCleod Plantation](#)**: Established in 1851. An award -winning Gullah/Geechee heritage site, carefully preserved in recognition of generations of enslaved people.
- **[Charleston City Market](#)**: Three open air sheds and enclosed Great Hall, which house more than 140 merchants.

## Theatre

- **[Black Fedora Comedy & Mystery Theatre](#)**: Live comedy theatre in a cozy setting, clean comic whodunit shows, volunteer audience participation. A la carte appetizers, drinks, and desserts. <https://www.charlestonmysteries.com/>