

NATURAL & FAMILY RESOURCES, INC.
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**A HOLIDAY VISIT TO HISTORIC CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA
GIVE YOURSELF THE OTHER GIFT OF CHRISTMAS
December 15-16, 2022**

You cannot see it from a motor coach window. We will be strolling a lot to enjoy Charleston's riches.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022:

07:15 A.M.: Begin boarding the motor coach at Winter Park Baptist Church. The street address for this church is 4700 Wrightsville Avenue. We will meet/depart/return at the back parking lot that is located between Park Avenue and Pine Grove Drive. You may leave cars, but at your own risk. *There is no real place for a group coffee stop today.*

07:30 A.M.: **Coach rolls toward Charleston, SC.** We will take a short rest stop about 2 hours down the road.

12:30 P.M.: Excitement begins:

Start with a low-country inspired light lunch in the Charleston area.

Check in at the Charleston Visitors Center. Use washrooms, see exhibits, and especially talk with the sweet grass basket weavers.

You will be given an advanced copy of *The Complete Walking Tour of Historic Charleston* that is an easy guide to help you find the special places you wish to see on your own.

If you wish to stay with a group, you can choose to go with Carla to the Charleston City Market, or Frances who will stroll along King Street. This is also a time of sightseeing in the areas you pass.

The Charleston City Market is Charleston's #1 attraction. Here, you will find sweet grass baskets to bags of stone ground grits—and thousands of products in between, the market buzzing with people perusing stalls filled with iconic, rare, and unexpected products.

King Street is Charleston's version of the Avenue des Champs Elysees in Paris, or Fifth Avenue in Manhattan. You will see the same shop names and mesmerizing windows here that you would expect to find in France or NYC.

Options: If you wish to spend your free time in a museum, you can find the one of your choice using your walking tour guide (named above) to help you find your way.

The Charleston Museum is located at 360 Meeting Street.

Gibbes Museum of Art is located at 135 Meeting Street.

Old Slave Mart Museum is located at 6 Chalmers Street.

Cabbage Row (Catfish Row) of Porgy & Bess renown is located at 89-91 Church Street.

Rainbow Row, a brightly colored row of houses that is popular with tourists, is located at 79 East Bay Street.

Charleston Place, a 5-Star hotel, has several eateries, including a coffee shop, is located at 205 Meeting Street.

04:15 P.M.: End your afternoon walk at the Andrew Pinckney Inn, for 04:30 check-in. Your luggage will be delivered to your room. They will have cookies for you upon arrival and a Wine & Cheese Reception later. The Pinckney is an upscale, historic inn in Charleston's historic district, located at (40 Pinkney Street) that is also near the Charleston City Market.

06:30 P.M.: A friend has arranged a PRIVATE DINNER at one of Charleston's private clubs that overlooks the Battery and Charleston Harbor with an especially pretty view at night. This is as good as it gets, even in Charleston and we are fortunate to have made a friend who can do this for us. Food will be served at stations from which you can choose. Coats and ties are required for men, and women will dress accordingly. This will be a very special Christmas party. Planned day ends here for those who want to return to the hotel and welcome visions of sugar plums, and other sweet dreams! Night owls, you are on your own!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022:

TBA: Begin your day in a holiday way! Arise for breakfast in the Pinckney's solarium where you can enjoy the view over Charleston as much as you will enjoy the Inn's acclaimed breakfast. If you are an early riser you can also see sunrise from this vantage point, and you might choose to stroll along the East Battery and return via Rainbow Row (83E Bay Street, located between Tradd and Elliott Streets)

09:15: Have your bags out and see them on the coach for the trip home.

09:25: Our host for the morning will meet us at the Pinckney to begin our morning stroll. She will lead us to St. Michael's Episcopal Church where we will begin the highlight of our visit to Charleston. She has lived in the historic district all of her life and is prepared to lead us through the alleys and hidden passages of the district pointing out historic spots, architecture, window boxes and inviting you to peep through some of Charleston's most beautiful garden gates. She will blend in stories of Christmas as celebrated through the years. However, there is more! We will end the stroll at her own home on Tradd Street for High Tea that soothes midday hunger pangs with sweets and savories to include heavy treats such as Shrimp or Chicken Salad sandwiches. Have you ever eaten Plum Pudding? The grand finale will be Plum Pudding served with both aplomb and Christmas joy. This is a Christmas holiday morning you will long remember!

01:30: Say so long to historic Charleston and head out into the natural world for a grand finale. We cannot leave the area without seeing the John's Island Angel Oak Tree. Estimated to be over 1400 years old and it is described as the most beautiful tree in the world. This will be a perfect place to take photos for your family and friends as you cuddle in the big arms of this huge oak tree. This tree will make "tree huggers" out of the hardest hearts.

02:30: Depart for home with usual rest stops and fast food (OYO) along the way.

09:00 P.M.: (approximately) Arrive back at Winter Park Baptist Church Parking lot to meet your rides and get ready for more exciting holidays at home.

Tour includes: Motorcoach transportation to and from Charleston, lodging to include handling one piece of luggage for one night at the Andrew Pinckney Inn. A personal copy of *The Complete Walking Tour of Historic Charleston*. Entertainment and food as stated in the itinerary. Since motor coaches are not allowed on most streets of the historic district, a free trolley is available for those who prefer not to stroll.

Total Cost: \$750 (double); \$875 (single)

Deposit: \$400 due by September 28, 2022; **Final Payment:** October 28, 2022

Note: Pay as soon as you can, please. The hotel is holding a *limited* number of rooms for us. When those rooms are sold, I sincerely hope they will allot more space for our group.

Make check payable to: Natural & Family Resources, Inc.

Please include a [Registration Form](#).

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