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THE Charleston Guide

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Charleston welcomes over 7 million visitors each year, can you believe that staggering number? For such a small city we have become one of the most popular sites of tourism on the East Coast.

I moved to Charleston in 2014, and I have learned so much about my city and all it has to offer. Use this guide as just a small part of what you might want to see, do, or might need while you're visiting. And always feel free to let me know what you loved if you don't see it included here!

Where to stay

Charleston is probably bigger than most people would assume, so I'll start by saying that if you plan to fly here a vehicle rental is HIGHLY recommended. Charleston does not have much of a public transit system and Ride Shares can be tricky to come by in some areas. Aside from Airbnb, VRBO and the usual hotel chains, here are some accommodations or rental sites to check out.

C H A R L E S T O N C I T Y

Luxury Simplified Retreats

Hotel Bennett

The Vendue

The Mills House

The Charming Inns

F O L L Y , I O P & W I L D D U N E S

Wild Dunes Resort

Island Realty

Folly's Best Rentals

Charleston Coast Vacations

K I A W A H & S E A B R O O K

Akers and Ellis

Kiawah Island Resort

The Dunlin

Rentals

When you go on vacation and especially when you fly it's such a hassle to lug everything with you. There are so many local and national companies here to help you get what you needs for the time you need it.

B E A C H G E A R & B I K E S

[Beach and Games To Go](#)

[Beach Chairs - Folly.](#)

[Beach Chairs - Isle of Palms](#)

[Beach Chairs - Kiawah Island](#)

[Beach Gear](#)

[Bikes](#)

F O R B A B Y

[Charleston's Baby Away.](#)

[BabyQuip](#)

M E D I C A L

[Cloud of Goods](#)

F R O M H E R E T O T H E R E

[Charleston Bag Valet](#)

[Charleston Black Cab Company.](#)

[Pegasus Driving and Tours](#)

Good Food

Charleston is a hub for great seafood and southern classics. I get asked regularly what I recommend, and especially places that are great for big family groups. Whether you're into dining out or choose a personal chef experience, I'd love to share my recommendations!

R E S T A U R A N T S F O R L A R G E P A R T I E S

Crave Kitchen and Cocktails - Mount Pleasant

Acme Lowcountry Kitchen - Isle of Palms

Feliz Cocktails et Cuisine - Downtown

Ms Roses - West Ashley.

Home Team BBQ - West Ashley, Downtown, Sullivan's

P E R S O N A L C H E F S & C A T E R I N G

Brett McKee Private Chef

Savor Private Chef

The Carolina Chef

Cozy Kitchen

Owen Gaube Chef and Catering

Gringo Ninja - Catering, Bartending, Sushi, Hibachi,
Lowcountry Boil and MORE!

Good Food

Now if you're looking for my personal favorites and places I frequently visit you'll likely find me on my low key days here...

P E R S O N A L F A V O R I T E S

Swig and Swine BBQ

Betty Lou's Bistro

Rancho Lewis

Angel Oak Restaurant

Bon Bahn Mi

Dashi

B R E W E R I E S & W I N E B A R S

Frothy Beard

Edmunds Oast Brewing

Low Tide Brewing

Pinky and Clyde's

SOMM

Wine & Company

The Whale

See and Do

Aside from golfing, sunbathing, and eating good food - There are lots of things to see in do around the area, but here are some things I find my clients ALWAYS do or love when they visit.

U N I Q U E T H I N G S

Charleston History Walk

Historic Charleston Carriage and Walking Tours

Burnt and Sandy Boat Charters

Ceviche Charters

Casual Crabbing with Tia

Charleston Fossil Tours

Charleston Crafted Tours

Charleston Tours - Historical and After Dark

Angel Oak Tree

New: International African American Museum

Historic Charleston City Market

For the Kids

Sometimes the kids need something for THEM. So here are some unique ideas for the kiddos to let them have the time of their lives too!

K I D C E N T E R E D

Children's Museum of Charleston

Charleston Aquarium

Indoor Play Park- Outside In

Whirlin' Waters Park

Bee City and Zoo

Park Circle Playground - Largest Inclusive Playground

N E E D A K I D F R E E N I G H T O U T

Lowcountry Nanny & Babysitting Agency.

Coastal Nanny.

Happy Nest Childcare

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THANKS

I hope you've enjoyed this guide and I hope you're able to support some great small businesses here in Charleston! We love our tourism, and we love that you've chosen our city for your vacation!

If you think of anything after your stay that would be a must have or must do, please feel free to send it my way!

And of course, if you're looking to have family portraits taken while in town you can always reach out!

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