

CENTRAL SENIOR SPRING TRIP TO CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

APRIL 19-22



- Boat tour of Fort Sumner
- Shopping and Dining in Market Square
- Day at Magnolia Plantation and Gardens
- Luxury accommodations at the Hampton Inn and Suites in the Historic District. (Includes Hot Breakfast each morning.)

HAMPTON INN HISTORIC DISTRICT

Charleston, South Carolina

where southern charm and hospitality started...
welcome to the Hampton Inn Charleston-Historic District.



Deluxe accommodations in one of Charleston's finest hotels.

Deluxe Hot Breakfast each morning.

Two Queen Beds in each room.

Trolley service to and from City Market.



FORT SUMNER NATIONAL MONUMENT

Charleston, South Carolina



Where The American Civil War Began

Decades of growing strife between North and South erupted in civil war on April 12, 1861, when Confederate artillery opened fire on this Federal fort in Charleston Harbor. Fort Sumter surrendered 34 hours later. Union forces would try for nearly four years to take it back.



Charleston City Market

Charleston, South Carolina



It all began nearly 220 years ago when a wealthy Charleston family willed land to the town of Charleston to be used as a public market, with the stipulation that the property revert to the family if used for any other purpose. One of Charleston's most colorful relics has survived a tumultuous past, out lasting tornadoes, hurricanes, a major earthquake and devastation by fires and bombardment from without and within.

Located near the waterfront in the Ansonborough area (the first actual suburb in America, c, 1727), the property was built on low lying marshland and a small tidal creek which were gradually filled in between 1804 and 1807 and were by then high enough to erect the market stalls.

The main building was built in 1841 and is an apparent modification of the Grecian-Doric temple of "The Wingless Victory" at Athens. The cornice is ornamented with ram's and bull's heads, a survival of the Greek custom of hanging in the temple skulls of animals sacrificed to the gods, later symbolized in conventional architecture.

The rifled cannon on the upper portico of the market is said to be the first manufactured in America. Archibald Cameron made it for the Confederate Government in 1861. Market Hall is used by the United Daughters of the Confederacy for the preservation of articles of historic interest connected with the War Between the States.

Below Market Hall was a spacious portico which was used as a meat and fish market. For sanitation purposes the three buildings behind Market Hall, which sold fruits and vegetables with other produce brought direct from island plantations were set apart.

Today when visiting Charleston, the City Market is a must to see. There are a total of four buildings spanning from Meeting Street to East Bay Street. An assortment of wares is sold by hundreds of vendors. Contrary to popular belief and hard to overcome, is the reputation of the City Market being a flea market. It is not! Most merchandise is first quality, some indicative to the area and some not. Sweet grass basket weavers can be seen in every building, along with, local artists, jewelry, tapestry, souvenirs, church dolls, afghans, rugs, rice, beans and sauces, local candies and cookies and much more. The horse and carriages gallop by with people from all over the world, restaurants line both North and South Market street. The atmosphere is festive and the southern

MAGNOLIA PLANTATION AND GARDENS

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLIN



THE HOUSE



NATURE TRAIN



SWAMP GARDEN



FROM SLAVERY
TO FREEDOM



THE GARDENS

PLANTATION HOUSE TOUR

The Plantation House Tour is a 30-minute guided tour, giving history of plantation life and Drayton family ownership, still current through twelve generations since 1676.

NATURE TRAIN

The Nature Train is a 45-minute tram tour of the Plantation's diverse landscapes, lakes, woodlands, marshes, and rivers while guides describe plantation history and wildlife.

SLAVERY TO FREEDOM

The Slavery to Freedom Tour is a 45 minute tour that discusses Magnolia's unique street of slave cabins that were occupied well into the 20th century and have been carefully preserved and restored to document the full arc of African-American life at Magnolia Plantation. Each cabin reflects a different period of the African-American experience at Magnolia – from slavery to Reconstruction and on through the 1920s and the Civil Rights era providing an extraordinary perspective. Listen to a discussion of the lives of blacks on the Plantation, have a tour of the cabins, 40 – 45 minutes.

AUDUBON SWAMP GARDEN

The Audubon Swamp is a black water cypress and tupelo swamp, lovely, mysterious, and unique to this area. Once a freshwater reservoir used for rice cultivation, the entire 60 acres is traversed by boardwalks, bridges, and dikes, and features all varieties of local mammals, birds, and reptiles, including bald eagles, herons and egrets, otters, turtles and yes, alligators. Allow at least 45 minutes for a **self-guided walk**.

Cost: \$375.00 per person double occupancy. Reservation with 50% of trip cost must be in the church office no later than March 18th. Call the church for additional information.