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A Long Weekend In Charleston, South Carolina



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Downtown Charleston, South Carolina in the early evening. GETTY

This southern city is known for its amazing cuisine, architecture, attractions and, of course, its famous southern charm. It also has a whole lot of history. For example, Charleston has one of the oldest historic districts in the United States. It is home to four signers of both the Declaration of Independence

and the Constitution. Charleston is also home to one of the first theaters in America.

Whether you're into history, cuisine, outdoor adventure or just looking for a long lazy weekend in one of the prettiest cities in the south, Charleston has you covered.

Where to Stay in Charleston



The Beach Club has an expansive pool and boasts amazing views of the harbor. THE BEACH CLUB AT CHARLESTON HARBOR RESORT & MARINA

While there are several great properties in Charleston, one of the things that makes the [The Beach Club at Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina](#) stand out is the views. Almost all the 92 rooms have balconies and the views of the harbor, Ravenel Bridge and Charleston skyline is unbeatable. The room's balconies are a great spot to take in the sunsets (the water is often full of swimming dolphins, so be sure to keep an eye out).





The rooms are full of southern charm. THE BEACH CLUB AT CHARLESTON HARBOR RESORT & MARINA

The LEED-certified hotel has a great location only 20 minutes away from Charleston International Airport and 15 minutes from downtown Charleston and Sullivan's Island.



There are sailing and fishing charters available at the marina. THE BEACH CLUB AT CHARLESTON HARBOR RESORT & MARINA

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There's a sailing school at the full-service on-site marina, so guests can take a two-hour class and learn the ropes (quite literally) with an expert guide. Fishing charters and other boating and sailing options are available.



The Tiki Bar and pool are a great way to spend an afternoon. THE BEACH CLUB AT CHARLESTON HARBOR RESORT & MARINA



A great option for families (and couples) is spending the day at the 30,000 square foot pool and deck. The pool is heated, so even if the weather turns, the water is always warm enough for a dip. There's a family pool with a zero-depth entry, which is great for little kids. There's also a tranquility pool (for adults) along with a whirlpool. The expansive deck has plenty of lounge chairs and umbrellas—all with stunning views of the water. A nice option is

booking a private poolside cabana. You can order the fan-favorite pimento cheese at the Tiki Bar (they also have great cocktails).



The spa has a nice selection of treatment options. THE BEACH CLUB AT CHARLESTON HARBOR RESORT & MARINA

The spa is cozy in size, but it packs a lot of punch. The massage therapists are well-trained in a variety of treatments and their expertise comes through. The relaxation room is intimate and tranquil and is made up of warm soothing colors that will immediately have your body relax.

There are also a variety of classes and fitness options available on property. The Aqua Barre class is quite popular; the resort has complimentary bikes; plus, there's a fitness center for those looking to get in a workout after eating so much of the delicious cuisine that Charleston is famous for.





The harbor at sunset. GETTY

In the evening, be sure to have a nightcap at the Bridge Bar; it has stunning views of the harbor. It's not surprising that this is a popular spot for destination weddings (understandably, Charleston is one of the top choices for destinations weddings in the country). The bar has amazing views of the Charleston skyline, as well as the harbor, Ravenel bridge and USS Yorktown. If you're traveling with kids, stop by the fire pits for some s'mores. For an added treat, check out the resort's 30-seat movie theater.

Where to Eat in Charleston



Charleston is known for its amazing culinary scene. GETTY

At the [Charleston Harbor Fish House](#), Chef Dan Doyle and Chef de Cuisine Cole Poolaw have created an expansive Southern Coastal dining experience in the Lowcountry. Think barbecue mahi mahi with grits; homemade biscuits with the Charleston-favorite pimento cheese; and local she crab soup. The menu has an expansive variety of Southern favorites but with a unique twist.

Another Charleston favorite is [The Obstinate Daughter](#) a great spot to share pizzas, pastas, fish, oysters and salads. The restaurant is a combination of Lowcountry cuisine mixed with French, Italian and Spanish influences. Order lots of small plates and come with a big appetite.

Activities in Charleston



Charleston is known for its historic streets. GETTY

There's one thing for sure: you won't be bored in Charleston. Carriage rides of historic Charleston are a great way to get an overview of the city (walking tours are another good option). Fort Sumter and the South Carolina Aquarium are neighbors and are both well worth a visit. There are a variety

of plantation tours (like the Boone Hall Plantation) that explores Charleston's history.



No visit to Charleston is complete without spending time on the water. GETTY

A must is getting out on the water—a harbor cruise is a great afternoon option.

The Sullivan's Island beach; walking across the Arthur Ravenel bridge; visiting the USS Yorktown; or taking a water taxi into downtown Charleston to explore Rainbow Row, the Battery and the other sights are also great options.

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