

# Charming Charleston



**Wednesday, Oct. 17 - Monday, Oct. 22, 2012**

**Escorted by  
Sue Shuman, World Travel Center**

## **Wednesday, October 17**

We'll meet at the bank at 5 PM and depart for Colorado Springs. After checking into the TownePlace Suites, we'll enjoy an early evening with dinner on our own.

## **Thursday, October 18**

We'll pick up our sack breakfast at the hotel and depart at 4:30AM to the airport for our flight to Charleston, SC. In October, 2011, Conde Nast Traveler's Readers' Choice Awards named Charleston the Top U.S. City and you'll quickly see why! Upon arrival, we'll be met by our local guide and transferred to the Meeting Street Inn, our home for the next 4 nights. After a brief introduction and historic outline of this charming city, we'll have free time this afternoon to unpack and relax. You'll also want to take the opportunity this afternoon to stroll through the Old City Market. You might pick up a sweetgrass basket or a coffee mug featuring South Carolina's state flag depicting the Palmetto tree and a crescent moon ~ souvenirs not easily found elsewhere. We'll return to the hotel in time for the nightly Manager's Reception with complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres. Then we'll take a leisurely stroll to High Cotton for our special Welcome Dinner. **(SB,D)**

## **Friday, October 19**

Expanded continental breakfast at the hotel is included each morning. We'll leave at 9 AM today with our local guide on a walking tour to explore Charleston's Historic District. You're sure to love the Thomas Elfe House, featured on HGTV, where we'll tour the home and enjoy a private Low Country Tasting lunch in the beautiful courtyard. Charlestonian Annie Mayo will share her old south recipes, cooking techniques and give us some history on some of Charleston's award winning restaurants and their menus. Our tour continues this afternoon with a visit to St. Michael's Episcopal Church, the oldest surviving religious structure in Charleston, and the Nathaniel Russell House, one of America's finest examples of Federal architecture and celebrated architecturally for its "free-flying" staircase, spiraling unsupported for 3 floors. We'll return to the hotel this afternoon, with free time to relax and freshen up before enjoying the hotel's complimentary wine reception. Tonight we'll make the very short walk to one of Charleston's favorite restaurants for a truly unforgettable dining experience. **(CB,L,D)**

**Saturday, October 20** After continental breakfast at the hotel, we'll depart for a tour of Boone Hall Plantation, today one of the

**Saturday, October 20 (cont'd)** country's finest examples of an antebellum plantation, and the most photographed plantation in the U.S. Originally a cotton plantation of over 17,000 acres, it has one of the most majestic avenues of moss-draped live oaks in the South. We'll then head to RB's on Shem Creek for lunch and a chance to watch the shrimp boats pass by and even see dolphins. We'll ride through Mt. Pleasant Villages (where "The Notebook" was filmed) before heading back into Charleston for a little free time to shop for antiques on King Street or browse the avant-garde jewelry, clothing and accessories, and craft shops in the Upper King Street Design District. You'll also have the opportunity to grab a snack or light dinner on your own before returning to the hotel. Tonight we'll depart at 6 PM to enjoy the Preservation Society's Candlelight Tour of Houses and Gardens. All are within walking distance of our hotel, but you may wish to hire a pedicab on your own for part of your journey. **(CB,L)**

## **Sunday, October 21**

After breakfast we're off to Middleton Place for a tour of the house and gardens. This was the home of Henry Middleton, president of the First Continental Congress, whose son, Arthur, was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Today this National Historic Landmark includes America's oldest landscaped gardens, the Middleton Place House, and the Plantation Stableyards. Also included today will be a lowcountry buffet luncheon overlooking the grounds. This afternoon we'll visit Drayton Hall, one of the finest examples of Georgian-Palladian architecture in the U.S. Prior to returning to our hotel, we'll conclude the tour with a drive through Charleston's military college, The Citadel. For our farewell dinner, we'll enjoy a delicious 4-course gourmet meal while cruising Charleston harbor aboard the luxury yacht, *The Spirit of Carolina*. **(CB,L,D)**

## **Monday, October 22**

After continental breakfast, we'll store our luggage and check out of our hotel. But our tour is not over! It's just a short walk to one of Charleston's top restaurants, Magnolias, where we'll be treated to a fascinating silver and antique presentation by Dawn Evers Corley, followed by a private farewell luncheon. We'll then be transferred via private motorcoach, together with our luggage, to the airport for our late afternoon flight home. After arriving Colorado Springs we'll be transferred back to Canon City, with wonderful memories of our Charleston adventure captured in both our cameras and our hearts. **(CB,L)**

# PACKAGE PRICE IS \$2,595.00\* and includes



Round trip motorcoach between Canon City and Colorado Springs  
1 night's hotel accommodations at the  
TownePlace Suites, Colorado Springs, including taxes  
Round trip coach class air via Delta Airlines  
Transportation in Charleston and surrounding areas  
12 meals (5 continental breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners)  
4 nights' hotel accommodations at the  
Meeting Street Inn in Charleston including taxes  
Sightseeing and admissions to all attractions as noted in itinerary  
Escorted by Sue Shuman

*\*Price is per person based on double occupancy. Single supplement is \$555.00*

*Contact us for price from Wichita or Kansas City!*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT

A \$500.00 per person deposit (cash, check or money order only), payable to World Travel Center, is due by March 9, 2012. Final payment is due on or before July 17, 2012. Please advise if you prefer to use a credit card for final payment as the package is based on a cash discount price.

### GUARANTEED DEPARTURE

If deposits for at least 24 people are received by March 9, 2012, this tour is a guaranteed departure and will be escorted by Sue Shuman. Should we fail to reach the "magic number" of 24, the tour will be cancelled and all deposit moneys paid will be fully refunded.

*Reservations are accepted on a first come, first served basis.*

### TRIP CANCELLATION & INTERRUPTION INSURANCE

In order to protect you, the cost of trip cancellation and interruption insurance is included in your package. Before March 9, 2012, you can simply "change your mind" and be fully protected. After that date, your trip cancellation and interruption insurance allows you to cancel "for covered reasons" as determined by TravelGuard Insurance Company. These reasons relate primarily to unexpected illness or injury of you, an immediate family member, or your traveling companion, inclement weather, job loss/layoff or work reasons, or military service.

*We reserve the right to alter or rearrange tour due to circumstances beyond our control.*

### CANCELLATION PENALTIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Cancellation Fee</u>
Prior to March 9, 2012	Full refund
Between March 10 & July 16, 2012	Deposit
July 17, 2012 or after	No refund

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Hotel portorage at the Charleston hotel and gratuities to local tour guides and drivers have been included, as well as gratuities on any included meals. World Travel Center escorts do not expect, nor will they accept, tips.

### ITEMS NOT INCLUDED

Checked baggage fees imposed by Delta Airlines. Personal expenses such as meals (other than those noted in the itinerary), laundry, wines, liquor, or telephone calls.

### CLOTHING AND WHAT TO KNOW/TRAVEL CHECK-LIST.

Clothing suggestions and a "What To Know" letter covering weather, etc. and Traveler's Check-List will be sent to you two weeks prior to departure.

### QUESTIONS? Feel free to contact

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*This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over cobblestone or uneven ground.*