

# EXPLORE CHARLESTON’S HISTORICAL CHARM AND HOSPITALITY

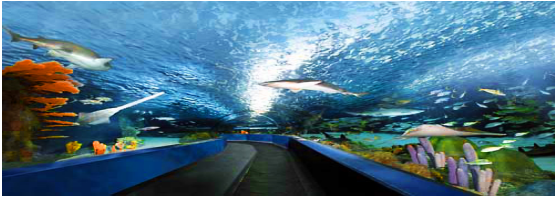
## CHARLESTON PINEAPPLE: A SYMBOL OF HOSPITALITY



The story of the pineapple leads back to Charleston in its early colonial days when it was a prominent port city. Because the fruit represented the exotic lands captains sailed to, it became a symbol in and of itself of places far away.

As part of this, sailors coming home from long voyages would spear a pineapple to symbolize they had arrived safely. It was also an open invitation for neighbors to come and enjoy a meal or to exchange stories.

## South Carolina Aquarium



The South Carolina Aquarium, located in Charleston, South Carolina, opened on May 19, 2000, on the historic Charleston Harbor. It is home to more than ten thousand plants and animals including North American river otters, loggerhead sea turtles, alligators, great blue herons, owls, lined seahorses, jellyfish, pufferfish, green moray eels, horseshoe crabs, sea stars, pythons, and sharks. The largest exhibit in the zoo is the Great Ocean Tank, which extends from the first to the third floor of the Aquarium and is the deepest tank in North America; it holds more than 385,000 US gallons of water and contains more than 700 animals. The Aquarium also features a Touch Tank, where patrons may touch horseshoe crabs, Atlantic stingrays, and other marine animals. [Wikipedia](#)

## The Battery



The Battery is a landmark defensive seawall and promenade in Charleston, South Carolina. Named for a civil-war coastal defense artillery battery at the site, it stretches along the lower shores of the Charleston peninsula, bordered by the Ashley and Cooper Rivers, which meet here to form Charleston harbor. [Wikipedia](#)

## Fort Sumter National Monument



Fort Sumter is a sea fort built on an artificial island protecting Charleston, South Carolina from naval invasion. Its origin dates to the War of 1812 when the British invaded Washington by sea. It was still incomplete in 1861 when the Battle of Fort Sumter began the American Civil War. It was severely damaged during the war, left in ruins, and although there was some rebuilding, the fort as conceived was never completed. Since the middle of the 20th century, Fort Sumter has been open to the public as part of the Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Historical Park, operated by the National Park Service. [Wikipedia](#)

## Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum



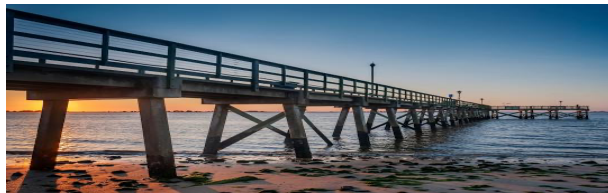
Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum is located in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, at the mouth of the Cooper River on the Charleston Harbor, across from Charleston. [Wikipedia](#)

## Folly Beach



Folly Beach is a city on Folly Island, in South Carolina, just south of Charleston. It’s home to Folly Beach Pier, stretching more than 1,000 feet into the ocean. Center Street is lined with surf and souvenir shops. Folly Beach County Park has picnic areas and a pelican rookery. As well as beaches and wildlife-rich habitats, Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve has views of Morris Island

### Isle of Palms County Park



Park with beach access & sand volleyball.

### French Quarter Confederate Museum & Waterfront Park



The French Quarter is a historic district and a section of downtown Charleston, South Carolina, United States, that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. [Wikipedia](#)

### Palmetto Carriage Works



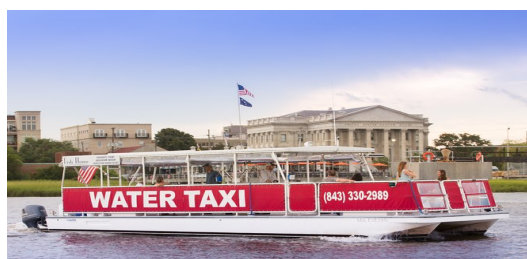
Scenic horse-drawn carriage tours

### King Street shopping



Shop for fashion, antiques & gifts in charming pastel-hued row houses on the main shopping street.

### Charleston Water Taxi Cruise with Dolphin Sighting



Explore Charleston by water taxi with this convenient harbor cruise. Utilize quick and scenic water-based transportation to reach several popular landmarks including Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum and the Aquarium. Check out attractions like Joe Riley Waterfront Park and the Charleston Harbor Marina at your leisure. Keep an eye out for dolphins during the cruise.

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Go sightseeing on the harbor with a water taxi Travel between several top landmarks with ease Explore the Aquarium or Maritime Museum at your own pace Look out for dolphins during the scenic harbor cruise