

Plantation Extravaganza Tour

Meet: Charleston Visitor's Center

Address: 375 Meeting St, Charleston, SC 29403, United States

Parking: Charleston Visitor's Center Garage

Address: 63 Mary St, Charleston, SC 29403, United States

843-588-123 Tour Time: 4 hours

Meet in front of visitor's center 10 minutes prior.



McLeod Plantation: Established in 1851, McLeod Plantation has borne witness to some of the most significant periods of our nation's history. Today McLeod Plantation Historic Site is an important 37-acre Gullah/Geechee heritage site that has been carefully preserved in recognition of its cultural and historical significance. We will enjoy a 30-minute interpretive tour while strolling the plantation.

Drive Length: 4 miles, 8 minutes

Visit Length: 45 minutes

Photo tips: Spanish moss





Drayton Hall Plantation: The Drayton family genealogy is perhaps one of the most interesting in the South. Drayton Hall (circa 1738) is the only Ashley plantation to survive both the Revolutionary and the Civil War. It remains in its' original state. This tour stops at the house vista for a beautiful photo opportunity of the preserved house. It's a testament to this strong southern family.

Drive Length: 10 miles, 23 minutes

Drive By

Visit Length: 15 minutes



Photo tips: taking a picture from the car. Cropping and retouching



Magnolia Plantation: Thomas Drayton and his wife Ann arrived from Barbados to the new English colony of Charles Towne and established Magnolia Plantation along the Ashley River in 1676. This plantation is the oldest public tourist site in the Low Country and the oldest public gardens in America. The tour offers the opportunity to take pictures down the grand avenue of oaks, and again at the vista of the house.

Drive Length: 2 miles, 5 minutes Walk Length: .25/mile to pond

Visit Length: 15 minutes

Photo tips: Refections



Middleton Plantation - Middleton Place's 110 vibrant acres include 65 acres of America's oldest landscaped gardens – floral allées, terraced lawns, a pair of ornamental lakes shaped like butterfly wings – our visit will focus on the history of slavery including Eliza's house. The tour will take us past the house and gates of the plantation. Learn who married who, and how much money was this family worth! We will stop both at the house vista, and again to shop at the open air markets and museum shop.

Drive Length: 5 miles, 8 minutes

Drive By, Museum Store Visit Length: 15minutes





Old Saint Andrews Parish Built in 1706, this simple, elegant church is the oldest surviving structure used for worship south of Virginia. It is South Carolina's only remaining colonial cruciform church. And we are free to explore these sacred grounds.

Drive Length: 5 miles, 10 minutes

Walk Length: Casual stroll around the church and graveyard

Visit Length: 15 minutes

Photo tips: Gravestones



Return to Visitor Center

Drive Length: 9 miles, 30 minutes