

Tours and Excursions

Friday 17 October 2025

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Time: 10:00-11:00

Fee: Free

We will hold a Memorial Service for Submarines/Submariners on Eternal patrol aboard the USS Yorktown at Patriot's Point. *There is no charge to attend this service, however, there is a charge for parking at Patriot's Point. (\$5.00 for the first hour and \$2.50 for each additional half hour)*

If you want to tour other parts of Patriot's Point after the Memorial Service, you will need to purchase tickets.

PATRIOT'S POINT MUSEUM (www.patriotspoint.org)

Time: 11:00-17:00 (note that this partially overlaps with the USS Hunley tour below)

Fee: \$18 per person

Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum on South Carolina's Charleston Harbor is a must-see. With WWII aircraft carrier USS Yorktown as centerpiece, the Museum is also home to destroyer USS Laffey, the Cold War Memorial, the Vietnam Experience, the Medal of Honor Museum and the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. It's nearly 1,000,000 square feet of hands-on history combined with heroes' stories and stunning natural landscapes.

We're the destination for history and adventure with exhibits and more that engage families, veterans, tour groups, educators and others.

Many of Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum's attractions and exhibits are wheelchair accessible, however, due to the nature of our museum, several of our exhibits including portions of the USS Yorktown and USS Laffey are not accessible to those who are not able to climb stairs.

To assist visitors with physical challenges, Patriots Point offers wheelchairs at no cost for our guests. These are located landside and at the handicapped entrance of the USS Yorktown. We also offer a ride on a golf cart from the ticketing area down to the ship (and back) to any guests who would like a ride.

An elevator is available aboard the USS YORKTOWN providing access to the Hangar Bay Level, Flight Deck and Quarters. There is a lot to see on these levels — including the Medal of Honor Museum and more than half of our 28 aircraft.

The three-acre Vietnam Experience Exhibit located land-side, is also wheelchair accessible. At this time, the USS LAFFEY may be difficult for guests with physical limitations; the ship is not wheelchair accessible.

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H. L. HUNLEY MUSEUM – PRIVATE TOUR (www.hunley.org)

Time: 13:00 - 15:00

Fee: \$20 per person

We have organized a private tour of the USS Hunley.

During a cold night on February 17, 1864, the Confederate Submarine, H. L. Hunley rammed the USS Housatonic off the coast of Charleston, and successfully detonated its spar torpedo sinking the Union Warship and becoming the first successful combat submarine in history.

After this successful foray she also sank with her crew to the bottom of the Atlantic where she remained until August 8, 2000. On this auspicious day, after years of planning by archeologists & marine engineers from the State, National Park Service and Smithsonian, this amazing vessel was successfully raised and taken to a special tank at the Warren Lasch Conservation Center in North Charleston.

Today we will have the opportunity to privately view this 19th century marvel and learn about the ship's fascinating history as well as the exciting discoveries that scientists have made since it was brought up from the depths of the ocean.

SPIRIT OF CAROLINA DINNER CRUISE (www.spiritlinecruises.com)

Time: 18:30 – 21:30 (note: the entire group must board together)

Fee: \$87.85 per person

Cruise Charleston's beautiful harbor by moon light aboard the 100' luxury yacht, Spirit of Carolina. Enjoy the unique and beautiful sights of our harbor at sunset as well as a delicious dinner including entertainment from live and local musicians. Your 3-course dinner is made to order using fresh local ingredients and entrée choices may be made at the table. Alcoholic beverages are available for an additional cost.

Sample 3-course Dinner Menu:

Charleston She-Crab Soup and Spirit Signature Salad with Prosecco vinaigrette
Choice of Entrée (Seasonal and locally inspired Beef, Seafood, Chicken or Vegetarian dishes)
Chef's selection of potatoes, rice, fresh seasonal vegetables, and freshly baked breads. Iced Water, Tea, or Coffee.

Dessert available for purchase onboard (\$6.00)

Flourless Chocolate Torte or NY Style Cheesecake for dessert (offered with the 4-course meal option or can be purchased during the cruise).

Patriot's Point on-site parking is managed by Palmetto Parking (\$5.00 for the first hour and \$2.50 for each additional half hour)

Dress Code is resort casual.

Saturday 18 October 2025

FORT SUMTER CRUISE AND TOUR (www.fortsumtertours.com)

Time: 10:15 – 13:00 (note that the tour begins at 10:45 but the entire group must board together at 10:15)

Fee: \$35 per person

Walk Where the Civil War Started. Fort Sumter is where the bloodiest war in the history of the United States began. It's a must-see attraction for anyone visiting Charleston, South Carolina. Fort Sumter Tours is the authorized concessioner offering the only boat service to and from Fort Sumter that docks at the Fort.

Board your tour boat from Patriot's Point in Mount Pleasant and get ready for a scenic ride through the historic harbor. Soak up the Southern sights. Marvel at the landmarks.

Then, arrive at Fort Sumter for a self-guided tour covering one of the most pivotal times in American history. Explore the exhibits at the Fort Sumter Visitor Center to understand how the Civil War started. After exploring this national park, you'll go home changed. You walked the grounds and read the accounts of those who played a role in the Civil War, the most divisive conflict in American history.