

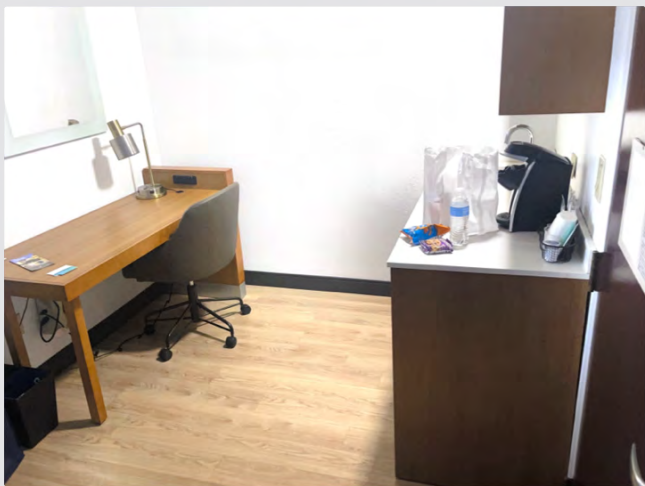
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Charleston SC Visit

Hotel

The Springhill suites by Marriott located at 98 Ripley Pointe Dr, Charleston, SC, was a pleasant surprise. The lobby is on the second floor. The hotel is a Airbnb in a hotel setting.

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The room has a bedroom, living room, office, small kitchen, and bath facility all in one compact layout. Very comfortable. There is also a washing facility on the property.

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The hotel provides a complete list of local restaurants with their phone numbers which is quite convenient.

LOCAL RESTAURANTS

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Breakfast			
Big Bad Breakfast	456 Meeting St, Charleston, SC 29403		843-459-1800
Hot Little Biscuit	476 1/2 King St, Charleston, SC 29403		843-501-7598
California Dreaming	1 Ashley Point Drive, Charleston, SC 29407		843-766-1644
	Best to make reservations online		
Fleet Landing	186 Concord St, Charleston, SC 29401		843-722-8100
Home Team BBQ	126 Willman St, Charleston, SC 29403		843-225-7427
Home Team BBQ	1205 Ashley River Rd, Charleston, SC 29403		843-225-7427
Moogan's Smokehouse	188 East Bay St, Charleston, SC 29401		843-577-5665
Southern Cuisine			
Betty Lou's Bistro:	2408 Ashley River Rd, Charleston, SC 29414	2.7 miles	843-475-4564
The Glass Onion	1219 Savannah Hwy, Charleston, SC 29407	2.0 miles	843-225-1717
Trotters Restaurant	2008 Savannah Hwy, Charleston, SC 29407	0.4 miles	843-571-0027
Hannibal's Soul Kitchen	16 Blake St, Charleston, SC 29403		843-722-2256
82 Queen	82 Queen St, Charleston, SC 29403		843-722-8881
Chain Restaurants			
Outback Steakhouse	1890 Sam Rittenberg Blvd, Charleston, SC 29407	.07 miles	843-763-8999
Ruby Tuesday's	1953 Savannah Hwy, Charleston, SC 29407	.03 miles	843-763-5110
Hachiya Japanese Steakhouse	688 Citadel Haven Dr., Charleston, SC 29414	.08 miles	843-571-6025
O'Charley's Restaurant & Bar	2126 Henry Tecklenburg Dr., Charleston, SC 29414	2.3 miles	843-763-9568
California Dreaming	1 Ashley Point Dr, Charleston, SC 29407	.06 miles	843-766-1644
Asian Food			
China Dragon	65 Sycamore Ave, Charleston, SC 29407	2.8 miles	843-766-8588
Zen Asian Fusion	2037 Sam Rittenburg Blvd, Charleston, SC 29407	0.4 miles	843-766-6335
Hopkins Chinese and Thai	630 Skylark Drive, Charleston, SC 29407	0.3 miles	843-573-8887
Ichiban Steak House & Asian	1716 Old Towne Rd, Charleston, SC 29407	3.2 miles	843-641-0066

The room gives you welcome bags and the

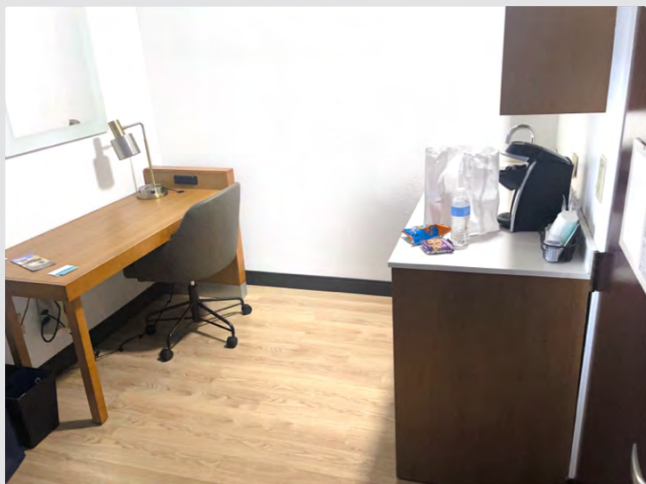
service was friendly and competent.

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There is a full exercise room plus a hot tub available. Prices are reasonable and double once you go over the bridge into the historic Old French section of the city.

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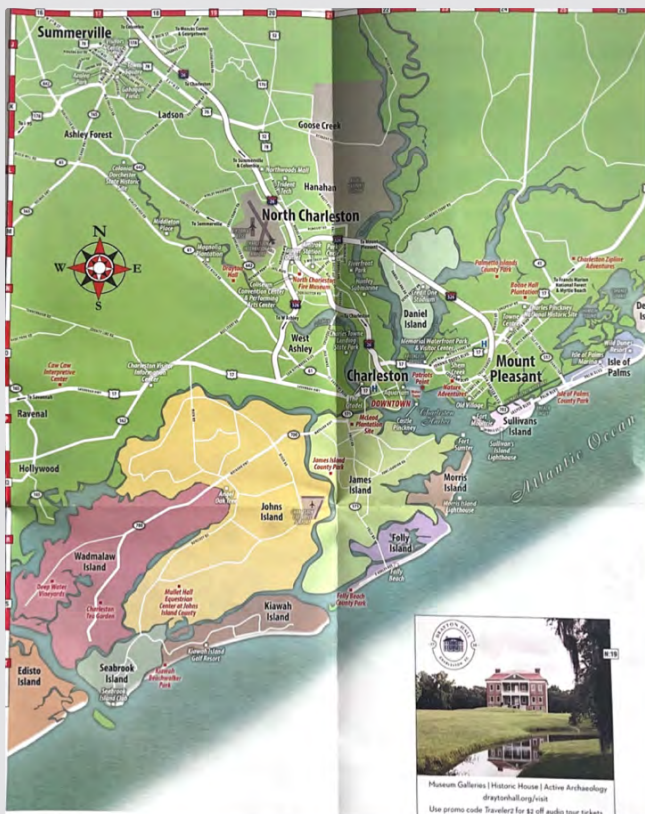


The hotel also provides a map to the entire area, which again is an extra benefit to the traveler who has not been in this part of the world.

MUSEUM



Summerville



RESTAURANTS

Oyster Bar; located next to the city market if you want low country boil, or other southern seafood dishes, this is a good choice. The prices are medium to high, but the portions are good. You can split any one dinner, appetizer, or salad and it's enough for two people.

CHARLESTON OWNED AND



The fried fish sampler is excellent. The Caesar salad is served in the traditional

authentic manner, which is in long spears, topped with grated Parmesan n dressing. You're supposed to pick them up with your hand and eat them one leaf at a time. We also had crab chowder soup, which was creamy, flavorful and rich. Again just get one order of each and it's enough for two people.

Low Country, Boil, Sampler, And...



Charleston Candy kitchen; if you want a dessert, ice cream or Southern praline, then this is a place for you. It's right across the street from the city market and two short streets from the Oyster Bar. If you have a sweet tooth, then you are going to have to come here.

Charleston candy factory



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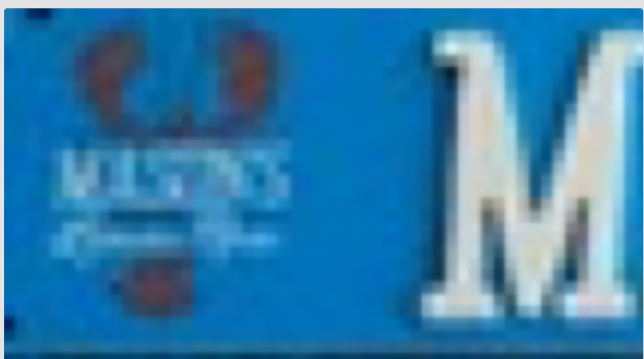


Granny Smiths Ice Cream



Masons Famous Lobster Roll; we have always wanted to try one but never have been able to find one available. This is Mason's famous in Charleston. The classic Road is \$23 and is small for two people. They also serve soups and salads.

MASON'S



Masons



Small menu. Hi prices.

Menu



\$23 Sandwich



ATTRACTIONS

Battery and white point Gardens; East Battery & Murray Blvd., Charleston, SC 29401; gateway to the pineapple fountain and the French quarter it's a great place to stroll. The water front stretches along the entire park with easy access to the side streets leading into the French quarter. Sundays are an especially quiet and peaceful time to visit.

Battery and white point Gardens;



Pineapple fountain. No trip to Charleston is complete without a visit to the famous pineapple fountain. I've been here twice before in my life. The location is changed of course as the last time I was here was in the 90s.

But it's in a beautiful spot along the battery park and shoreline with oak trees and an excellent view of the harbor. You have to stop here if you're going to be in Charleston.

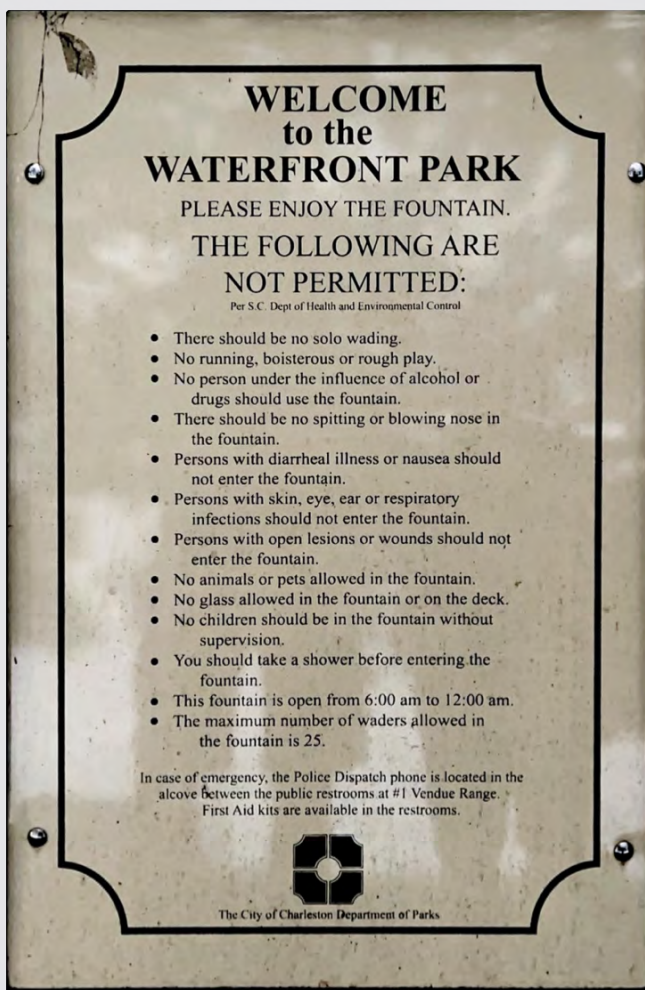
Pineapple Fountain



Oh, and here are the rules for the fountain.

Read it a couple times. It is funny.

Rules Waterfront Park Pineapple...



Old French quarter. The old French Quarter is located near the pineapple fountain. It's an easy stroll and the hotel map provides good orientation to all the places of interest. Along East Bay Street there are plenty of restaurants and arts establishments. You can walk around here at your leisure and have plenty of both to choose from.

East Bay Street



UNITED STATES CUSTOM HOUSE



US Customs House



City Market 1807



114 Lockwood; Classic French



Magnolia plantation ; 3550 Ashley River Rd,
Charleston, SC 29414-7109

Magnolia plantation is one of the many in this area. It is advertised as though one must see plantation if you don't have time for them all. Located about 12 miles from downtown Charleston It's an easy trip. Entrance for adult starts at \$29 but the charges vary depending on what part of the plantation you want to see.

Magnolia plantation



The 3d home built here. Not quite antebellum but Victorian in architecture. No photos allowed!!!

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Amazingly this small, privately owned tourist attraction in South Carolina, has a mechanical sprinkler fire protection system, and the cathedral of Notre Dame had none. Shocking

Fire protection system



Well, we've never seen this before. It's a side to side rocking chair. It's made by Charleston Goggling board. So it's interesting.

Side to side, rocking chair, unique

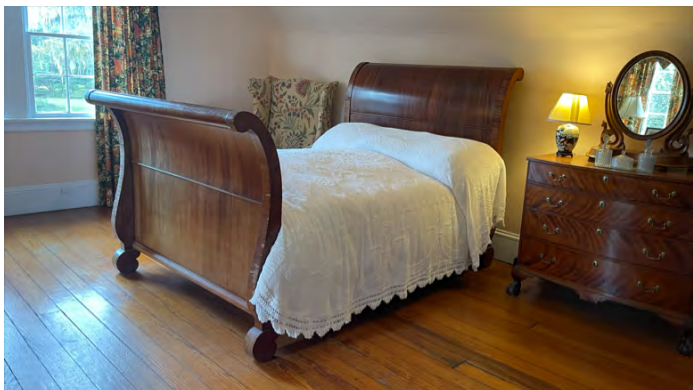


The veranda was added upon over the years. It's biggest porch that would ever seen.



These are photos of the interior, although none are allowed. I asked why at the end of the tour. They said that that's because in the past some had been posted on the

Internet as a casing of the home.
Supposedly, this would be to provide
information on the valuable antiques that
are inside.



I did lodge a complaint with a tour guide. I
told him that place is like Grace Graceland
allowed photography. Personally, if I see
something like this before a tour, I will
choose not to do it. It doesn't make any
sense to be a tourist and go someplace if
you can't take photographs of it.



Veranda



All rooms have ceiling heights of 12 to 14 feet. The house has three floors but the third floor was a tower. It had windows that were opened night to allow the air to come in from the bottom and exit the top cooling the house naturally.



The Live Oak was a strategic resource in the 18th and 19th century. In fact, one of the reasons that the king of England did not want to let go of the American colonies was because Live Oak only grew in the southern United States. It had long been wiped out elsewhere. Its main use was to build the sides of man of wars. Cannonballs would bounce off of live oak. This is brought up in the movie Master and Commander if you're carefully listen during the chase of the French warship.

Path to Freedom; this is a collection of four reconstructed slave cabins. They were rebuilt for used during the tour.

Classic Southern Oak



Slave Cabins; originally 11 total that houses up to 187 people.

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These cabins were occupied as stated below in the notes, through the 1990's. Hurricane Hugo finally put an end to the residency when it destroyed the cabinets. Up to that time the descendants of slaves remained here and worked mainly in the gardens.

Original 1850 slave quarters



These cabins were reconstructed as they were originally built. It's astonishing that they are so flimsy and have no insulation. It's unimaginable how uncomfortable they must have been. But, they replaced cabins originally constructed before 1850 in a nearby field, which were made of mud adobe. Those had mud floors and thatched roof. Astonishingly these cabins were a great improvement over what the early slaves had to deal with.

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The life expectancy for slave children at magnolia gardens was age 7. This was the lowest of the averages for the plantation system in the south. The main reason was that children were expected to do full labor by age 10 and were working in some extent by seven. The rice crop grown in flooded fields, the presence of alligators and other predators, plus yellow fever, and malaria greatly reduced life expectancy.

Cabin circa 1920s; dates on the...



According to the Tour Guide's, that's where the term sleep tight comes from. As you slept in a bed, it had no baseboard or mattress support other than ropes. Overtime the ropes would sag. If you wanted a better night sleep before you went to bed you would pull the rope in tie a new knot. That's where the terms supposedly came from

Sleep tight the phrase



After the Civil War, the number of workers was reduced. They also were paid but very poorly. They were paid once a year if you

can imagine.

Fireplace slave Cabin



After the Civil War, about 20 of the almost 187 slaves remained. They had nowhere to go and nowhere that they knew to go as they had grown up here and lived here and knew nothing else. This was not uncommon among plantations.

Johnnie Leach (March 23, 1923 - ...



The four homes built to represent the four

stages of slave and post-Civil War worker quarters. Each was built at a different time. They were restored in the 1990s for use during the tour.

Cabin circa 1960s



The last descendants of slaves lived in these cabins up until 1990. He had to repeat that a couple times as no one believed that the Tour Guide.

Canin Circa 1940



Carolina gold is the name of the rice. It's the worlds tallest rice growing 4 foot tall. It's yield per acre is three times more than normal rice. This meant that each acre could produce 2500 pounds of rice. It's sold for what today would be an equivalent of \$35 per pound. It was the rice of kings.

Kitchen w Housewares



Carolina Gold, which is the type of rice that was growing here is no longer a cash crop. It has not been grown on the plantation since the end of the Civil War. In fact, it's

not grown anywhere in the Carolinas any longer. It's only been re-introduced in boutique farming in the last 20 years. The cost per pound today is \$19.99. That's what mechanization does. Reduce the price from an adjusted \$34 to \$20. And no slave labor needed. This also is proof of what Adam Smith and wealth of nations said in the day that slavery made no economic sense. It was more expensive to use slavery then it is to use machines.

Carolina gold rice



Magnolia gardens; listed as a National Register, or Store places the gardens was famous since the 1870s. The Reverend Drayton who managed to home at that time turned to tourism to survive. They would bring tour groups up from Charlotte on the river for \$1.40 each, equivalent of \$40 today. That would include box lunch, and a tour of the gardens.

MAGNOLIA PLANTATION



His wife hated South Carolina being from Philadelphia elite family. She grew to love the home, the state, and her husband, more after the gardens were constructed

Winding garden path with flowers



The Reverend Drayton had tuberculosis. At that time it was thought to be incurable, except if you went outdoors. The doctor told him that if he spend time outside, he may be cured. In fact, working on the Gardens cured ham of tuberculosis.

Boat ramp, Live Oak



The Reverend Drayton creator of the Gardens is buried here. But only his dust was returned here from Philadelphia, where he was originally entered.

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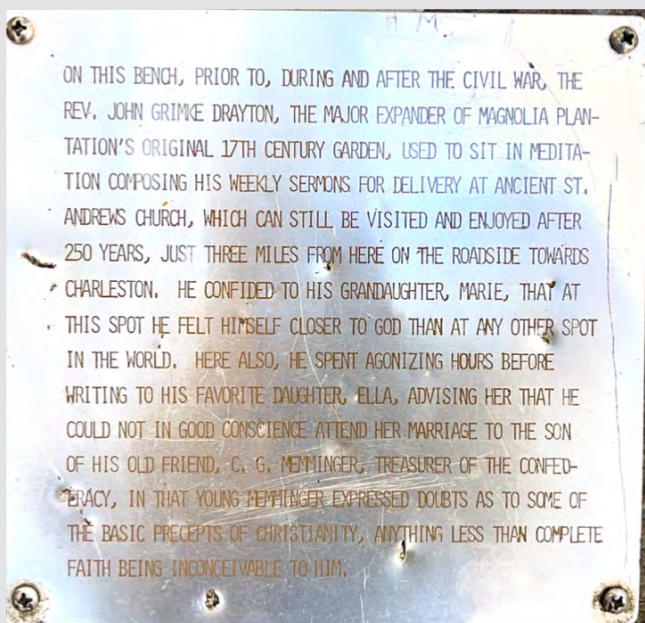


The meditation bench, where the Reverend Drayton would sit and compose sermons. He said that he felt closer to God on this bench than anywhere else. That's not hard to see.

Meditation bench, Reverend Dra...



ON THIS BENCH, PRIOR TO, DURI...



This is an extensive garden complex. He built paths all along the area that meander around lagoons and small ponds. This took a lifetime of work to accomplish.

One of many ponds



The gardens are extensive and they wind their way through acres on the property. You can see why people in the 19th century would've paid up to \$40 to come out on the river and spend the afternoon. They would've been given a box lunch that they could then eat on one of the many benches and sit and reminisce.

One of many bridges



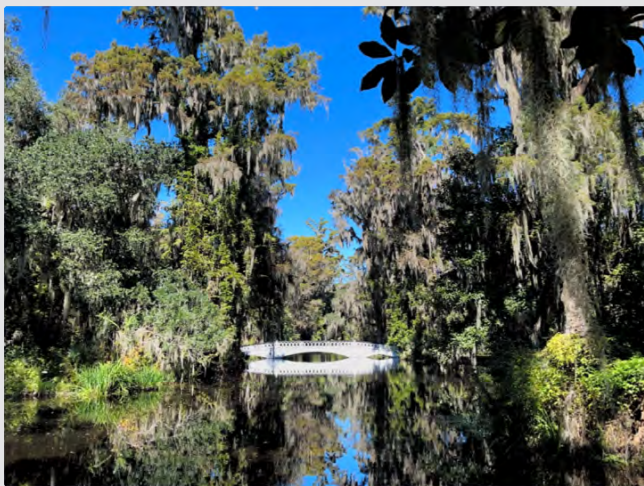
Not surprisingly this is a place where many weddings are held. You can see how even the largest wedding party could easily be accommodated

The home the plantation



You can easily spend half a day here and not see the entire grounds. We did not take the train tour but everything else was at least visited. Worth the entrance price at \$40.

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At the end of the tour you can visit the Peacock café. They sell beer, wine, sandwiches, light lunches, and coffee. We ordered some cold drinks and spiced cider and sat under the trees on a custom-made picnic table. It's a good way to end the tour.

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Charleston City Market; 188 Meeting St,
Charleston, SC 29401-315

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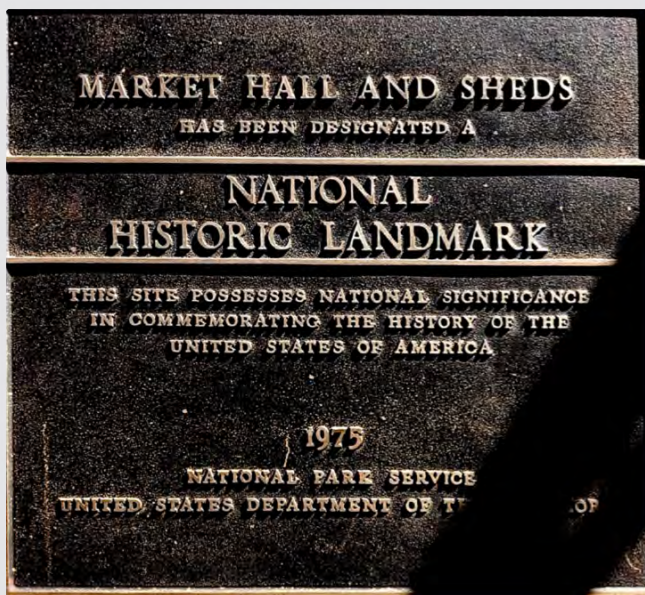
Believe it or not this is the entrance to the

city market. Classic Greco Roman temple with beautiful French wrought iron trim.

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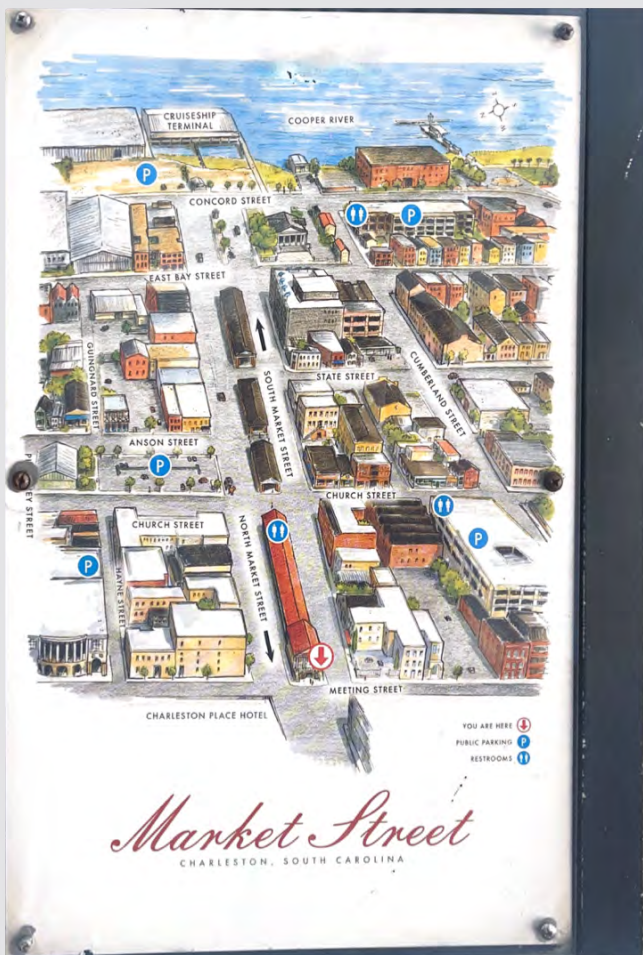


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Take your time and stroll through the market. It's a unique layout with all the shops preceding one after another in two main structures. The total market is 1/4 of a mile long but only 40 feet wide.

EY STREET



There is limited food available in the market, but lots of candy and sweet confectionery sold. If you need bathroom facilities, this is a great, clean place to come. They are located all along the market and easily accessible.

City Market



Common market since 1807 it's a must come location. What you don't find here probably doesn't exist in the city. It's quite open and spacious even though it's long

and narrow.

Charleston



The horse carriages go all over town and they include a tour guide. There are many different operators so check for pricing. The one we looked at was \$50 a person for one hour. It may be a good choice for the person that wants to take a light trip around town and to have a tour guide included.

Carriage Rides; 1 Hr \$50



The last of 4 Buildings in the City Market Complex. Really a unique place to come and visit.

City Market Annex



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**Old Slave Mart Museum; 6 Chalmers St,
Charleston, SC 29401-3005**

Open the 1856 the Slave Mart was the place where recently arrived Africans, as well as enslaved African-Americans, were sold and bartered. It's an excellent museum. If you want to learn a lot about slavery that you did not know about then this is the place that you must visit.

Slave Mart



Astonishingly as late as the 1940s the residents of Charlotte insisted in stating that slaves were never auctioned in the city. This was of course, absurd. It was discovered by historians simply by searching in the written archives and made public. Museums, such as this one, then began to open.

SLAVE TRADING COMPLEX



As Lincoln said, "if slavery is not wrong, then nothing is wrong. If slavery is not evil that nothing is evil." It was a national sin that was made up for in the Civil War, which has now been updated to have killed 1 million men. It was a terrible practice that exacted a terrible price to end.

Slave facts and figures are displ...



We often hear about human trafficking, which is the contemporary term for slavery. But the value of human life is very high. It's astonishing to see the current value of these enslaved Africans in today's dollars. It's disgusting to see that human beings were worth tens of thousands of dollars each.

Most disturbing is how a young girl of 15 was worth as much as a healthy meal of prime working age. I won't go into details why, but you can imagine. Young girls were used to breed other slaves and much of the breeding was continuous and forced, i.e. by rape.

Transcribed State Sale Of Slaves

Sheriff Sale March 3, 1845, Sale
continued on March 4th, Edgefield Court House
First Monday and Tuesday, Terms Cash Sale

The sale of enslaved girl named [Emmily], boy named Phillip, and four mules sold by Joseph M. Perry to Elijah Byne for the use of William Byne, Guardian (mortgage). Possibly, a mortgage was arranged at a later date between Elijah and William Byne.

Description of Property	Purchase Price, 1845	Approximate 2022 Value
1 Negro girl, [Emmily]	\$261	\$10,175
1 Negro boy, Phillip	\$150	\$5,848
1 brown bay mare mule (Jane)	\$50	\$1,949
1 bay horse mule (Mike)	\$54	\$2,105
1 mare mule (Ham)	\$76	\$2,963
1 gray horse (Aleck)	\$80	\$3,119
Total	\$260	\$10,136

Sheriff Sale continued March 3, 1845, at the Edgefield Court House for the purchase of the following people, sold by B. B. Miller and Nancy M. Dillard and others as stated in original document.

Description of Property	Purchase Price 1845	Approximate 2022 Value
1 Negro man, William	\$505	\$19,687
1 Negro boy, Sandy	\$285	\$11,110
1 Negro man, Glasgow	\$386	\$15,048
1 Negro boy, Jeff (Junior)	\$307	\$11,968
1 Negro boy, Edmund	\$356	\$13,878
1 Negro boy, Mich	\$300	\$11,695
1 Negro man, Billy	\$300	\$11,695
2 [Jaffe] and daughter by then	\$352	\$13,722
1 Negro boy, Anthony	\$370	\$14,424
3 Negro Sally, 2 children	\$503	\$19,609
1 Negro girl, Mary	\$377	\$14,697
1 Negro girl, Sarah	\$405	\$15,788
3 Negro Caroline & 2 children, Felia & Matilda	\$605	\$23,583
1 Negro girl, Lucinda	\$380	\$14,814
3 Negro Peggy & 2 children, [Delia] & Henry	\$513	\$20,000
Total	\$5,944	\$231,719

A black historian spoke, eloquently and emotionally about enslavement. She made a note that at the age of 68 she is only the third generation removed from enslaved Africans. This really brought the whole issue close to the heart.

Local Historian



The ownership of another human being is

understandably wrong. But what made it evil was how families were broken up and sold off to pay debts.

and the 1860s,

LEST WE FORGET: THE TRIUMPH OVER SLAVERY



The Long March



Between 1500 and the 1860s, millions of Africans were captured, enslaved, and transported across the Atlantic, where they became the dominant work force in Euro-American colonial economies. For the vast majority of these Africans, the enslavement process began in the interior of the West Coast of Africa. Some were seized in wars or raids and sold from one trader to another until they reached the coast. Others were kidnapped or enslaved for indebtedness or alleged crimes. They were marched from the interior under force of arms in slave coffles and imprisoned in slave castles or other barracoons until they were sold to be shipped to the Americas. While hundreds of thousands died along the way, the millions who survived and transcended their oppression laid the foundations of the African experience in the Americas.



The Long March. Depiction of "the long march" of African captives from hundreds of miles inland to the coast trading castles on Africa's Atlantic coast. Artist: Tom Potts (c. 1850). Source: A. H. H. H.

Marching for Slaves on the West Coast, ca. 1800. Etching, from a painting by François Buisson. Many slave trading operations transited across Africa. Typically, slave raiding took place upon purchase of markets in Africa and, again, upon arrival in the Americas. Source: See Peter H. Brown.

The Middle Passage. Rendering of enslaved African men, women, and children held and crisscrossed below deck aboard a slave ship. Artist: Rod Brown. Source: A. H. H. H.

En los años 1500 y los años 1860, millones de africanos fueron capturados, esclavizados y transportados a través del Atlántico donde se convirtieron en la mano de obra dominante en las economías coloniales euroamericanas. Para la gran mayoría de estos africanos, el proceso de cautiverio comenzaba en el interior de la Costa Occidental de África. Algunos eran atrapados durante guerras o ataques inesperados y vendidos de un mercado a otro hasta que llegaban a la costa. Otros eran secuestrados o esclavizados por incumplimiento de pago o delitos alegados. Estaban obligados a marchar desde el interior custodiados por guardias armados en caravanas de esclavos, luego eran encerrados en castillos de esclavos u otros barracones hasta ser vendidos con el fin de ser transportados a las Américas. Si bien miles murieron a lo largo del camino, los millones que sobrevivieron y superaron la opresión sentaron las bases de la experiencia africana en las Américas.

As an example, 235 black slaves were auctioned off to pay a \$9000 debt. In today's money that is \$333,000 plus. This made the value of each Sleeve approximately \$1400 plus. This is an astonishing amount of money that was made selling human beings.

Lots Of Details



The historian made further references to how corrupting slavery was. Major northern insurance companies, and international bonding agencies were involved. Slaves were insured against loss of life and of the proceeds, if they died, went to their owner. Slaves were given to owners on terms (50% down) against a bond that was bought for the remaining payment. So slavery was not only something that benefited southern plantation owners, but was benefiting a lot of northern and international business interests that participated.

Pencie Thoughts



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