

# CHARLESTON Convention and GROUP SERVICES

## Seasonal Outdoor Tours

A quick, safe, and enjoyable way to discover Historic Charleston!

### *HISTORIC HOLIDAY WALKING TOUR*

Stroll with your private guide through the lovely streets of Charleston filled with Christmas decor. Wreaths, garlands, ribbon and more enhance the beauty of Charleston's Historic District. During the tour, your guide will bring these magnificent public buildings, renowned churches, and stately homes to life for the Holidays.

#### **Tour enhancements:**

##### **Nathaniel Russell House**

Visit the Nathaniel Russell House, c. 1808, which houses one of the finest collections of Charleston made furniture in the city and a gorgeous cantilevered spiral three-story staircase. Today the house is recognized as one of America's most important neoclassical historic homes.

##### **Edmondston-Alston House**

Visit the Edmondston-Alston House, c.1828, with its Greek revival architecture and expansive view across the Charleston Harbor. The house contains documents, portraits, silver, china, and a treasure chest of family furnishings all beautifully decorated for the holidays.

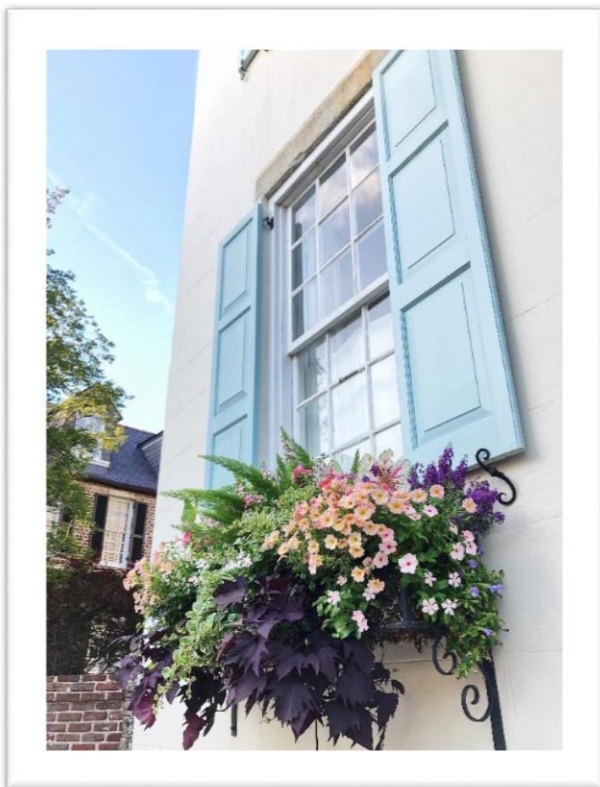
**Duration: 2 hours without house tour/ 2.5 hours with house tour**

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## WINDOW BOX WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC CHARLESTON

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Since the founding of Charleston in 1670, plants, flowers and gardening have played a key role in the city's history. Whether native to the area or introduced by settlers throughout time, all of these have contributed greatly to the city's charm. In Charleston's historic neighborhoods, you will not see lawns. Instead, tradition focuses on small gardens and using formal planters, wrought iron work, and beautiful well-tended window boxes to add character and beauty to the homes.

During your two-hour stroll through Charleston's oldest residential neighborhood, South of Broad, we will focus on exploring these magnificent and seasonal window boxes. You will discover insight on how to capture unique images from different angles and perspectives, to share on **#WindowBoxWednesday** or keep for yourself.

A special highlight of this tour will be a visit to **Mrs. Whaley's Garden**, one of the most beautiful private gardens in Charleston and the most visited

private garden in America. All of this while learning about the history of the seasonal florals that thrive in our subtropical coastal climate.

**Duration: 2 hours**

*Cameras or smartphones are encouraged on the tour for photography, but not required to enjoy the beauty and history of the tour.*

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## *CHARLESTON'S STEEL MAGNOLIAS*

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Women of all classes have provided the "steel" backbone of the Charleston Community throughout the centuries. Though their roles varied, their contributions have been significant. On this special walking tour through Charleston's famous historic district, we will learn about some of these amazing women and their contributions to our city and country.

These women of fortitude include Eliza Lucas Pinckney, who successfully grew and processed Indigo making it one of the major cash crops of Colonial America. Elizabeth Timothy and her daughter-in-law, Ann Timothy were the first women in the colonies to publish a newspaper. Eliza Seymour Lee, a free person of color owned two of the finest hotels in Charleston. Septima Clark, the daughter of a freed slave, who became a leader in the Civil Rights Movement. As we stroll through Charleston's beautiful historic district, we will learn how these Steel Magnolias helped lay the foundation for the city we enjoy today.



**Duration: 2 hours**

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## *THE GHOSTS OF CHARLESTON WALKING TOUR*

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This city by the sea has survived wars, hurricanes, fires and even an earthquake. Where sadness and natural disasters abound so do members of the spirit world. On this evening ghost walk your guide and expert storyteller will entertain your group with our traditional tall tales and perhaps introduce you to some of Charleston's oldest residents!



**Duration: 2 hours**

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## *CHARLESTON SCAVENGER HUNT*

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If you are looking for a fun, safe outing in Charleston, we have the perfect activity for you. Grab some friends or family and explore the beautiful historic district on a scavenger hunt. This customized (and contact free), activity will acquaint you with Charleston's rich history and marvelous architecture, all while searching for the answers that make Charleston so unique. It is also an excellent way to build comradery and encourage healthy competition within your group.

Duration: 2 hours

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Please note that this is just a sampling of our tour offerings. CCGS can customize and enhance your experience to include personalized tour itineraries, transportation, dining, lodging, and more. Contact us today to plan your visit!

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