



Group
Travel



SOUTHERN PORCHES CHARM AND HISTORY OF THE LOWCOUNTRY (TGT1020)

OCTOBER 3-9, 2025

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS:

The Citadel; Charleston horse-drawn carriage ride out; Charleston harbor cruise; Edmonston-Alston House; Mcleod Plantation Historic Site; Boon Hall Plantation; Charleston Tea Garden; Kazoo Factory Museum; Rotten Little Bastard Distillery; Dolphin cruise; Gullah Geechee Visitors Center; Darrah Hall; Penn Center; Ft. Freemont; MacDonald's Marketplace; Trolley tour of Savannah; Davenport House; Golf cart tour of Bonaventure Cemetery; American Prohibition Museum; Carriage tour of Antebellum Beaufort

INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip flights from Buffalo, Rochester, or Syracuse
- 6-nights accommodations
- 14 meals: 6 breakfasts, 2 lunch, 6 dinners
- Deluxe transportation on tour
- All admission and entrances fees as outlined in itinerary
- All restaurant gratuities for included meals
- All hotel charges and local taxes
- Baggage handling when available (1 piece per person)
- Services of a local tour guide and driver
- Services of a AAA Group Travel Tour Host

ACTIVITY LEVEL: 3

ACTIVE: *moderate pace; good mobility needed; stairs and prolonged standing for more than 2 hours at a time; some longer days involving early mornings and/or late evenings; some walking on varied terrain. This Activity Level is not recommended for travelers with mobility issues such as someone who uses a cane, walker, or wheelchair.*

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PRICING:

Double	\$3,749
Single	\$4,459
Optional Pre-Paid AAA Group Travel Tour Host Gratuity	\$28

Rates and inclusions are per person based on occupancy and include AAA Member Discount. \$750 per person deposit due at time of booking. Final payment due by July 15, 2025.

NOTE: This tour is booked as the above inclusions state. It is possible due to unforeseen circumstances that some inclusions may change in future months. Should that happen, AAA Group Travel will take all necessary steps to find a suitable replacement for the tour.

PICK-UP LOCATIONS:

Buffalo

AAA Administrative Office
100 International Dr.
Williamsville

Rochester

RIT Inn & Conference Center
5257 West Henrietta Rd.
Henrietta

Syracuse

AAA Travel & Insurance Center
7485 Henry Clay Blvd.
Liverpool

CANCELLATION POLICY:

AAA recommends the purchase of Allianz Global Assistance products to protect your trip investment.
Day of Deposit to 6-1-2025 / \$150 Administrative Fee Per Person
6-2-2025 to 7-15-2025 / Loss of Deposit Per Person
7-16-2025 to Travel to Day of Departure / 100% Non-Refundable Per Person



TERMS & CONDITIONS:

HOW TO BOOK: Reservations may be made through any AAA Western and Central New York branch or by calling 1-800-937-1222.

SINGLE OCCUPANCY: If a single room must be assigned for any reason, even at the last moment or while on tour, the single room supplement, or prorate thereof, must be collected since hotels make no allowances.

PARKING: If you are picking up AAA transportation at the RIT Inn and Conference Center you will be required to turn in a liability form online prior to your trip for any vehicle left in the lot during the tour. You agree to these terms and conditions when you confirm your trip.

DOCUMENTATION: NEW!: Beginning May 7, 2025, if you plan to use your state-issued ID or license to fly within the U.S. or to enter a Federal facility, it must be REAL ID compliant or Enhanced. Proper identification and documentation required for cruising and for international travel can vary; please consult your Travel Advisor. Traveling into Canada: All U.S. citizens 16 years of age and older MUST present a valid U.S. Passport, Passport Card, or Enhanced Driver's License for travel into Canada. Photocopies are not acceptable. Children under 16 years of age will need to have a current passport, passport card, or original birth certificate with raised seal. If you are traveling with a child under 16 years of age and are not the legal parent, you are required by customs to carry a notarized statement granting permission from both the child's parents to enter Canada. If you are a single or married parent and are traveling as a single parent, you are required by customs to carry a notarized statement granting permission from the child's other parent to enter Canada. Note: Any passenger without proper proof at boarding may be refused boarding. Non-U.S. citizens should consult their AAA Travel Counselor for appropriate visa requirements.

PLEASE BE ADVISED: Proper documentation must be shown upon check-in prior to departure or boarding will be denied and no refunds given. Arrival and departure times are subject to change based on weather, traffic and border conditions. Pick up locations are subject to change based on parking availability. Pricing, inclusions, itinerary and availability are subject to change. AAA Western and Central New York is not responsible for typographical errors on this flyer. Should the minimum number of passengers required to operate the tour not be met, AAA Western and Central New York has the right to cancel the tour. In this case, any monies collected from passengers would be refunded. Should the minimum number of passengers required to include a Tour Host not be met, services of a Tour Host will not be included.

RESPONSIBILITY & LIABILITY: AAA Western and Central New York acts only as sales agents for the airlines, cruise ships, bus lines, hotels, car rental companies, and tour and charter operators who will actually provide the travel services you will enjoy on your vacation or business trip. The names of each of the companies agreeing to provide travel services to you are listed in your individual itinerary, travel vouchers, and tickets. Because we act only as sales agents for these companies and maintain no control over their personnel or operations, only they can be responsible should any aspect of their travel arrangements not be to your satisfaction. Should you have any questions about the services provided to you by these travel service companies, please let us know as soon as possible so that we may assist you in adjusting the problem with them. Moreover, since AAA Western and Central New York obviously will have no control over unforeseen events that may occur during the course of travel, AAA Western and Central New York must disclaim all responsibility and liability for any monetary, physical, or psychological injuries of any nature whatsoever arising from or caused by acts of terrorism, civil strife, disturbance, war, or other upheaval or negligent or criminal act of whatever kind and nature that occurs during your travel. We regret that we are unable to accommodate all requests for special diets, itinerary variations, wheelchairs, or for individuals who require special assistance. When traveling with AAA your safety is of paramount importance to us. We have implemented various safety measures, processes and procedures on our tours to create a safe and hygienic environment based on guidelines and policies prescribed and published by the World Health Organization, United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and New York State. By purchasing this tour, you agree to any terms and conditions regarding any pandemic related restrictions, limitations, itinerary changes, testing requirements, and vaccine and/or vaccine booster requirements as set by AAA, travel suppliers, and/or travel destinations. To enjoy your tour to the fullest, you should be in good physical and mental health. Any physical disabilities must be reported to AAA at the time of your reservation. Tour participants who require extraordinary assistance must be accompanied by a helper who is entirely capable and totally responsible for providing the required assistance. AAA has the right to amend the terms and conditions whenever deemed necessary.

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ACTIVITY LEVELS:

AAA Group Travel endeavors to accommodate special access needs but cannot guarantee we will be able to do so. Certain itineraries may be inaccessible or not suitable for travelers with limited mobility. AAA Group Travel Tour Hosts are responsible for all travelers and tour components of a group tour. AAA Group Travel Tour Hosts, AAA employees, motorcoach drivers, and vendor employees are unable to function as a companion for solo travelers needing assistance with mobility (including assisting with boarding/disembarking from a motorcoach). AAA Group Travel requests that travelers report any mobility needs in advance of booking in order for us to evaluate the feasibility of a particular tour. Travelers needing assistance are required to travel with a companion who is willing and able to provide services or assistance to the traveler for the entirety of the trip, at the traveler's own expense. The failure to report any needs in advance of a group tour or arrival at a departure without a companion if needed, may result in the inability to provide services and/or cancellation without refund, at AAA Group Travel's sole discretion. AAA Group Travel and its Travel Advisors are available to discuss other touring options if a certain Group Tour and its Activity Level do not suit your needs in the planning stages.

The AAA Group Travel Activity Levels are progressive in nature.

ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 / RELAXED: leisurely pace; shorter touring days; some physical activity required including independently boarding/disembarking motorcoach and managing one's own baggage.

ACTIVITY LEVEL 2 / COMFORTABLE: easy pace; some stairs and standing; short duration walks typically on level terrains.

ACTIVITY LEVEL 3 / ACTIVE: moderate pace; good mobility needed; stairs and prolonged standing for more than 2 hours at a time; some longer days involving early mornings and/or late evenings; some walking on varied terrain. This Activity Level is not recommended for travelers with mobility issues such as someone who uses a cane, walker, or wheelchair.

ACTIVITY LEVEL 4 / CHALLENGING: fast pace; frequent physically challenging activities; walking on varied terrain and/or up to two miles at a time; longer tour days. This Activity Level is not recommended for travelers with serious medical conditions.

ACTIVITY LEVEL 5 / STRENUOUS: vigorous pace; frequent strenuous activities; extensive walking; longer tour days; walking on varied terrain.



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TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Southern Porches – Charm and History of the Lowcountry
Friday, October 3 – Thursday, October 9, 2025

NEW! Beginning May 7, 2025, if you plan to use your state-issued ID or license to fly within the U.S. or to enter a Federal facility, it must be REAL ID compliant or Enhanced.

Friday, October 3, 2025

Early morning **flights** from your local airport.

Arrive at Charleston International Airport and board your motorcoach for an afternoon of touring.

Enjoy lunch on your own at The Citadel followed by a **tour of the Citadel**. Afterward, take your seats for the **dress parade** - The tradition of parading troops can be traced back to the time of Alexander the Great. Drill procedures and movements on the parade field are identical to the tactical maneuvers employed on the battlefield in the past. U.S. military reviews and parades began at Valley Forge. At that time, brigades of soldiers were formed in order of battle. Modern-day ceremonies are conducted to inspect troops, render honors, preserve tradition, and foster esprit de corps. At various times throughout the year, The Citadel's parades are used to present awards and recognize students, faculty, staff, and other notable people.

Check-in for your **three-night stay** at the Hampton Inn & Suites Charleston/Mt Pleasant – Isle of Palms in Mt. Pleasant, SC. Baggage handling is included.

Enjoy included **group welcome dinner** at a local restaurant.

Saturday, October 4, 2025

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure.

Depart for a day of touring to include the Palmetto Carriage Works, complete with a **horse drawn carriage ride** through historic Charleston, exploring **City Market** with plenty of time for lunch on own, a **Charleston Harbor Cruise**, and **wine reception on the porch of the Edmonston-Alston House along with a self-guided tour**. Commanding a magnificent view of Charleston Harbor, the Edmonston-Alston House has witnessed many historic moments in the port city's history. One of the oldest houses along the High Battery, it withstood the American Civil War, the Earthquake of 1886, and numerous hurricanes; it has survived to share a piece of Charleston history. Docents are stationed on each floor to answer questions and interact with guests.

Enjoy a group **dinner** at Charleston Crab House – James Island.

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure.

Depart for another full day including a guided tour of the **Mcleod Plantation Historic Site**, lunch on own along **Shem Creek**, and exploring **Boone Hall Plantation**. Make sure to take part in the Plantation tractor tour, which highlights the 738-acre active working farm.

Enjoy a group **dinner** at a local restaurant.

Monday, October 6, 2025

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure before checking out.

Your full day of touring begins at the **Charleston Tea Garden**, which includes factory, trolley, and greenhouse tours complete with **boxed lunch**. Next stop is **Lady's Island Oyster** for an educational and tasting experience. From there, make stops at the **Kazoo Factory Museum** and the **Rotten Little Bastard Distillery**.

Enjoy a group **dinner** at the Red Rooster Café, complete with acoustic guitar music.

Check-in for your **three-night stay** at the Best Western Sea Island in Beaufort, SC.

Thank you for choosing AAA Group Travel for your travel plans!



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Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure.

Depart for your day of touring to include a **Dolphin Cruise**, a **Low Country Shrimp Boil lunch at the Gullah Geechee Visitors Center** with Gullah culture being shared by a local storyteller and historical interpreter, a visit to **Darrah Hall** at the **Penn Center National Historic Landmark District**, experience **Fort Freemont** on a guided tour, and free time to shop locally produced foods and one of a kind items at the **MacDonald Marketplace**.

Enjoy a group **dinner** at Seaside Bar & Grill.

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure.

Depart on your 90-minute **Trolley Tour of Savannah**. Then enjoy a tour of the historic **Davenport House**. Afterward, enjoy free time to shop and have lunch on own along the **Riverwalk**. Afterward, take a **Golf Cart Tour at Bonaventure Cemetery** and then visit the **American Prohibition Museum**, complete with included beverage.

Enjoy **free time in City Market** before your included **dinner** at The Pirate House.

Thursday, October 9, 2025

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure before check-out.

Today enjoy the **Sea Island Carriage Tour of Historic Antebellum Beaufort**. Rotate with free time for shopping and lunch on own or to visit Pat Conroy Center, Beaufort History Museum, Reconstruction Era Park, Harriet Tubman Memorial, Robert Small House and Grave, John Mark Verdier House, etc. All within easy walking distance. Maps will be provided.

Depart for Charleston International Airport for evening flight to Western and Central NY.

Return to your local airport.

**Nation-wide staffing shortages continue to pose group travel challenges.
Timing, itinerary, inclusions, and order of events are subject to change without notice.*