



# Charleston

## African American Experience

### Inspiring Moments

- Delve into the city's rich African American history on a **walking tour of Charleston**.
- Step inside an actual slave-auction gallery at the **Old Slave Mart Museum**.
- Visit the new **International African American Museum**, built where enslaved Africans entered the country.
- Contemplate the daily lives of enslaved Africans on two **historic plantations**.
- Enjoy a private visit and lecture at the **Mother Emmanuel AME Church**.
- Tour the historic **Aiken Rhett House** and the **Avery Research Center**.
- Learn about the preserved **West African culture of the Gullah people**.



Top: Rainbow Row | Above: Sweetgrass weaving



### Itinerary

- Day 1** Depart gateway city and transfer to hotel in Charleston
- Day 2** Charleston
- Day 3** Charleston | Mount Pleasant
- Day 4** Charleston
- Day 5** Charleston
- Day 6** Transfer to Charleston airport and depart for gateway city

Flights and transfers provided for AHI FlexAir participants.  
**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

## Included Features

### Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **5 nights** in Charleston, U.S.A. at the first-class The Lindy Renaissance.

### Extensive Meal Program

- 3 lunches and 1 Farewell Dinner, including tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 24 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **AHI Connects | Local immersion.**
- **Electives** and **free time** to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome Reception to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise |** Striving to make a positive impact wherever we travel.





## A World of Discovery

**AHI Connects | Mother Emmanuel AME Church.** Visit this African American Methodist Episcopal church, founded in 1816 and a touchstone of racial tension ever since. Enjoy a private tour and lecture by Lee Bennett, Jr., a retired Army officer and volunteer historian, who will speak on the church's history around issues of race.

**Historic Charleston.** On a guided tour, visit the historic district with an emphasis on African American contributions and history. See lovely homes along the Battery, the 18th century Rainbow Row, the College of Charleston and other notable sites. Then, visit the Philip Simmons House, a museum and workshop, preserving the legacy of the blacksmith and artist. Continue to the Old Slave Mart Museum, built in 1859, to see exhibits on the slave trade. Finish with a visit to the moving, insightful International African American Museum and Memorial Gardens.

**McLeod Plantation Historic Site.** Gain insight into plantation life, for both enslaved and free people who lived there, and see well-preserved antebellum architecture.

**Boone Hall Plantation.** Journey across the Copper River to visit one of America's oldest working plantations, established in 1681. Tour the Colonial Revival house and preserved slave cabins. Witness sweetgrass basket-making and enjoy a Gullah Culture presentation of song, dance and language.

**Aiken-Rhett House Museum.** Explore this well-preserved 1820 antebellum townhouse that provides a glimpse into urban slavery and their wealthy Southern owners. Explore the mansion and original slave quarters.

**Avery Research Center.** Once the Avery Normal Institute and hub for Charleston's African American community from 1865 to 1954, the institute joined with the College of Charleston in 1985 to preserve its legacy and to educate on the history and culture of African Americans in South Carolina.

### Gullah Tour with Alphonso Brown.

Relish this special tour guided by Alphonso Brown's distinctive narration, some in native Gullah dialect with translations. Appreciate contributions made by African American Charlestonians, such as the sweetgrass basket artisans. See Denmark Vesey's home, Catfish Row and the Market.

**Gibbes Museum of Art.** Tour the Mary Jackson Modern and Contemporary Gallery to marvel at masterful sweetgrass baskets, paintings by Gullah Geechee artist Jonathan Green, and artworks by local and nationally recognized artists of African descent.

### Rickshaw Ride to Local Restaurant.

Ride via rickshaw to commemorate your enriching week during the Farewell Dinner.



Boone Hall Plantation

## Enrichment

– **Slavery to Civil Rights – An African American Story of Charleston**

– **Payne-Ful Business: Charleston's Journey to Truth**

 **Electives | Go further afield**

**Gullah Geechee Cooking Class.** Delve into the history, culture and cuisine of the Gullah Geechee people during a hands-on cooking class. Prepare at least three traditional dishes and then sit down to a delicious lunch with meaningful conversation.

{At an additional cost.}

## Accommodations

**The Lindy Renaissance** | Charleston



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**Travel & Air Coordinators** | Help with everything from arranging flights to fulfilling special requests.

**Travel Director** | Manages all details to ensure a safe and memorable trip.

**Travel information** | Prepares you fully for your journey.

**Expert local guides and lecturers** | Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for the destination.

## Let us arrange your flights!

 **AHI FlexAir** | Our personalized air program features transfers, assistance and flexibility.

## 2026 Departures & Pricing

### February 22-27, 2026

Full Price	\$4,245
Special Savings	\$750
<b>Special Savings Price*</b>	<b>\$3,495</b>

The Special Savings consist of \$250 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full Savings.

\*Special Savings Price is valid if booked by the expiration date on the website and paid in full at booking.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy, includes applicable program taxes and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single accommodations are an additional \$995 (limited availability).