



Charleston, SC – one of America’s “Beautiful Ladies of the South”

Charleston, South Carolina is steeped in history, and the Charleston Museum, America’s oldest museum, preserves and interprets the cultural and natural history of the city and the surrounding Lowcountry. The museum was founded in 1773 and features attractions for children’s hands-on exhibitions to family picnics and quilting bees. Charleston (or Charles Town as it was formerly known) has been explored as early as 1521, with visits from DeSoto, Sir Walter Raleigh and Sir Frances Drake.

Charleston is also one of the country’s most picturesque cities, so be sure and bring your camera. A visit to Charleston isn’t complete unless you visit Fort Moultrie, the partially finished fort that withstood fire from nine British warships during a nine-hour battle in June 1776. The British fleet finally retreated, saving Charleston at the time from British occupation in what was one of the first victories of the Revolutionary War.

Equally pivotal in another war was the confederate attack on union soldiers from Fort Sumter (also in Charleston) in what were the first shots fired of the Civil War.

More recently, in 1995 the prolific and popular author Clive Cussler and his divers located the wreckage of the Confederate Submarine H. L. Hunley in the waters off Sullivan’s Island, which is just 9 miles northeast of Charleston.

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