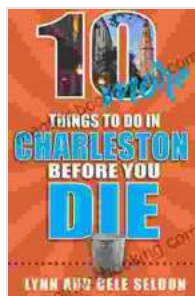


# 10 More Things to Do in Charleston Before You Die: Unforgettable Experiences and Hidden Gems

Charleston, South Carolina, is a city that captivates the hearts and minds of travelers from around the world. Its rich history, vibrant culture, and stunning architecture have earned it a reputation as one of the most charming and desirable destinations in the United States. Whether you're a first-time visitor or a seasoned traveler, there's always something new to discover in this beautiful and historic city. This guide will introduce you to 10 more unforgettable things to do in Charleston before you die, offering insider tips and recommendations for making the most of your visit.

## 1. Explore the Battery and White Point Gardens

The Battery and White Point Gardens are two of Charleston's most iconic and beloved public spaces. Located at the southern tip of the peninsula, these beautiful parks offer stunning views of the harbor, Fort Sumter, and the Ravenel Bridge. Take a leisurely stroll along the promenade, admire the historic mansions, and enjoy the breathtaking scenery. Don't miss the Pineapple Fountain, a whimsical landmark that has become a symbol of Charleston.



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## 2. Visit the Old City Market

The Old City Market is a vibrant and historic marketplace located in the heart of downtown Charleston. Established in 1791, this bustling market is home to over 300 vendors selling a wide variety of goods, including handmade crafts, souvenirs, jewelry, food, and drinks. Browse the unique offerings, sample local delicacies, and soak up the lively atmosphere. The Old City Market is a great place to find one-of-a-kind souvenirs and gifts.



### **3. Take a Horse-Drawn Carriage Tour**

One of the best ways to experience the charm and history of Charleston is to take a horse-drawn carriage tour. These tours depart from various locations throughout the city and provide a narrated overview of the city's most famous landmarks and attractions. Sit back and relax as your knowledgeable guide shares stories about Charleston's past and present. Carriage tours are a great option for families and groups.



#### **4. Visit the Gibbes Museum of Art**

The Gibbes Museum of Art is Charleston's oldest and largest art museum. Founded in 1855, the museum houses a diverse collection of American art, including paintings, sculptures, and decorative arts. The collection spans from the colonial era to the present day and includes works by renowned artists such as George Washington, Mary Cassatt, and Jasper Johns. The Gibbes Museum of Art is a must-see for art enthusiasts and anyone interested in Charleston's cultural heritage.





## **5. Explore the Boone Hall Plantation & Gardens**

Boone Hall Plantation & Gardens is a historic plantation located just outside of Charleston. Founded in 1681, Boone Hall is one of the oldest plantations in the United States and has a long and fascinating history. Today, the plantation is a popular tourist destination, offering visitors a glimpse into the antebellum South. Explore the beautiful gardens, tour the historic mansion, learn about the lives of the enslaved people who worked on the plantation, and experience a traditional Gullah meal. Boone Hall Plantation & Gardens is a great place to learn about Charleston's complex and often painful past.



## **6. Visit the USS Yorktown**

The USS Yorktown is a retired aircraft carrier that is now a museum ship in Charleston Harbor. Launched in 1943, the Yorktown served in the Pacific Theater during World War II and was involved in several major battles, including the Battle of Midway and the Battle of the Philippine Sea. Today, the Yorktown is open to the public and offers visitors a chance to explore the ship's decks, hangars, and exhibits. You can even climb inside a real fighter jet! The USS Yorktown is a great place to learn about naval history and experience the thrill of stepping aboard a legendary warship.



## **7. Attend a Charleston Battery Soccer Match**

The Charleston Battery is a professional soccer team that plays in the USL Championship, the second tier of American soccer. The Battery have a strong following in Charleston and their home games at Patriots Point are always a fun and exciting experience. Cheer on the home team, enjoy the lively atmosphere, and soak up the passion of the fans. Attending a Charleston Battery soccer match is a great way to connect with the local community and experience the city's vibrant sports culture.



## 8. Enjoy a Sunset Cruise

Charleston is known for its beautiful sunsets, and there's no better way to experience them than on a sunset cruise. Several companies offer sunset cruises from Charleston Harbor, ranging from small sailboat tours to large party boats. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the stunning views of the city skyline, the harbor, and the setting sun. Sunset cruises are a great way to end a perfect day in Charleston.

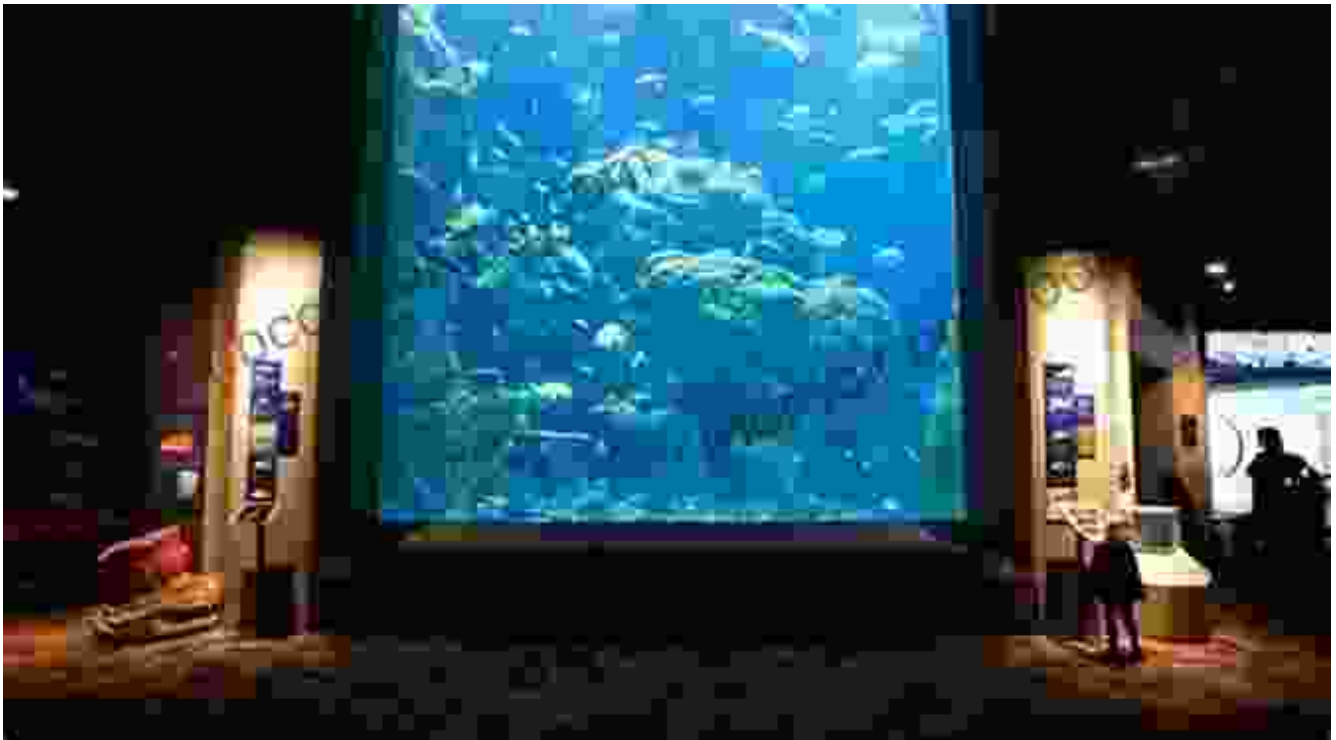




## 9. Visit the South Carolina Aquarium

The South Carolina Aquarium is one of the largest and most comprehensive aquariums in the United States. Located on Charleston Harbor, the aquarium is home to over 5,000 animals from more than 500 species. Explore the diverse exhibits, learn about marine life, and get up close to fascinating creatures like sharks, sea turtles, and jellyfish. The

South Carolina Aquarium is a great place for families and anyone interested in the wonders of the underwater world.

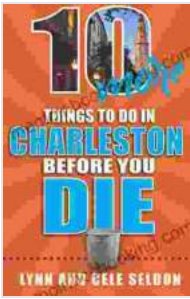


## **10. Take a Day Trip to Middleton Place**

Middleton Place is a historic plantation and garden located about 30 minutes from Charleston. Founded in 1741, Middleton Place is one of the oldest and most important plantations in the United States. Today, the plantation is a popular tourist destination, offering visitors a chance to explore the beautiful gardens, tour the historic mansion, and learn about the plantation's complex history. Middleton Place is a great place to escape the hustle and bustle of the city and immerse yourself in the beauty and history of the Lowcountry.



Charleston is a city that has something to offer everyone, from history buffs to art enthusiasts, nature lovers to sports fans. Whether you're looking for unforgettable experiences, hidden gems, or simply a chance to relax and soak up the Southern charm, Charleston is the perfect destination. Add these 10 more things to do to your Charleston bucket list and create memories that will last a lifetime.



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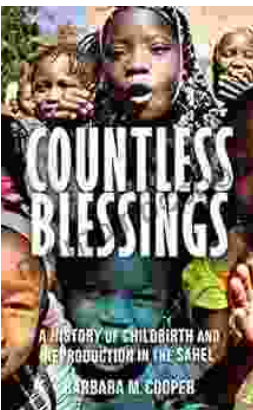
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