



Charleston, South Carolina



# CHARLESTON'S MUSEUM MILE

## Museums & Historic Sites

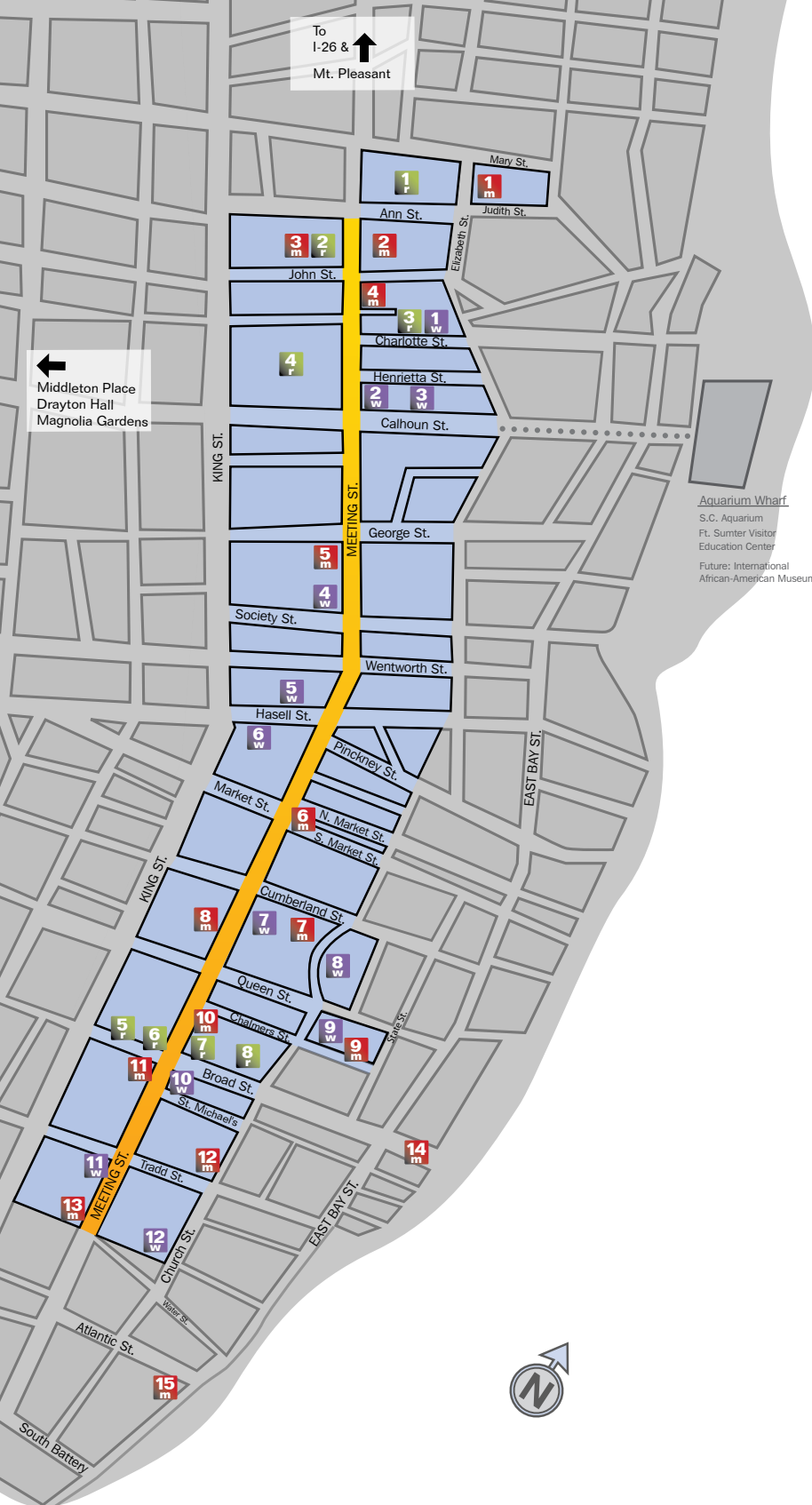
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## Related Points of Interest

- 1 r** Wragg Mall
- 2 r** Visitor Center
- 3 r** Wragg Square
- 4 r** Marion Square
- 5 r** Charleston Judicial Center
- 6 r** Charleston County Courthouse
- 7 r** City Hall
- 8 r** Washington Park



Aquarium Wharf  
S.C. Aquarium  
Ft. Sumter Visitor  
Education Center  
Future: International  
African-American Museum



## What is *Charleston's Museum Mile*?

*Charleston's Museum Mile* features the richest concentration of cultural sites open to visitors in downtown Charleston. Stroll the one-mile section of Meeting Street and you will discover six museums, five nationally important historic houses, four scenic parks and a Revolutionary War powder magazine, as well as numerous historic houses of worship and public buildings including the Market and City Hall.

*Mile* participants benefit from simplified and focused access to historic Charleston. Take as much or as little time as you have and choose the sites most interesting to you.

## How does *Charleston's Museum Mile* Work?

**Museums and Historic Sites** are indicated in red. Most charge admission, but some do not. Select those that interest you, in any order—you only pay at the sites you visit.

**Historic Places of Worship**, shown in purple, often use volunteers for tours and may not be open at the time of your visit. They will still be visible from the street, however, and are definitely worth seeing.

**Points of Interest**, noted in green, include parks and squares with comfortable seating and shade that invite you to take a break.

### Getting Around

You can start at any part of the *Mile* and visit sites in any order. Enjoy the *Mile* by foot or public transportation. CARTA bus passes include the DASH trolleys and allow you to get on and off as often as needed. Passes can be purchased at the Visitor Center, The Old Exchange and Provost Dungeon, The Charleston Museum, and the Gibbes Museum of Art. When traveling **north** along the *Mile*, take advantage of the DASH trolley shuttle #211. CARTA bus #20 goes **south** on Meeting Street as far as Broad Street.

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[charlestonmuseummile.org](http://charlestonmuseummile.org)

### Visitor Services along *Charleston's Museum Mile*

- A rich selection of hotels, inns, restaurants and shops
- ATMs located at several banks
- Numerous City of Charleston parking garages, and
- Public restrooms in parking garages and the Visitor Center

# Museums & Historic Sites

## Aiken-Rhett House

(48 Elizabeth Street)

Built in 1820 and greatly expanded by Gov. and Mrs. William Aiken, Jr. in the 1830s, this house and its outbuildings have survived as a time capsule virtually unaltered since 1858. The Aiken-Rhett property features an extensive audio tour.

[www.historiccharleston.org](http://www.historiccharleston.org)  
(843) 723-1159

Mon-Sat 10-5,  
Sun 2-5

\$10 Adults; \$5 Children 6-16;  
Children under 6 free.

Combination tickets with the Nathaniel Russell House available.



M1

## Joseph Manigault House

(350 Meeting Street)

“Charleston’s Huguenot House” was built in 1803 and is a premier example of Adam-style, or Federal, architecture. The outstanding collection of American, English and French furnishings of the period capture the lifestyle of a wealthy, rice-planting family.

[www.charlestonmuseum.org](http://www.charlestonmuseum.org)  
(843) 722-2996

Mon-Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5  
Last tour at 4:30

\$10 Adults; \$5 Children 3-12,  
Children under 3 free.

Combination tickets with The Charleston Museum and the Heyward-Washington House available.



M4

## The Charleston Museum

(360 Meeting Street)

America’s first museum showcases the cultural and natural history of South Carolina’s Lowcountry. Enjoy the rich variety of exhibited objects ranging from ancient fossils and an enormous whale skeleton to Civil War artifacts and historic Charleston silver.

[www.charlestonmuseum.org](http://www.charlestonmuseum.org)  
(843) 722-2996

Mon-Sat 9-5, Sun 1-5

\$10 Adults; \$5 Children 3-12,  
Children under 3 free.

Combination tickets with the Heyward-Washington House and the Joseph Manigault House available.



M2

## Washington Light Infantry

(287 Meeting Street)

Founded in 1807, the Washington Light Infantry is one of America’s oldest militia units. Its historical military collections feature uniforms, weapons, flags and accouterments from the Civil War to modern times.

[www.washingtonlightinfantry.org](http://www.washingtonlightinfantry.org)  
(843) 722-1807

Visitation by appointment only.  
No entrance fee.



M5

## Children’s Museum of the Lowcountry

(25 Ann Street)

The Children’s Museum of the Lowcountry is a hands-on interactive learning environment for children ages 3 months to 12 years. Explore a shrimp boat, shop in the Charleston Market, discover castle life, splash in SCE&G’s Water Wise and unleash your creative spirit!

[www.exploreqml.org](http://www.exploreqml.org)  
(843) 853-8962

Tue-Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5,  
Mon closed

\$7 Children and Adults;  
Children under one, free.



M3

## Confederate Museum

(Market Hall, 188 Meeting St)

Market Hall was built in 1841. Since 1898, the Daughters of the Confederacy have operated the Confederate Museum, which contains flags, uniforms, swords and other Confederate memorabilia.

(843) 723-1541

Tue-Sat 11-3:30  
Sun-Mon closed

(Jan-Feb, Thurs-Sat only)  
\$5 Adults & Teens; \$3 Age 6-12;  
Children under 6 free.



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# Museums & Historic Sites

## The Powder Magazine

(79 Cumberland Street)

**M7**

Explore the Carolinas' oldest public building! The Powder Magazine was established in 1713 as Charleston's first armory. Interact with a living historian and discover Charleston's history of pioneers, pirates and patriots.

www.powdermag.org  
(843) 722-9350

Wed-Sat 10-4  
\$2 Adults; \$1 Children 6-12;  
Children under 6 free.



## South Carolina Historical Society

(Fireproof Building, 100 Meeting Street)

**M10**

The Historical Society collects, preserves and publishes South Carolina's history. Collections date from 1670 and include books, manuscripts, plats and images. Historical and genealogical researchers welcome.

www.schsonline.org  
(843) 723-3225 x21

Research hours:  
Mon-Fri 9-4,  
Sat 9-2  
Tours: Mon-Fri at 4  
\$5 per day for research or tour.



## Gibbes Museum of Art

(135 Meeting Street)

**M8**

Experience Charleston's history through art! Focusing on art of the American South, the Gibbes presents special exhibitions year-round. Explore stories of the Lowcountry as seen through painting, miniature portraiture, sculpture, photographs and more.

www.gibbesmuseum.org  
(843) 722-2706

Tue-Sat 10-5,  
Sun 1-5  
\$9 Adults; \$7 Seniors, Students,  
Military; \$5 Children 6-12;  
Children under 6 free.



## Postal Museum

(Corner of Meeting and Broad Streets)

**M11**

The Postal Museum explains the area's postal history. In 1896 the post office moved to the new Post Office Building, which was erected over the ruins of the old police station, destroyed in the earthquake of 1886. The building at Meeting and Broad streets is the oldest continuously operated post office in the Carolinas.

Mon-Fri 9-5



## Old Slave Mart Museum

(6 Chalmers Street)

**M9**

The Old Slave Mart is the only remaining structure from a complex of buildings known as Ryan's Mart, where hundreds of slave auctions were held from 1856 to 1863. The Museum's exhibits focus on this human commerce from the perspectives of historically-documented buyers, traders, and enslaved African Americans, and speak to their stories, contributions and legacies.

www.charlestoncity.info  
(843) 958-6467

Mon-Sat 9-5  
\$7 Adults; \$5 for Children ages 6 to 12; Children 6 and under free.



## Heyward-Washington House

(87 Church Street)

**M12**

Built in 1772, "Charleston's Revolutionary War House" was the townhome of Thomas Heyward, Jr., Revolutionary War patriot and signer of the Declaration of Independence. The house features magnificent Charleston-made furniture and a formal 18th century garden.

www.charlestonmuseum.org  
(843) 722-2996

Mon-Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5  
Last tour at 4:30

\$10 Adults; \$5 Children 3-12,  
Children under 3 free.

Combination tickets with  
The Charleston Museum and the Joseph Manigault House available.



# Museums & Historic Sites

## Nathaniel Russell House

**M13**

(51 Meeting Street)

Visitors have admired the grand Federal style townhouse of Charleston merchant Nathaniel Russell since its completion in 1808. Set amid spacious formal gardens, this National Historic Landmark contains a magnificent free-flying staircase.

www.historiccharleston.org  
(843) 724-8481

Mon-Sat 10-5, Sun 2-5  
\$10 Adults; \$5 Children 6-16;  
Children under 6 free.  
Combination tickets with the  
Aiken-Rhett House available.



## The Old Exchange and Provost Dungeon

**M14**

(122 East Bay Street)

Completed in 1771, this is one of America's three most historic colonial-era public buildings. Today visitors can explore Charleston's colonial, Revolutionary and Civil War past while retracing the steps of presidents, patriots and pirates!

www.oldexchange.com  
(843) 727-2165

Mon-Sun 9-5  
\$7 Adults; \$3.50 Children 6-12 years,  
Children under 7 free.



## Edmondston-Alston House

**M15**

(21 East Battery)

Built on Charleston's High Battery in 1825, the Edmondston-Alston House contains Alston family furniture, silver, books and paintings. In 1861, General Beauregard joined the Alstons to watch the bombardment of Ft. Sumter from the piazza facing the harbor.

www.middletonplace.org  
(843) 722-7171

Tues-Sat 10-4:30, Sun 1:30-4:30,  
Mon 1-4:30  
\$10 Adults; \$8 Students;  
Children under 6 free.



# Historic Places of Worship

**W1** **Second Presbyterian Church**  
(342 Meeting Street)

**W2** **Citadel Square Baptist Church**  
(328 Meeting Street)

**W3** **Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church**  
(110 Calhoun Street)

**W4** **Trinity United Methodist Church**  
(273 Meeting Street)

**W5** **Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim**  
(90 Hasell Street)

**W6** **St. Mary of the Annunciation**  
(89 Hassell Street)

**W7** **Circular Congregational Church, U.C.C.**  
(150 Meeting Street)

**W8** **St. Philip's Church**  
(142 Church Street)

**W9** **French Huguenot Church**  
(140 Church Street)

**W10** **St. Michael's Church**  
(71 Broad Street)

**W11** **First (Scots) Presbyterian Church**  
(54 Meeting Street)

**W12** **First Baptist Church**  
(61 Church Street)

# Related Points of Interest

**R1** **Wragg Mall**

**R2** **Charleston Visitor Center**  
(375 Meeting Street)  
Daily 8:30-5:30 (Nov-Feb 8:30-5:00)

**R3** **Wragg Square**

**R4** **Marion Square**

**R5** **Charleston Judicial Center**  
(100 Broad Street)

**R6** **Charleston County Courthouse**  
(84 Broad Street)

**R7** **City Hall**  
(80 Broad Street)

**R8** **Washington Park**

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