

Charleston, South Carolina, USA

One of America's most beautifully preserved colonial cities, Charleston puts its cobblestone streets, antebellum mansions, and legendary food scene within easy walking distance of the pier.

 Pier (docked)

 Typical call: 8-10 hrs

 USD

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🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Union Pier Terminal, foot of Market St — no tender required

Best For: History lovers, foodies, walkers, Civil War enthusiasts

Walk to center: 5 min on foot to City Market; 10 min to Rainbow Row

Don't Miss: Fort Sumter ferry, Rainbow Row, sweetgrass baskets at City Market

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  \$17 minimum, ~\$3/mile ·  **Rideshare**  Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Fort Sumter National Monument** — Ferry out to the island fort where Confederate forces fired the opening shots of the Civil War in April 1861.
 - Rainbow Row & The Battery Walk** — Stroll the 13 pastel Georgian row houses on East Bay Street, then continue south along The Battery seawall for harbor...
 - Charleston City Market & Sweetgrass Baskets** — Four blocks of artisan vendors in a covered market dating to the
- 1800s.
 - Magnolia Plantation & Gardens** — America's oldest public garden (established 1676) with azalea-draped pathways, a wildlife refuge, and a sobering...
 - Boone Hall Plantation** — The iconic avenue of live oaks leads to an antebellum cotton plantation with original slave cabins, a cotton gin, and...

BEST WALKS

- Historic District Loop** 2.5 miles · 1-1.5 hrs · Easy — From the pier gate, walk to Charleston City Market, down Meeting Street past St.
- King Street Shopping & Galleries** 1 mile · 1 hr · Easy — Head west from the Market on Market Street to King Street — Charleston's main shopping corridor — then browse north past boutiques...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	73°	59°	9d
Jun	85°	74°	16d
Aug	86°	76°	19d
Sep	83°	72°	15d
Oct	76°	63°	7d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:49AM–7:49PM · Jun 6:11AM–8:29PM · Aug 6:43AM–8:04PM · Sep 7:03AM–7:25PM · Oct 7:24AM–6:46PM

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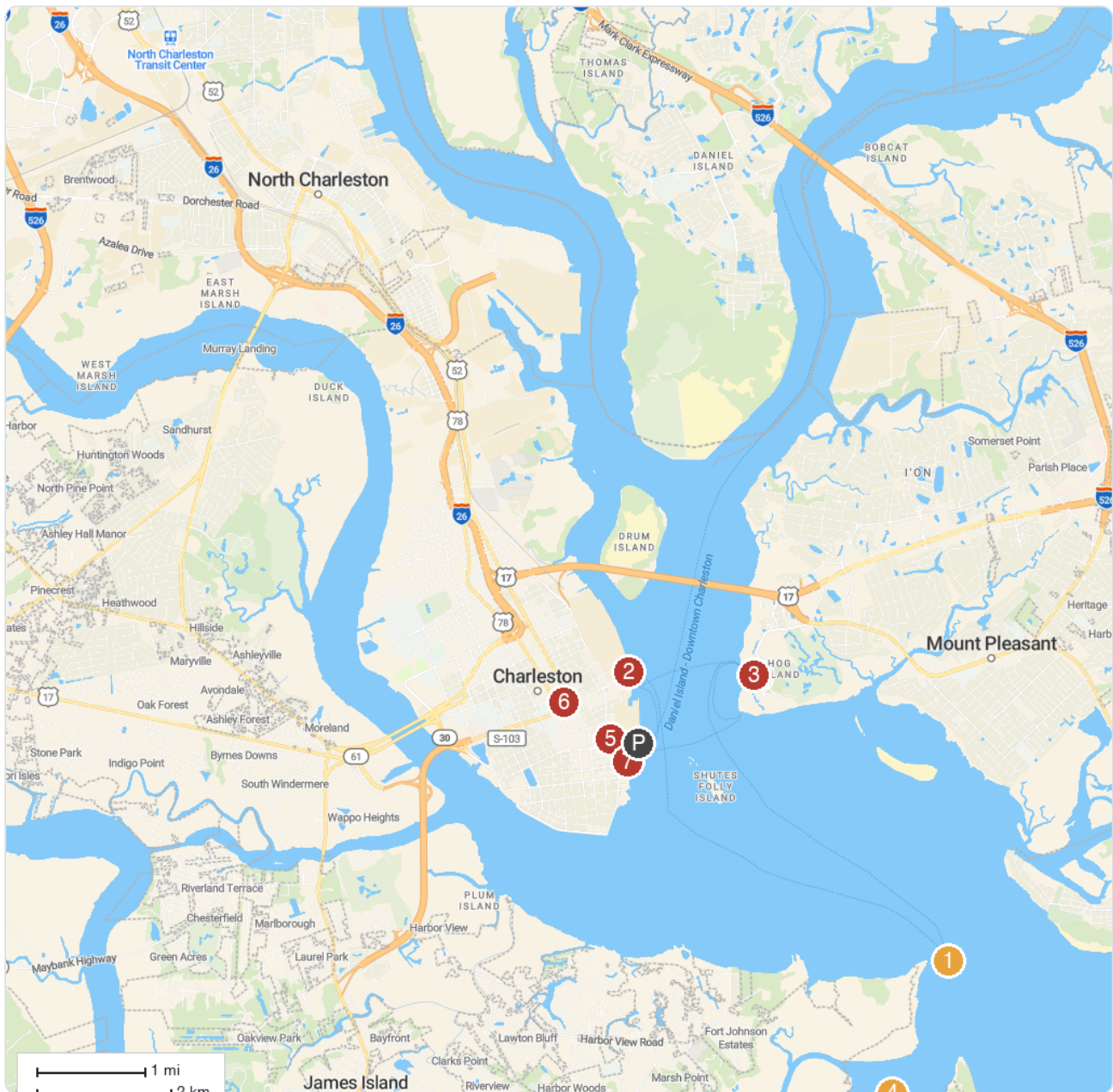
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear flat, rubber-soled shoes. The French Quarter has original Belgian block cobblestones and uneven slate sidewalks — heels are a bad idea.

Charleston, South Carolina, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Fort Sumter National Monument | Historic sea fort where the Civil War began. | 2 South Carolina Aquarium | Aquarium showcasing local marine life and conservation. |
| 3 Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum | Museum featuring USS Yorktown aircraft carrier and historic ships. | 4 Morris Island Lighthouse | Historic, isolated lighthouse, best viewed from a boat or afar. |
| 5 Palmetto Carriage Works | Horse-drawn carriage tours exploring historic Charleston's charming streets. | 6 Marion Square | Large public park in downtown Charleston, hosts events. |
| 7 Waterfront Park | Scenic park along Charleston Harbor with fountains and pier. | P Cruise port / terminal | |