



**Royal Oak Foundation
Heritage Circle Trip**

Historic Charleston

Thursday, March 26–Saturday, March 28, 2020



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Discover the beauty and character of this historic southern city with the Royal Oak Foundation, in association with the Preservation Society of Charleston, on a unique trip created especially for Heritage Circle Members.

Charleston, South Carolina is a city steeped in American history, a witness to and survivor of key moments in American history including the American Revolution, the Civil War and Reconstruction; as well as earthquakes, fires, and deadly hurricanes.

Charleston is a stunning city that blends its French, English, and West African heritage into its architecture and interiors, hidden gardens, and delicious cuisine.

Our visit will include curator-led tours and a private lunch at Drayton Hall—the earliest and finest example of Palladian architecture in the U.S.—as well as an exclusive tour of the Nathaniel Russell House by the Director of Museums at Historic Charleston Foundation.

We will explore the city's past with an architectural historian on a private bus journey around Charleston and enjoy a four-course culinary tour de force at the famed Peninsula Grill.

We also will sample Southern hospitality (and a cocktail or two) at visits to several private Charleston homes and gardens, including a pre-Revolutionary historic home owned by a Royal Oak member and a stunning Greek-revival masterpiece renovated to perfection.



Dates: Thursday, March 26 through Saturday, March 28, 2020

Cost: \$750 per person not including accommodation





Historic Charleston Itinerary

Thursday, March 26

Please arrive in Charleston by 2:00 pm to check into your accommodation

5:30 pm Private tour and cocktail party at a c. 1759 historic house owned by a ROF member and PSC Board member

7:30 pm Dinner on your own (reservations recommended)

Friday, March 27

9:30 am Private bus to Drayton Hall for a curator-led house tour of the finest example of Palladian architecture in the US. Includes gallery tour and out buildings

12:30 pm Private catered box lunch and chance to shop

2:00 pm Bus departure from Drayton Hall back to Charleston

2:30 pm Afternoon of leisure

7:30 pm Cocktails and 4-course dinner at Peninsula Grill, at Planter's Inn, a Relais & Chateaux property

Saturday, March 28

9:00 am Private, curator-led tour of The Nathaniel Russell House, a National Historic Landmark

11:00 pm Architectural bus tour of Charleston with historian, including the French Quarter, Rainbow Row, Whole Point Gardens, the Battery, Old City Market, St. Philips Church, Ansonborough etc.

12:45 pm Lunch TBA

2:30-5:15 pm Private tour of exclusive Charleston residences including a pre-Revolutionary house built in the mid-18th century, and a mid-19th century treasure, beautifully restored to its original 9,500 square foot design. (We will be walking between houses)

5:30 pm Cocktail party at a c. 1830 Italianate historic house owned by a Royal Oak Board Member

7:00 pm Dinner on your own (reservations recommended)

**This itinerary is subject to amendment and private visits are subject to confirmation. A final itinerary will be sent by January 31.*