

SINHG Spring 2025 Trips

S2501	The Great Shake – The 1886 Earthquake	Sat., Mar. 1	10:00am - 12:30pm	Leader: Johna
<p>The night of August 31, 1886 was exceedingly hot and a profoundly still. The moon was nearly full and the mist surrounding it cast an eerie glow. A peculiar sulfurous odor permeated the air and some thought it was just the pluff mud. Otherwise it was a normal summer’s evening in Charleston. That is until 9:51pm, a magnitude 7.3 or 7.4 earthquake devastated Charleston. The quake was felt as far south as Cuba and as far north as Boston where church bells rang with the force of it. Countless brick structures and buildings on landfill suffered great damage. The waterfront wharves of the port city were in ruins. This moderate walking tour will take you back to the devastation through old photos and eyewitness accounts. You’ll learn of the city’s remarkable recovery after the disaster under the inspiring leadership of William Ashmead Courtney, one of Charleston’s most admirable mayors. You will grasp the terror, comprehend the magnitude of the disaster and appreciate the resilience of the people of Charleston. We will meet at the Pineapple Fountain in Waterfront Park, 1 Vendue Range.</p> <p>Moderate walking on uneven sidewalks.</p>				
Min: 11		Max: 20	Cost: \$40.00	

S2502	Sounds of Hampton Park, the Echoes of its History.	Tues., Mar. 4	10:00am – 12:15pm	Leader: Lynn
<p>From the pounding of horses feet, to the striking of boots on stone, to the voices that call for freedom and the “oh and awes” of the people of Charleston and of those from around the United States, Hampton Park is a neighborhood whose history echoes through it. We will explore the adaptable and multipurpose history of Hampton Park starting at its initial beginning as Washington’s Race Course where the wealthy plantation owners showed their thoroughbreds. Later during the Civil War, it was modified into a Union Prisoner of War Camp when the area inside the circular race course took on this singular purpose. Afterwards, the first Memorial Day was held on May 1, 1865 when black Charlestonians gathered to honor the Union soldiers who were buried there. Then, in 1901, Hampton Park was transformed once again when the Carolina and West Indian Exposition - the World's Fair of its time - came to Charleston!</p> <p>The resonance of Hampton Park is something to be experienced.</p>				
Min: 11		Max: 20	Cost: \$40.00	

S2503	Dock Street Theater – behind the scenes	Thur., Mar. 6	10:00am – 2:30pm*	Leader: Jane
<p>Go behind the scenes at the historic Dock Street Theater in downtown Charleston. Donnie Newton is the building manager and takes us to all locations, including dressing rooms, props, and lighting areas. Of particular interest is the stage, costumes and lighting board in the attic area. This is the oldest still operating theater in America and quite a treasure. We will get the tour at 11:00 am and see the sets, props, and costumes used in shows.</p> <p>*Travel time is included. You may want to stay downtown for lunch afterwards. <i>*Lunch is not included.*</i></p>				
Min: 11		Max: 12	\$14.00	

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S2504	Outer Banks Film Set eBike tour (new)	Sat., Mar. 8	12:00pm - 2:30pm	Leader: Lynn
<p>Step into the shoes of the Pogues on a beautiful route through Old Village, Shem Creek, & Sullivan's island, stopping at film locations throughout the ride. You heard that right, Netflix filmed OuterBanks in Charleston. Route: Old Village: See Kiara's house, explore the locations of Kildare County Sheriff's Office & Kiladare Island Surf Shop. Shem Creek: Visit The Wreck restaurant, the Playboy shrimp boat from the show, Heywards Seafood, even ride the exact path as Sarah Cameron's bicycle scenes from Shem Creek to Kiaras house! Breach Inlet: Ride past the location of iconic "Welcome to Outer Banks" sign. Along the way, our guide will share behind-the-scenes stories, making you feel like part of the action!</p> <p>Bring: Weather-appropriate clothing, closed-toed shoes, sunglasses, phone/camera. Riders must be at least 4'11" tall and able to ride a regular bike. Pedal as much or as little as you like with electric assistance.</p> <p>Please plan your own travel time to get to Mt Pleasant, SC by 12:00 PM for start of the trip.</p>				
Min: 10		Max: 20	\$197.00	

S2505	US Coast Guard	Thur., Mar. 13	8:45am – 11:45am*	Leader: Pat
<p>The U.S. Coast Guard is one of the five armed forces of the United States and the only military organization within the Department of Homeland Security. Since 1790, the Coast Guard has safeguarded our nation's maritime interests and environments around the world. The Guard is an adaptable, responsive military force of maritime professionals whose broad legal authorities, capable assets, geographic diversity and expansive partnerships provide a persistent presence along our river, ports, shore regions and high seas. These attributes make the Coast Guard a unique instrument of maritime safety, security and environmental stewardship. The tour will include: Aids to Navigation Team (ATON), Buoy Yard and Small Boats, Station Charleston, CGC ANVIL, CGC CORMORANT. We will also be allowed to visit the Base Exchange. Moderate walking. Attendees should wear comfortable closed toe shoes and no heels please.</p> <p>*Travel time is included, trip starts at 9:30 am at Coast Guard Station.</p>				
Min: 15		Max: 18	\$13.00	

S2506	Savor the Flavors of Charleston	Tues., Mar. 18	1:00pm - 3:30pm	Leader: Charlie
<p>Join us for a lovely afternoon walking in Charleston and visiting some very special restaurants in our beautiful city. The Restaurants listed are the ones we will be going to. The tour company will set up the tours. We will go to 3 of these Restaurants and have very generous tastings at each. The Restaurants will come from this list: Poogan's Smokehouse, Rudy Royale, Oyster House, T-Bonz, Port of Call, Well Hung Vineyard, and Eleve Rooftop. A wonderful opportunity to enjoy our lovely city and some fantastic food. Why not? We are down the road from a foodies paradise.</p> <p>Moderate walking, wear comfortable shoes.</p>				
Min: 12		Max: 16	Cost: \$117.00	

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S2507	Black River Cypress Preserve (new)	Thur., Mar. 20	10:00am – 1:00pm*	Leader: Louise
<p>Dana Beach founder of the Coastal Conservation League and author of <i>Deveaux: Deveaux Bank Seabird Sanctuary SC</i>, will join us for the day as we learn about the Black River Cypress Preserve, a privately-owned 1000 acre nature preserve with 15 miles of pristine trails located on South Carolina’s scenic Black River. Opportunities for outdoor recreation, education and research abound in this naturally beautiful and diverse ecosystem. We will be picnicking, birding, and hiking on the beautiful, undeveloped Black River. Come learn about this beautiful property, bring your binoculars, walking shoes, and enjoy the day. Lunch will be provided and your fee will be a donation to the Pee Dee Land Trust. To learn more about the preserve visit https://www.cypresspreserve.org/</p> <p>*Trip time does not include travel time to and from Trip Location. Please allow two hours for travel each way.</p>				
Min: 6		Max: 20	Cost: \$77.00	

S2508	Ornithology – Study of Birds	Sat., Mar. 22	1:00pm - 2:30pm	Leader: Lynn
<p>Come join us at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center to learn about birds (bees are not included). One of the camp naturalist will give a short introduction to the types of birds found on Seabrook Island, their adaptation and physiology (skulls and wings).</p> <p>Then the naturalist will take us on a walk through their different ecosystems looking and identifying different birds. We will walk through the woods, ponds and onto the beach.</p> <p>Your fee is a donation to Camp St. Christopher. We will explore around the grounds so bring water, sunscreen, bug spray and wear comfortable walking shoes and binoculars.</p> <p>We will be meeting at St Christopher Camp Susanna’s Porch.</p>				
Min: 15		Max: 20	Cost: \$23.00	

S2509	Cuckolds Creek Kayak Trip	Thur., Mar. 27	8:00am – 2:15pm*	Leader: Rich
<p>Come paddle with us in our favorite venue – The ACE Basin. This will be a gentle paddle and we will be passing old rice fields, rice trunks and at this time of year the flowers, trees, and other plant-life should be starting to bloom. Our trip should be upstream on rising tide, as we paddle through an old rice field. We expect to see plenty of birds, plus other wetlands wildlife coming to life after the winter chills. Our guides have typically been expert in pointing these out. Our trip back to the landing should be comfortable on slack tide. This landing is typically well maintained.</p> <p>Please bring water, sunscreen, and bug spray.</p> <p>*Travel time is included above, this is a 1 ½ hour kayak trip, starting at 10:00 am at Ace Basin, get there a little early.</p>				
Min: 12		Max: 18	\$70.00	

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S2510	Badass Broads of Charleston	Fri., Mar. 28	10:00am – 12:00pm	Leader: Nancy
<p>Get ready for a walk on the light side with Jonathan, our tour guide. This walking tour through Charleston’s historical area promises a delightful journey into American history, sprinkled with charm, humor, and maybe a dash of Southern sass. This is a walk where we may step outside of the lines just a bit as we pay homage to the ladies who sometimes had to step way outside of the lines and defy the conventions of their day to make their marks. You will get to know one of America’s first rebels, a Revolutionary War hero who threw herself into that monumental effort. We’ll get into some darker history and meet a villain of sorts who stepped far outside the lines as one of the most famous female pirates of all time. More than a few of our early feminists shaped our history by speaking out against social injustice and railing against the evils of slavery in an economy that was largely driven by it. Post-slavery era, you’ll also learn about the daughter of a former slave who Martin Luther King referred to as “The Grandmother of the Movement”...and much, much more.</p> <p>Please dress for the weather. Moderate walking on uneven sidewalks; wear comfortable shoes.</p> <p>* Trip time does not include travel time to and from the Trip Location. Please allow one hour for travel each way.</p>				
Min: 15		Max: 20	\$35.00	

S2511	Ghost and Graveyard Tour (new)	Sat., Mar. 29	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Leader: John
<p>The Charleston Ghost and Graveyard Tour gives you an exclusive and entertaining opportunity to walk inside the gates of one of Charleston’s oldest graveyards after dark. When all the other walking tours are looking in, you’ll be on the inside! Learn about the history of Charleston’s graveyards and hear the stories of the famous individuals who found their final resting place in the Holy City. Graveyards are endearing pockets of Charleston – so much so that they are often referred to as simply “gardens”, full of history, intrigue and tales of love and loss.</p>				
Min: 10		Max: 20	\$14.00	

S2512	Spring at Cypress Gardens	Wed., Apr. 2	10:00am - 12:00pm	Leader: Mary
<p>A guided walking tour of the beautiful Springtime gardens will last about 1 hour. The guide lead tour will give visitors a history of Cypress Gardens which has been open since 1932. A tour of a black fresh water swamp by flat bottom boat is included. The boat tour last approx 45 minutes, weather permitting. There is a Swamparium, Butterfly House, Heritage Museum and Gift Shop to visit. Additional walking of trails is available after our tour. Picnic shelters are available before noontime. Moderate walking over uneven surfaces.</p>				
Min: 5		Max: 15	\$22.00	

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S2513	House and Garden Tour in Charleston	Wed., Apr. 2	2:00pm - 5:00 pm	Leader: Charlie
<p>Step beyond the doorways and garden gates of Charleston to experience the city’s renowned architectural heritage, inside and out. Visit some of the earliest homes in the city, see the gardens close up. We will visit 3 homes and gardens. A Delightful way to spend a spring afternoon. This tour is provided by The Charleston Festival – A Historic Charleston Foundation Fundraiser. Expert guides at each magnificent property offer guests a more elevated experience.</p>				
Min: 6		Max: 12	\$99.00	

S2514	Dark Side of Charleston Tour (new)	Thur., Apr. 3	7:00pm - 8:30 pm	Leader: Mark
<p>On this 90 minute evening walking tour, experience an uncensored look at the untold history of Charleston. From brothels to pirates, to corruption, crime and sordid affairs - we leave behind the pastel-colored homes and sunshine to share the seedy and scandalous stories you were never meant to hear. Charleston’s high society life has always been shadowed by scandals, temptations, and unruly behavior. See how piracy, prohibition, and organized crime are an unsavory, but essential, piece of our city’s history. After the heat of the day has subsided, you’ll experience the historic city center in a completely new light. This guided nighttime stroll showcases the places regularly overlooked by visitors and residents alike. Adult language is used.</p> <p>Moderate walking on uneven surfaces, wear comfortable walking shoes.</p>				
Min: 12		Max: 20	Cost: \$66.00	

S2515	Learn About Our Birds On The Beach	Sat., Apr. 5	2:00pm - 3:30 pm	Leader: Lynn
<p>The number of shorebirds is growing as the birds stop by our beaches to fatten up for their long trip to the Arctic. We will walk toward the North Beach point. Along the way, we will search out the many birds and talk about their life histories. This is not an identification class, but there will be opportunities to learn how to identify the many species of shorebirds. No prior knowledge of birds is required.</p> <p>We will be walking on the beach, bring comfortable shoes, also bring sunscreen, hat, water and binoculars. Your trip fee is a donation to the Seabrook Island Birders.</p>				
Min: 10		Max: 15	Cost: \$14.00	

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S2516	Gibbes Art Museum Tour	Thur., Apr. 10	11:30am - 12:30pm	Leader: Vivien
<p>The Gibbes Museum of Art is home to the foremost collection of American art that incorporates the story of Charleston. This downtown Museum connects the city and region’s artistic past to a vibrant contemporary art scene. Charleston’s only art museum is committed to telling the story of Charleston’s ever-changing landscape and its people. Including historical, modern, and contemporary works, the collection spans 350 years and features some of the country’s most celebrated artists. This tour will be led by the Museum Director and give unique insights to the Museum.</p>				
Min: 12		Max: 20	Cost: \$41.00	

S2517	Upper King Street Culinary Tour	Sat., Apr. 19	3:00-5:30 pm	Leader: Lynn
<p>This culinary 2 ½ hour walking tour offers insight into Charleston’s Upper King Street district and surrounding neighborhoods, showcasing three of Charleston’s culinary innovators who exemplify cooking in the New South. The tour will feature three restaurants, which are seafood heavy. Sample mouth-watering dishes of Lowcountry cuisine from the popular culinary innovators in this ever-evolving restaurant district. You’ll walk, talk, and taste your way through Charleston’s most beloved and renowned culinary destinations. A broad range of samples will provide insight into Lowcountry cuisine—enough food to make a meal for most! The price includes all food, non-alcoholic beverages tastings and a tip. Alcoholic beverages will be available at your own expense.</p> <p>This 2½-hour moderate walking tour will be on uneven sidewalks in historic Charleston.</p>				
Min: 12		Max: 12	\$122.00	

S2518	Celebrating Lafayette in Charleston (new)	Tues., Apr., 22	10:30am-12:30pm	Leader: Pam
<p>Lee Ann Bain (one of our favorite tour guides) is developing a brand new walking tour for downtown Charleston. She is developing it for the 200 year celebration of Marquis de Lafayette’s visit to Charleston on March 14-17, 1825. Lafayette was a French nobleman and military officer who volunteered to join the Continental Army, led by George Washington, in the Revolutionary War. He was instrumental in the war effort and also to getting France to enter the war. Lee Ann is still developing this walking tour, however we know it will be a hit. Please come join us on this fabulous walking tour.</p> <p>Moderate walking on uneven sidewalks.</p>				
Min: 11		Max: 20	Cost: \$40.00	

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S2519	Lower Wambaw Creek Kayak Trip	Tues., Apr. 22	8:00am – 2:15pm*	Leader: Jim
<p>Wambaw Creek is a beautiful blackwater creek which is a tributary to the Santee River and was paddled by the Santee and coastal Plain Indians for thousands of years. The creek is surrounded by a seasonal floodplain swamp where giant old growth Bald Cypress trees as well as, Water Tupelo, Water Oak, Water Ash, Red Maple and Swamp Dogwood shade the banks of its pristine black waters. It offers spectacular birding and wildlife viewing. This paddle will take you through the lower section of the creek out toward the Santee River. We will paddle by the historic Hampton Plantation and all along the banks of the river which reflect geological precedence of the rice era, Here historical earthen dikes give way to a flooded subtropical forest of abandoned rice fields once owned by prosperous rice plantations. Option to visit the Hampton Plantation following our paddle.</p> <p>Please bring water, sunscreen, and bug spray.</p> <p>*Travel time is included above, this is a 1 ¼ hour kayak trip, starting at 10:00 am at Ace Basin, get there a little early.</p>				
Min: 12		Max: 18	\$60.00	

S2520	French Cooking Class	Thur., Apr. 24	11:30am - 2:30pm	Leader: Vivien
<p>Marie moved to Charleston from Lyon, France in 1977. She worked in marketing and fashion for 30 years during which time she helped to restart the Alliance Francais in Charleston. Working with local chefs, Marie became interested in cooking and began giving cooking lessons. She conducts monthly cooking classes for the Alliance where she enjoys sharing her passion for food and cooking in an informal class atmosphere. We will gather in Marie’s kitchen at her home in Mt. Pleasant. There she will teach us how to make the three course French meal and send us home with the recipes. We will meet at 11:00 AM in Mt. Pleasant at 1990 Belair Court.</p>				
Min: 7		Max: 10	Cost: \$81.00	

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S2521	Morris Island Lighthouse Tour with Dr. Stephen Wise	Sat., Apr. 26	11:00am – 1:30pm*	Leader: Nancy
<p>This is an exciting mixture of natural and cultural history here in the Lowcountry. Our journey will begin on Bowens Island where the group will be joined by Dr. Stephen Wise, renowned author and historian. During the tour (both on the boat and once we reach the island), Dr. Wise will speak about the role of Morris Island in the Union Campaign to capture Charleston.</p> <p>This boat cruise, aboard a Carolina Skiff bay boat, will take you through treasured salt marsh to Morris Island where you have the opportunity to set out on foot and explore the historic island & comb the beach for shells. This tour also offers the best view of the famous Morris Island Lighthouse. On the way to & from Morris Island, we will cover over 10 miles of coastal wetlands, home to over 70,000 different species - among our nation's most valuable & rich ecosystems. In our search for native wildlife, you'll be amazed at the breathtaking scenery, abundant bird life and the wild Atlantic bottlenose dolphins. While viewing wild dolphins, you may have the opportunity to see these extraordinary animals perform a hunting strategy known as strand feeding. Strand feeding is an adaptive hunting technique the dolphins have made famous to the Lowcountry. As we cruise to and from the island, the captain from Charleston Outdoor Adventures will discuss the native wildlife and the diverse ecosystems of the area.</p> <p>Please dress for the weather. Sunscreen, sunglasses, bottled water (no glass) and bug spray may come in handy. Wear shoes that you don't mind getting wet/sandy. Don't forget your camera.</p> <p>*Trip time does not include travel time to and from the Trip Location. Please allow one hour for travel each way.</p>				
Min: 15		Max: 17	\$99.00	

S2522	Air Force Base Tour C-17 tour	Thur., May 1	10:00am - 3:00pm	Leader: Mary
<p>Have you seen those C-17 Globemaster military jets flying overhead on their way to the Joint Air Force Base? This is an opportunity to go aboard and learn more about them. We will take one bus from Seabrook Island to the Joint Base Charleston. Upon arrival we will be met by a base representative who will give us an overview of the Base. Explaining Joint Base Charleston's mission, purpose and how this supports and impacts the safety of the Charleston area and our Nation. We will then tour a C-17 aircraft.</p> <p>After the tour we will board the bus for a return trip back to Seabrook Island. Tip included</p>				
Min: 10		Max: 20	Cost: \$116.00	

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S2523	Tour of Charleston Harbor and Intercoastal Waterway	Sat., May 17	10:00am - 12:00 pm	Leader: Charlie
<p>This trip was a great success. So we are scheduling it again. Have you already toured Charleston Harbor on the 80-foot sightseeing boats? Want to explore the harbor and the Intercoastal waterway in a smaller vessel? This trip is a two-hour excursion on the SS Charleston, a 2022 Robalo 242 Explorer (224 foot long). The boat is equipped with a cooler, ice, and water. Feel free to bring snacks and drinks of your own choosing. However, no red wine. Come dressed in layers. Don't forget lotion, sunscreen (no spray) and camera/binoculars. Boat-friendly shoes are required (no heels, no marking soles).</p>				
Min: 6		Max: 6	Cost: \$125.00	

2524	Cheese Making Class at Jeremiah Goat Farm	Tues., May 20	10:30am - 12:30pm	Leader: Vivien
<p>Come join us in making fresh goat cheese. After a tour of the small herd of dairy goats, we make two fast and fresh cheeses with fresh goat milk. Choose from Mozzarella, Queso Fresco, Whole Milk Ricotta or Curried Paneer. Samples of other cheeses and delicious and easy to follow recipes will be included. You will be surprised at the wonderful taste of fresh milk cheese.</p>				
Min: 7		Max: 10	Cost: \$58.00	