INSIDE CHARLESTON

with Dr. Jessica B. Harris

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Presented by the Historic New Orleans Collection

Charleston, South Carolina: A breathtaking coastal city famed for its beautifully preserved historic architecture and Southern hospitality. Framed by scenic harbor views and cobblestone streets, the city's living history stretches from its pre-Revolutionary roots to its pivotal role in the American story. As a historic colonial port, Charleston evolved at the crossroads of culture and politics: European, West African and Indigenous influences have merged over centuries to shape the unique identity of this part of the American South. This rich tapestry of history comes alive at every turn—woven into the city's ironwork gates, preserved in its living traditions, and savored in its world-class food scene.

The Historical New Orleans Collection invites you to join celebrated food author and historian Dr. Jessica B. Harris for an unforgettable four-day tour of Charleston, South Carolina. Explore the city's complex history through exclusive visits to its most profound museums and historic estates. Enjoy private receptions at some of the city's most iconic institutions and dine on a curated selection of the region's most celebrated dishes. Accommodations will be at the French Quarter Inn, an elegant boutique hotel in the heart of the historic district, renowned for their personalized, high-touch Southern hospitality.

Sunday, April 4, 2027

- Arrive at Charleston International Airport (CHS), and transfer independently to the city center.
- Check in at the French Quarter Inn, then join us in the lobby for a meet-and-greet with your host, Dr. Jessica B. Harris.
- Enjoy a leisurely guided walking tour through old town Charleston, down the historic cobblestones of Chalmers Street and through the charming French Quarter and the beautifully restored row of 18th-century Georgian townhouses known as Rainbow Row.
- Dine at one of Charleston's finest eateries, featuring elevated Lowcountry food and warm Southern hospitality. We'll meet the chef and discover the story behind one signature Charleston dish.

French Quarter Inn. (Included Meals: Dinner)

Monday, April 5, 2027

- We begin our exploration of Charleston with a visit to the Nathaniel Russell House, one of America's most significant and pristine examples of Federal-style neoclassical architecture. Open exclusively yo our group this morning, we'll discover the complex, geometric interior featuring a breathtaking free-flying staircase and enjoy the beautifully landscaped formal gardens. Built for Nathaniel Russell, a wealthy merchant and slave trader, this National Historic Landmark stands today as both an architectural masterpiece and a profound historical testament to the stark divide between early American opulence and the reality of forced labor.
- A short walk brings us to St. Michael's, the oldest surviving church in Charleston, attended by both Robert E. Lee and George Washington. The 186-foot steeple has guided pilots into Charleston Harbor for centuries.
- Lunch will be in a private room at 82 Queen, an award-winning restaurant serving Charleston favorites for over 40 years, most famously their silky She-Crab Soup.
- In the afternoon we visit the Gibbes Museum of Art, housed in a 1905 Beaux-Arts building with a historic stained-glass dome and open, first-floor artist studios. Inside is a collection of over 10,000 American works of fine art and craft connected to the history and landscape of the American South.
- Refresh at the hotel, then join us for a cocktail reception at the headquarters of one of Charleston's finest institutions, *Garden and Gun* magazine.
- Dinner this evening is independent.

French Quarter Inn. (Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Cocktail Reception)

Tuesday, April 6, 2027

- Today we take our private coach north to Middleton Place, a sweeping 110-acre property situated along the Ashley River that features America's oldest landscaped European gardens and a preserved 18th-century residential wing. Through the property's *Conversations of Freedom* exhibition and *Beyond the Fields* program, we will confront the site's profound historic contradiction, a life of grandeur and wealth for the Middleton family that was created by the labor of hundreds of enslaved men and women at this site.
- Lunch will be at Middleton Place in their rustic private dining, featuring classics like fried chicken, pulled pork, and Hoppin' John.
- Return to the city to refresh.

- Join us early evening for a private visit to one of Charleston's oldest businesses, Croghan's Jewel Box, where we'll enjoy a cocktail and meet members of the family who for four generations have made the perfect gifts for life's special occasions.
- Dinner this evening is independent.

French Quarter Inn. (Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Cocktail Reception)

Wednesday, April 7, 2027

- This morning, we begin at America's first museum, the Charleston Museum, founded in 1773. From prehistoric dinosaur fossils and Native American history to the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, the museum preserves the entire timeline of the region under one roof, making it an essential repository of the physical artifacts that shaped early American history.
- From the oldest museum, we go to one of the newest in Charleston, the International African American Museum (IAAM), built on the historic Gadsden's Wharf, the arrival point for nearly half of all enslaved Africans brought to North America. IAAM's mission is to illuminate hidden histories and amplify the voices of the African Diaspora by connecting local Lowcountry narratives to a broader global audience.
- Midday, we're invited to the High Wire Distilling, Charleston's premier small-batch distiller. We'll enjoy house-made cocktails and an informal lunch prepared by a local chef, featuring dishes inspired by her Gullah Geechee roots.
- This afternoon is free for a little relaxation or independent exploration.
- Tonight we end our tour with a sumptuous farewell dinner at one of Charleston's finest restaurants. We'll raise a glass to Charleston, this grand Southern city, and celebrate our time here together.

French Quarter Inn. (Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Thursday, April 8, 2027

- Enjoy a final breakfast at the French Quarter Inn.
- Join us in the courtyard for a mimosa or Bloody Mary before departure.

TOUR INFORMATION

Hotel:
French Quarter Inn, 166 Church St, Charleston, SC 29401, (843) 722-1900

Price per person, double occupancy: $5295 (includes a $350 donation to HNOC); single supplement: $1295.

Included: 4 nights at the French Quarter Inn; breakfast daily at the hotel, 3 lunches, 2 dinners, 3 receptions; wine/beer included with all lunches and dinners, when available; entrance fees for outlined activities; guiding services; handling of two pieces of luggage per person; and gratuities for drivers, guides, and restaurant staff.

Not included: Airfare to Charleston SC; airport transfers to and from airport to hotel; meals not included in the itinerary; extra beverages, alcohol, laundry, phone calls, and personal costs not specified in the tour package; gratuities for hotel housekeeping; travel insurance; any other items not specifically included in the itinerary.

Optional Services:

- **Extra nights at the** French Quarter Inn **- If you would like to arrive on Saturday April 3, please let me know at your earliest convenience: There is a major event in Charleston that weekend, we will need to check for room rates and availability.** Currently, the rate is quoted at $795 including tax & breakfast. The rate for an additional night after our tour will be $540 per night, including breakfast and taxes.

Deposits and refunds: A deposit of $1,000 per registrant is required to reserve space on the tour, of which $500 is nonrefundable for ISDI's registration and planning fee unless the tour is cancelled due to low enrollment. Deposit payments can be made by credit card, by wire transfer, or by check payable to International Seminar Design, Inc.

Reservations can be made by calling (202) 244-1448, ext. 1 (Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.), or by emailing the below registration form to info@isditravel.com, or mailed to International Seminar Design, Inc. 10770 Columbia Pike, Suite 300, Silver Springs MD, 20901.

Final payment and payment for optional services (single supplement, extra nights, private car transfers) are due by December 11, 2026.

Final payment must be made by wire transfer or check payable to International Seminar Design, Inc. (ISDI). Credit cards are not accepted for final balance.

Flights: Airfare to Charleston International Airport (CHS) is not included in the tour price. Participants are responsible for their own air arrangements. **Please do not purchase airline tickets until the operation of the tour is confirmed by ISDI.**

Cancellation policy: Cancellation by participant must be made in writing to ISDI and is effective only upon acknowledged receipt by ISDI.

- Cancellations made on or before December 11, 2026, will forfeit $500 of the $1,000 deposit.

- Cancellations made between December 12, 2026, and February 18, 2027 will forfeit $2650 (50% of tour price).
- Cancellations made on or after February 19, 2027, will forfeit 100% of full amount.

Tour registration is non-transferable. In the case of cancellation, substitutions are not allowed. After the tour has commenced, no refunds will be issued for any reason including, but not limited to, unused portions of tour. If the tour is cancelled by ISDI or The Historic New Orleans Collection due to low enrollment, active registrants will receive a full refund of all tour payments.

Terms & Conditions: ISDI strongly recommends that all tour participants be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and up to date with their boosters. Upon receipt of registration, ISDI will send registrant a Participant Tour Agreement detailing the full terms and conditions for this tour. This document must be signed and returned to ISDI before participant's registration is considered complete and any arrangements can be confirmed.

Travel Insurance: Travel Insurance is not included in the tour cost, but participants are strongly encouraged to purchase a travel protection plan in conjunction with this tour, including coverage of trip cancellation, trip interruption, emergency evacuation/repatriation, medical expenses, lost or damaged baggage, and other expenses and/or losses incurred due to unexpected situations. Should a participant cancel at any time after registering for the tour, ISDI must strictly abide by the cancellation policy outlined herein. Travel insurance information will be sent upon tour registration.

Liability Clause
The Historic New Orleans Collection (HNOC) and International Seminar Design Inc. (ISDI), their officers, directors, and staff do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for this tour, including, for example, lodging facilities, airline, vessel, bus, taxi, or other transportation companies, local ground, visa processing services, providers, or organizers of optional excursions, food service or entertainment providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, HNOC and ISDI are not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property, death, delay, or inconvenience in connection with the provision of any goods or services occasioned by or resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God, force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, strikes or other labor activities, criminal, terrorist, or threatened terrorist activities of any kind, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, structural or defective conditions in lodging facilities (or in any heating, plumbing, electrical, or structural problems therein), mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely, dangers associated with animals, sanitary problems, food poisoning, epidemics, or the threat of disease thereof, disease, lack of access to or quality of medical care, difficulty in evacuation in case of a medical or other emergency, or for any other cause beyond the direct control of HNOC and ISDI. Participants assume all risk. ISDI reserves the right to decline to accept any traveler on the tour if that person's presence is likely to be detrimental to the enjoyment of the tour by others or for failure to abide by HNOC's regulations and/or the directions of the Tour Director. Travelers who have been removed from the tour waive the right to a refund for any part of the fee. ISDI may send the traveler home at the traveler's expense. The payment of your deposit shall constitute agreement to the above. Prices are based on a minimum of 15 paying participants.

REGISTRATION

Tour registration prior to October 12th is reserved for members of HNOC's Bienville Circle, Laussat Society, Jackson Society, and previous HNOC Travel participants.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Name as it should appear on name badge:

Cell phone:

Hotel floor preference: _____low floor _____high floor _____no preference

Bed preference: _____double _____king _____two beds

(All efforts will be made to fulfill these requests, but they cannot be guaranteed.)

Health information:

Dietary restrictions:

Food allergies:

Walking difficulties:

Price per person, double occupancy: $5295

Single supplement: $1295

Please enclose a deposit of $1,000 (per person) with your registration form.

Final payment of $5295 (per person), plus single supplement (if applicable),
and payment for optional services, less deposit paid, is due by December 12, 2026.