

SDITE 2008 Annual Meeting ~ Charleston, South Carolina

Charleston has a unique blend of history, charm, attractions, dining and shopping. The local arrangements committee has put together a spouse and guest activities program to highlight these. As Charleston's widespread appeal will captivate children as well as adults, we know that some of you will want to opt out of the adults-only spouse program to spend the time exploring with your children. Listed below are a few suggestions:

- Charleston Aquarium with over 10,000 creatures and 5 story IMAX movie
- Fort Sumter National Park
- Lowcountry Children's Museum (located right beside the Visitor's Center) which has activities for preschool and elementary aged children
- Aircraft carrier Yorktown at Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum
- Charles Towne Landing State Historic site
- Folly Beach County Park
- James Island County Park

In addition, the Citadel Beach Club will be available to conference attendees.

Please visit www.CharlestonFamilyFun.com or contact one of us for more information. We will be glad to help with arrangements and to check for discount tickets for you.

SPOUSE & GUEST ACTIVITIES

MONDAY, March 31

Following breakfast at the hotel, Monday's activities will begin with a tour of historic Charleston via [Horse Drawn Carriage](#). This is a truly spectacular way to see the city and her beauty, charm and grandeur. Architecture, brilliant colors and cobblestone streets house the history of Charleston.

Enjoy some time on your own in the [Old City Market](#) – which features small shops and a multitude of vendors in an open air market. Hardly a flea market, most merchandise is first quality, some indicative to the area and some not. Sweet grass basket weavers can be seen in every building, along with, local artists, jewelry, tapestry, souvenirs, church dolls, afghans, rugs, rice, beans and sauces, local candies and cookies and much more.

Next we will delight in some Lowcountry cuisine at one of Charleston's renowned restaurants. Tucked away on a charming downtown street, [Poogan's Porch](#) is one of Charleston's oldest and most reputable culinary establishments, serving upscale Lowcountry cuisine. Recognized by Martha Stewart Living, Wine Spectator and the Travel Channel, this beautifully restored Victorian house is the perfect southern spot for lunch.

You can walk off lunch exploring the interiors and gardens of some of the finest private residences in America during the Historic Charleston Foundation's [61st Annual Festival of Houses and Gardens](#). Festival tours provide guests with the rare opportunity to glimpse beyond the facades of these magnificent properties. Enjoy the ambience of the centuries-old city, visiting the private interiors and gardens of eight properties. The "East Battery" tour is one of the most sought after tickets and is an invitation to investigate the links between

maritime trade and local commerce that were the sources of prosperity in 18th and 19th century Charleston. Many early harbor-side dwellings, whose ground floors contained shops that have survived, are now intermingled with imposing antebellum mansions that together make this one of America's most impressive domestic streets. Tours are self-guided and at your own pace.

TUESDAY, April 1

Tuesday morning we will board a bus after breakfast for a short ride to [Middleton Place](#) – a carefully preserved 18th century plantation and National Historic Landmark – to marvel at 65 acres of America's oldest landscaped Gardens. Craftspeople in the Stableyards recreate the activities of a self-sustaining Lowcountry plantation. We will have a picnic lunch before returning to downtown where you have a choice of activities.

[Charleston Cooks!](#)

Learn the artistry of Lowcountry cooking from the area's top chefs. A state-of-the-art demonstration kitchen makes it a snap to add the most delicious secrets to your cooking repertoire – in a friendly atmosphere that's pure fun. Experience an informative class on techniques, tips and lowcountry food specialties plus lots of delicious sampling! Afterward, shop in the Maverick kitchen store where you'll find the latest in kitchen tools, equipment, unique gifts and accessories and enjoy a 10% discount! Limited to 35 participants and requires an additional fee of \$12.50. First come-first serve. Register NOW!

[Charleston Harbor Tour](#)

Hop aboard the Carolina Belle and see the city from the shimmering water on a Charleston Harbor cruise. You'll cruise by the Civil War's historic Fort Sumter, Patriot's Point, the Battery, and Saint Michael's Episcopal Church Steeple. You'll even cruise under that great transportation marvel – the Arthur Ravenel Bridge.

Important note: Historic Charleston lends itself to walking and this is one of the best ways to experience the city. Thus on Monday, while you will be picked up at the hotel by horse drawn carriage and dropped off at the Old City Market, getting around the historic district will require walking. While we're only talking eight blocks or so, you will want to wear comfortable walking shoes. Please let us know if you will need special assistance so we can make appropriate arrangements. The [DASH trolley](#) routes go by all of our scheduled activities if you should desire to leave early or get tired of walking! Free passes will be available.

We look forward to seeing you!

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