

Snapshot

CHARLESTON, US

Learn more about this South Carolina gem with **Natalie Marsh's** handy guide

star attraction...



Middleton Place

Located about 30 minutes from Charleston by car, the house museum and outbuildings that make up this former plantation show visitors what life was like in the 18th century. The grounds, set beside the Ashley River, are stunning, and the informative tours are engaging for visitors interested in learning about the history of slavery in the region.

middletonplace.org



we love...



Sullivan's Island

There are lots of beaches and islands close to Charleston, each with its own appeal – but for those who just want to relax, Sullivan's Island's vast, sandy beaches are ideal. The island has a local feel to it, with a small selection of affordably priced bars and restaurants a short walk from the beach.

sullivanisland.com



sample price...



Funway Holidays

offers four nights at the Belmond Charleston Place from £1,050 per person, based on two adults sharing (room-only), flying from Heathrow with Delta Air Lines on November 14.

funway4agents.co.uk



getting there...



Direct flights

British Airways launched a direct flight from Heathrow to Charleston this year, flying twice a week between March and October. It's also possible to fly with Delta Air Lines via Atlanta, or via other cities on the East Coast.

PICTURES: Shutterstock; Jason Varney



make time for...



Waterfront Park and Rainbow Row

Waterfront Park provides scenic views over the point where the Cooper River and Ashley River join the Atlantic, luring visitors with its pineapple-shaped fountain. Rainbow Row is just a block away on E Bay Street and makes a beautiful spot to wander around, with its colourful, 18th-century houses.

where to stay...



Belmond Charleston Place

This hotel is all about the southern charm and hospitality, boasting 434 rooms, two restaurants and three bars (one poolside). It's located in Charleston's historic district, with several of the city's main attractions just a short walk away. Rooms start at \$345 a night.

belmond.com

