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Book tip: Charleston Mysteries - Ghostly Haunts in the Holy City

**CATHY PICKENS SHOWS YOU
ANOTHER SIDE OF LOVELY
CHARLESTON**

INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK

If you are interested in history and enjoy sight-seeing with a twist, try and get yourself a copy of Cathy Pickens' Charleston Mysteries. It is a book full of information and detail on Charleston's historical past.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE TOUR

The tour suggested by Ms Pickens is a two hour walking tour through the heart of Charleston. All points are easily reached by foot and you will spend an enjoyable afternoon - or evening if you dare! - exploring a different side of Charleston. For more information, contact Chris Raudonat, Executive Director of AIJA.

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FURTHER DETAILS

For copyright reasons, this Charleston update will only give you a short extract of the book. Should you wish to know more, you can find and possibly order it in any major bookstore.

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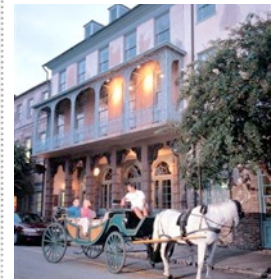
Use this self-guided walking tour to explore the streets and sites of Charleston that echo with the ghosts, misdeeds and unsolved mysteries of the past



Spectacular views



Rainbow Row



Move around in style

A brilliant
opportunity to
discover another
side of Charleston.
Fun for everyone.



Towards the Battery



Charleston Mansions

CHARLESTON'S HISTORICAL DIMENSION

Even though Charleston may not be too well known outside the United States, it is still one of the US oldest cities. Barely over 100,000 inhabitants and home to the famous Citadel Military Academy of South Carolina, Charleston is a lovely small Southern town surrounded by water and green.

Charleston boasts some of the most interesting and beautiful sights in the Southern States and is an ideal place for taking strolls by foot and explore the history of the 'Deep South'.

Even for those that may not be too interested in the past, learning about plantation workers or feeling pulled back in time when Scarlett O'Hara and Rhett Butlers roamed the streets, Charleston will have something to offer for anyone. We can almost guarantee you that you will fall in love with this little jewel.

HISTORY - WITH A TWIST

As said, you may not take too much of an interest in 'Gone with the Wind', cotton plantations or a bit of colonial past. Maybe

you are looking to spend time on some of the nice beaches surrounding the city? Restaurants? Parties? Fun? Well, during summer time, Charleston has all this and better to offer and the very warm climate will inspire you to go out and explore a splendor of outdoor opportunities.

One thing that even the least interested in history should not miss though, is a short introduction to Charleston's 'different' past. Not everything was always rosy and nice. Quite to the contrary, undiscovered mysteries still haunt the Holy City today and all it takes to discover it is two short hours.

CHARLESTON MYSTERIES - THE BOOK

Easily read in a few short days, Charleston Mysteries provides the reader with some spooky details of the city and adds a depth to the city sights that you will not find in any other city guide.

The book is entertaining, fun to read and discuss about and - last, but not least - invaluable if you like to discover a new place off the beaten track.

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Charleston walks - the ghostly tour.

The book promises a self-guided walking tour to explore the streets and sites of Charleston that 'echo with the ghosts, misdeeds and unsolved mysteries of the past'. You can explore twenty-four haunted spots in the Holy City, including the Old Exchange, St. Philips', the Market and the heart of the historic district.

THE WALKING TOUR

'Charleston, one of the oldest and most stately of cities, is also one of the most haunted. Walk any Charleston street and notice the buildings: the cracked facades canted drunkenly with age, the steps worn by innumerable boot treads. Take a deep breath. Even the air - sometimes dull and heavy with summer humidity, other times damp and chilling - smells of age and time. The harbour breeze across the Battery and earthen odors rising from the open windows of a centuries-old home carry whispers of ages and mysteries...'

So starts the Introduction to the walking tour around Charleston that will lead on to place, central to Charleston but off the beaten track nonetheless. Amidst the old-world charms of the city, you will find lots of details to explore that provide an insight to the history of the 'Deep South'.

As for the tour, it takes about two hours and you can start at any point. The book warns though not to attempt it too late in the day. The sun drops quickly over the far side of the Ashley River and darkness approaches soon. According to the book, 'only the bravest or most fool-hardy will

ever visit Charleston's eerier sites on a gray, dark day with a cold wind off the bay'.

You should definitely wear good shoes and clothes that are comfortable to wear in the hot and humid climate of a Southern summer. Good shoes also have the advantage that you can walk a step faster should you feel a sudden need to end a spooky encounter quickly.

These are a few of the suggested sites. Go and see for yourself and discover the sights and sounds of the past.

139, Market Street (across from Charleston Place, our Congress venue): Scene of the ice-pick murder

St. Philip's Churchyard, Church Street: 1. Grave marker tells how a murderer was captured with the help of a young boy.
2. The Gray Man haunts the cemetery, foretelling the deaths of those who see him.

Pirate House, 145 - 147 Church Street: Reputedly a hangout for eighteenth-century Charleston pirates.

Cabbage Row, 89 - 91 Church Street: The real-life scene of the fictional tenement that housed the ill-fated lovers Porgy and Bess.

Thomas Rose House, 59 Church Street: The house is haunted by the whistling doctor who died calling for the woman he had loved from afar.

37 and 39 Meeting Street: Ghosts live in one house and a pirate treasure is buried

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Charleston Tour

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- Cathy Pickens,
Charleston Mysteries

‘Visit Charleston and experience the ‘Deep South’ in style and in good company!’

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in the backyard of the other, guarded by the ghost of a pirate left to protect the treasure from thieves.

31 Legare Street: The Heyward House is where one of Charleston’s ‘most tragic and quietest spooks’ sits in the library, slumped at the desk with his head in his hands.

Gateposts, 131 Tradd Street: The gateposts mark the site of the home of Mrs. Simmons, where her ghostly carriage can still be heard at night rolling down the alley to the place where her house once stood.

St. Michael’s Churchyard: The site of the wedding of the poisoned bride who, according to some reports, died at the altar and is buried in the churchyard.

Poogan’s Porch, 72 Queen Street: A lonely lady invites people in to visit.

Well, we are not going to comment on this one any further. You will have to judge for yourselves whether you feel fit to explore the darker side of Charleston and experience a summer to be remembered for a long time.

For those that are interested in learning more: The book was first published in 2007 by Haunted America, a division of The History Press, Charleston S.C. and is now in its third edition. ISBN 978.1.59629.312.0

It is available in every book shop around the Charleston Place Hotel or can be borrowed at the AIIA Desk

during the Congress from 24 - 28 August 2010.

Join us in Charleston for a full and varied scientific program as well as lots of fun social activities.

For more information, please refer to the printed program or online on www.aijacharleston2010.org.

See you in Charleston, y’all!



Enjoy Charleston at sunset - a magical atmosphere



Gas-lights still in use today