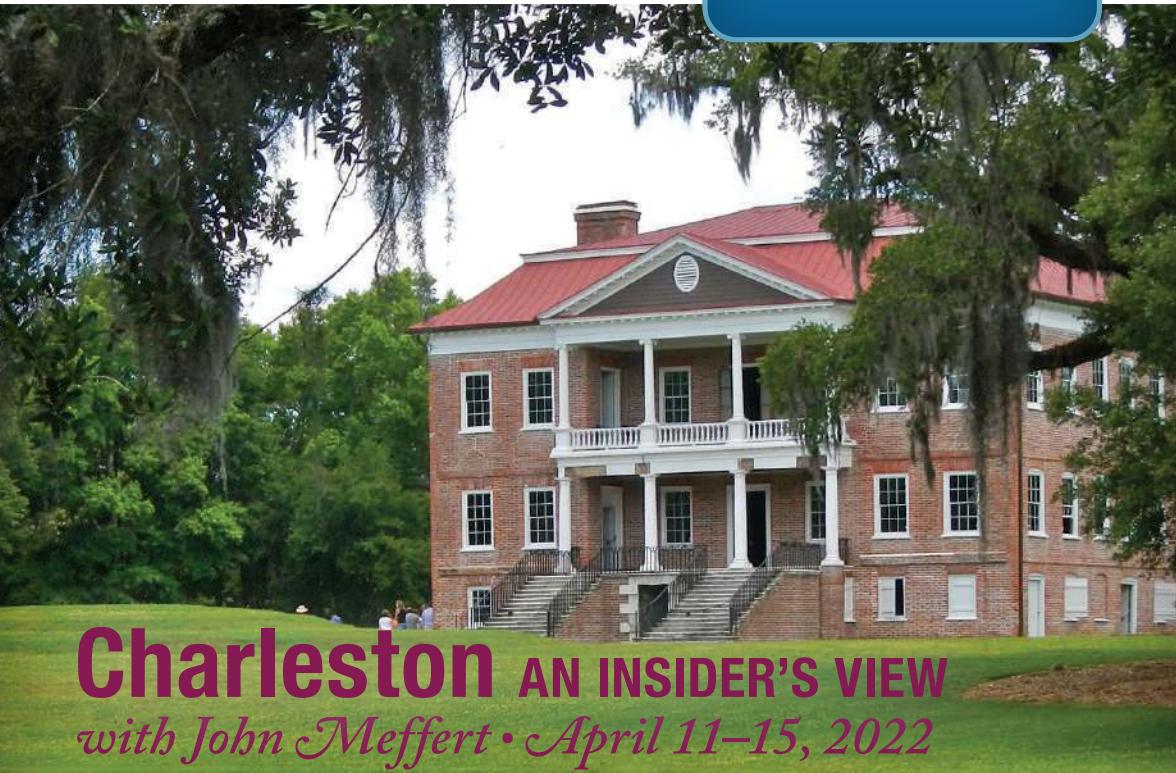




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Reflecting Pond at Drayton Hall / Punktoad



Charleston: An Insider's View

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With its unique antebellum architecture and painstakingly preserved Colonial-era urban core, Charleston is perhaps the most graceful of America's historic cities.

Peeking through the city's countless wrought-iron gates, views of jasmine-covered walls, ornate architectural detailing, and elegant gardens add to the city's Colonial charm. Charleston's many-layered, multicultural population, preserved homes, and historical monuments also speak eloquently, and sometimes painfully, of our nation's history. See Charleston through the eyes of John Meffert, a longtime preservation expert whose insights and camaraderie have captivated countless National Trust travelers.

Study Leader

John Meffert

Historian John Meffert is a longtime proponent of preservation. As former director of the National Trust's Southern Office, he now serves as a consultant on heritage conservation services in his hometown of Charleston, where he has also served as director of the Preservation Society of Charleston, preserving the city's historic resources.



(left) Lantern Gate / Nick Amoscato and (above) Nathaniel Russell House, Charleston, South Carolina / Tommy Miles



Charleston Highlights

Go behind the scenes to see special collections at Middleton Place.

Visit Bowen's Island for an authentic and delicious oyster roast dinner.

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Drayton Hall Interior / Mogollon1

Monday, April 11

Arrivals

Upon arrival in Charleston, transfer independently to the elegant landmark Francis Marion Hotel, a member of Historic Hotels of America and your home for the next four evenings. Late this afternoon, join architectural historian and longtime Charleston resident John Meffert for an opening lecture and overview of the days to follow. Following his talk, enjoy a glass of wine and hors d'oeuvres during a welcome reception. Continue on a casual stroll past several hidden architectural gems taking in the historic charm of South Carolina's cultural jewel.

Francis Marion Hotel (Rec.)

Tuesday, April 12

Charleston's Historic Homes

Depart for a full day of touring the best historic homes in Charleston. First, visit the Heyward-Washington House. This brick Georgian-style double house was built in 1772 and houses a magnificent collection of Charleston-made furniture including the priceless Holmes-Edwards bookcase, dating from 1770

to 1775. Next, at the Nathaniel Russell House, enjoy a guided tour of the property and its decorative arts collection. Set amid spacious formal gardens, the Nathaniel Russell House is a National Historic Landmark recognized as one of America's most important neoclassical dwellings. The graceful interior—restored to its 1808 grandeur with elaborate plaster ornamentation and a grand spiral staircase—is among the most exuberant homes ever created in early America. Following lunch at a popular local restaurant, enjoy a curator-led tour of the Gibbes Museum of Art, home to early American paintings by such renowned American artists as Benjamin West and Thomas Hart Benton, along with contemporary American art and a special exhibition featuring landscapes of the Hudson River School. This evening, depart for Bowen's Island to experience a local tradition, an authentic Low

Country oyster roast with fresh, local oysters cooked over a fire pit and accompanied by other delicious local favorites.

Francis Marion Hotel (B, L, D)

Wednesday, April 13

Drayton Hall & Middleton Place

This morning, go behind the scenes at Middleton Place for a closer look at Middleton family collections during a tour of the historic house and spectacular gardens. Relax over a barbecue lunch featuring classic local dishes like ham biscuits, okra gumbo, she-crab soup, collard greens, and Huguenot torte, all while enjoying the spectacular view of the plantation through the glass-paned porch.

Continue to Drayton Hall, a National Trust Historic Site and plantation home that survived the American Revolution, the Civil War, and the earthquake of 1886. The main house, in its near-original condition, is considered one of the finest examples of Georgian-Palladian architecture in the United States, and the grounds represent one of the most significant, undisturbed historic landscapes in America. Next, enjoy an in-depth, director-led tour of the stately Edmondston-Alston House, one of the city's most splendid dwellings and a classic example of Charleston's changing and sophisticated

Edmondston-Alston House / Mogollon1



taste in architecture and decorative arts. The house, which was built in the late Federal style and later updated with Greek Revival elements is a repository of family treasures, including Alston family silver, furniture, books, and paintings that remain in place where they have been for more than a century. Return to the hotel for an evening at leisure.

Francis Marion Hotel (B, L)

Thursday, April 14 **Private Homes in Charleston**

Today, be special guests at two magnificent, historic Charleston homes open exclusively for the National Trust. Enjoy private access on guided strolls through the grounds and interiors while learning about the joys and challenges of maintaining a historic property. After free time for lunch and

independent exploration of the city, rejoin your fellow travelers this evening to bid farewell to Charleston during a memorable dinner in an exceptional local restaurant.

Francis Marion Hotel (B, D)

Friday, April 15 **Departures**

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer independently to the airport for return flights home. (B)

(below) A Garden Gate, Wrought-iron Window Guard, Wraggborough Lane, Charleston, S.C., / Spencer Means



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Tour Information



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Dates: April 11–15, 2022

Tour Cost:

Land Package \$3,095

Single Supplement \$595

**Tour price is per person based on double occupancy, with a minimum of 15 paying participants.*

Activity Level: Moderate, good overall mobility required.

Deposit & Final Payment: A deposit of \$1,000 per registrant is required to reserve space on the tour, of which \$500 is non-refundable for ISDI's registration and planning fee unless the tour is cancelled due to low enrollment. This deposit may be paid by check or by Visa or MasterCard. Final balance will be invoiced and is due on January 26, 2022 and must be paid by check to International Seminar Design, Inc. Registrations are accepted after this date on a space-available basis with payment in full by check only.

Flights: Airfare is not included in the tour price. Participants are responsible for all aspects of their round-trip air arrangements. Please do not purchase airline tickets until operation of the tour is confirmed by ISDI.

Tour Inclusions: 4 nights at the four-star Francis Marion Hotel; breakfast daily, 1 welcome reception with hors d'oeuvres, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, 2 glass of wine at dinners; access to beautiful private gardens; academic leadership of John Meffert; services of an ISDI tour director; land transportation by private coach; gratuities to local guides and drivers, entrance fees to sites per itinerary; taxes and services; bottled water daily on coach.

Tour Exclusions: Airfare, airline taxes, and fuel surcharges; airport and hotel portage; airport transfers upon arrival and departure; excursions, activities, or meals during traveler's free time; personal items; personal services; travel extensions; personal insurance for health, baggage, and tour cancellation; passport fees; visa fees; gratuities for hotel housekeeping staff.

Terms and Conditions: ISDI requires that all tour participants be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to participate on the tour. 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.

Cancellations & Refunds: Cancellation by participant must be made in writing to ISDI and is effective only upon acknowledged receipt by ISDI. There is a non-refundable registration and planning fee of \$500 per person regardless of cancellation date. Written cancellation received by ISDI on or before January 26, 2022: full refund minus \$500 per person registration and planning fee. Written cancellation received by ISDI between January 27 and February 24, 2022: full refund minus \$1,550 per person cancellation fee (includes registration and planning fee). Written cancellation received by ISDI on or after February 25, 2022: no refund. 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 National Trust Tours due to low enrollment, active registrants will receive a full refund of all tour payments.

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. For additional information, please contact National Trust Tours at 888-484-8785.

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Registration Form



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Full Name

Birth Date

Full Name

Birth Date

Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

Mobile Phone

E-mail Address (Participant 1)

E-mail Address (Participant 2)

ROOMING OPTIONS: *(please select)*

- Double Occupancy; I will share a room with _____
 We prefer separate beds
- Single Occupancy (\$595 single supplement)
 I would like a roommate but will pay the single supplement if one cannot be found

TOUR DOCUMENTS:

ISDI will send all documents pertaining to the tour by email to the email address listed above.

- If you wish to receive hardcopy versions of the tour documents by post as well, please check this circle. Paper documents will not be sent to your home address unless this circle is checked.

DEPOSIT (\$1,000 per person):

_____ # of persons _____ Amount Enclosed

- Visa MasterCard Check *(make check payable to International Seminar Design, Inc.)*

Card Number

Exp. (mm/yy)

Name as it appears on card

Billing Zip Code

Each participant must sign.

Registration invalid without signature

By registering and paying the deposit for this tour, registrant acknowledges that he/she has carefully read and understands all information contained in the tour brochure, recognizes and accepts any risks therein, and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions outlined above.

Signature 1 / Date

Signature 2 / Date

Complete and return registration form to:

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