

SINHG Spring 2026 Trips

S2601	SC Stingrays Hockey Game	Wed, Feb 18	10:30am-1:00pm	Leader: John S
Come watch the South Carolina Stingrays battle the Greenville Swamp Rabbits in an East Coast Hockey League (ECHL) game. The Stingrays are a minor-league affiliate of the NHL's Washington Capitals, and play their games in the North Charleston Coliseum. We have secured seats in the first three rows of The Nutrl Zone, located on the glass at center ice between the home and visiting benches. Come enjoy a weekday hockey game and cheer on your hometown team!				
Min: 14		Max: 21	\$44.00	

S2602	Firefly Tour and Tasting	Wed, Feb 25	12:00pm-1:45pm	Leader: John S
Visit Firefly Distillery, Charleston's leading producer of craft spirits and maker of the nationally renowned Sweet Tea Vodka. Firefly Distillery was founded next door on Wadmalaw Island, before moving to their world-class distillery in North Charleston several years ago. The visit will begin with a private and informative guided tour of the distillery, followed by a private tasting of 6 Firefly spirits. Everyone will also receive a specialty Firefly souvenir to take home. Afterwards you will have time to walk the grounds and visit the Firefly gift shop where spirits and souvenirs are available for purchase. <i>Roundtrip transportation is provided from Seabrook Island in a Mercedes Sprinter van.</i>				
Min: 14		Max: 14	\$157.00	

S2603	Gullah Cooking Class	Wed, Feb 25	11:00am-1:00pm	Leader: Mary
This is a new offering to the SINHG community. In this 2-hour class we are going to experience hands on cooking of a traditional Low Country favorite. This Shrimp & Grits experience will highlight the flavors and uniqueness of Gullah-Geechee culture. We will learn how to make those wonderful Southern Biscuits. Beverages of tea or water will enhance the experience. Our hostess and chef, a Native of the Sea Islands of South Carolina, loves having the opportunity to share Gullah-Geechee culture through food. We will be cooking in her professional kitchen on James Island. Note, closed toe shoes, standing, the use sharp instruments and hot ingredients are to be expected.				
Min: 2		Max: 9	\$141.00	

S2604	Bread Fundamentals Class	Thur, Feb 26	1:00pm-4:00pm	Leader: Vivien
Step into the world of breadmaking with this immersive, beginner-friendly class that highlights three iconic styles of bread. Guided by Andrea Pharis, you'll gain hands-on experience working with yeasted doughs while building confidence in essential techniques such as mixing, kneading, shaping, proofing and baking. Andrea combines her extensive baking and pastry experience with a love of teaching and is a partner at Chefs Collective in Charleston, which is a fully equipped kitchen hosting hands-on cooking workshops. By the end of our class, you'll not only leave with fresh baked breads to enjoy, but also a strong foundation in bread-making fundamentals – equipping you to re-create these recipes and explore new ones in your own kitchen. No prior experience is required – just a love of great bread! While enjoying a lunch of heavy snacks we will bake and then each take home freshly baked focaccia, yeast rolls and a rustic boule. The workshop will be held at 845B Orleans Road in West Ashley.				
Min: 15		Max: 15	\$158.00	

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S2605	Enduring Traditions, Ironwork of the Holy City	Thur, Mar 12	10:00am-12:15pm	Leader: John H
Learn about Charleston's magnificent Ironwork while strolling through the lovely historic district. Many early ironworks were destroyed in raging fires and many noteworthy gates and fences were donated for the Confederate cause to be melted down for cannonballs and "skins" for the ironclad boats. But even with the losses, the city retains a wealth of impressive ironworks. Hear the story of Philip Simmons, Charleston's most famous ironworker, and of earlier blacksmiths who crafted beautiful pieces of art throughout the city. This is a 2 hour 15 minute moderate walking tour in downtown Charleston.				
Min: 10		Max: 20	\$43.00	

S2606	Barrier Island Oyster Farm	Wed, Mar 18	10:00am-11:30am	Leader: John H
For more than 7 years, these Shell Raisers have been growing single select oysters and clams while helping to restore South Carolina's vanishing salt marshes. BIO's oystermen and women will share the restorative farming practices that bring their high-salinity and nutrient-rich shellfish from the tide to your table. You'll meet a friendly team of marine biologists, conservation advocates, and professional shuckers as knowledgeable as they are passionate about the myriad benefits of oysters to the local culture, economy, and ecology of the Lowcountry. Your tour concludes with an oyster-tasting experience featuring single oysters freshly harvested from the farm.				
Min: 10		Max: 20	\$99.00	

S2607	The Charleston Museum Behind the Scenes	Wed, Mar 18	10:30am-11:30am	Leader: Pam
This special Signature Series tour takes guests behind the scenes at The Charleston Museum. Explore collections storage areas with natural history, history, or textile curators. SINGH trip attendees will be able to view artifacts rarely on public display due to their sensitive nature.				
Min: 8		Max: 10	\$37.00	

S2608	Savor the Flavor of Charleston	Thur, Mar 19	11:30am-2:30pm	Leader: Charlie
Join us for a lovely afternoon walking in Charleston and visiting some very special restaurants in our beautiful city. The tour company will set up the tours. We will go to 3 of these Restaurants and have very generous tastings at each. The Restaurants will come from this list: Poogan's Smokehouse, Rudy Royale, Oyster House, T-Bonz, Port of Call, Well Hung Vineyard, and Eleve Rooftop. A wonderful opportunity to enjoy our lovely city and some fantastic food. We are down the road from a foodies paradise. Moderate walking, wear comfortable shoes.				
Min: 12		Max: 16	\$115.00	

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S2609	Yawkey Wildlife Center	Thurs, Mar 19	10:00am-2:00pm	Leader: Nancy
Join us for a 4-hour tour of the beautiful Yawkey Wildlife Center. Tom Yawkey, former owner of the Boston Red Sox, left a lasting legacy in South Carolina through his land donation to the SC Department of Natural Resources. Out of this donation, the Yawkey Wildlife Center was born. The property, located on three coastal islands at the mouth of the Winyah Bay, encompasses marshes, wetlands, forests, and beaches, offering a haven for wildlife, including migratory birds, eagles, alligators and the threatened loggerhead sea turtle. Over the years, the Wildlife Center has become a refuge for wildlife preservation, providing research, education, field study and protection for endangered species. On this tour, you will tour this beautiful refuge, by bus, and will learn more about the Yawkeys love for the outdoors and wildlife. Despite its secluded nature, the Yawkey Wildlife Center stands as a remarkable testament to conservation efforts in the region, offering a unique experience for nature enthusiasts. Entrance to the refuge is limited to ensure ecological conservation and protection of the wildlife sanctuary. Guided tours are only offered seasonally and by appointment only. Minimal walking is required. Participants must be able to board a boat via a short ramp and step on and off a bus. Binoculars and a camera are recommended. Bug spray, long sleeves, long pants are also recommended. Participants may bring a lunch to enjoy on the bus. Please allow two hours and fifteen minutes driving time to the Center. NOTE: your fee is a donation to the Yawkey Wildlife Center.				
Min: 10		Max: 14	\$14.00	

S2610	Barbados & Charleston, The Ties That Connect	Sat, Mar 21	10:00am-Noon	Leader: John H
The influences of Barbados are still felt on the streets of Charleston today. Much of our history is attached to this vibrant island, including our parishes, our homes, our government, our settlers. Come discover the Bajan influence on Charleston and learn why Carolina was called the "Colony of the Colony". This is a 2 hour moderate walking tour in downtown Charleston.				
Min: 10		Max: 20	\$43.00	

S2611	Hopsewee Plantation	Tues, Mar 24	11:00am-3:00pm	Leader: Pat
Hopsewee Plantation is one of the oldest historic preservation sites open to the public in the United States. The original house is a classic 18th century Colonial plantation house with its porches overlooking the North Santee River and the rice fields beyond. There are also 2 original slave cabins on the grounds. Archeological discoveries at Hopsewee have allowed us to expand the narrative for the lives of the Hopsewee enslaved people. We will have a 45 minute House Tour with a guide and then a 45 minute Museum Tour with a guide. We will then have a Southern Tea served in 3 courses. The River Oak Tearoom is one of eight recommended dining experiences from Wilmington to Charleston. Please allow an hour and a half driving time to the Plantation.				
Min: 10		Max: 50	\$83.00	

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S2612	The Citadel and Parade	Fri, Mar 27	Tour 2:00pm-2:45pm; Parade 3:45pm-4:30pm	Leader: Mary
The Citadel, a Senior Military College, located downtown in Charleston, South Carolina is noted for its educational reputation and rich history. This trip will include a Citadel Cadet guided tour of the campus followed by a parade. These parades, steeped in history and pageantry, showcase the precision and discipline of the South Carolina Corps of Cadets and the Regimental Band's stirring performances, elevating these events to new heights.				
Min: 10		Max: 15	\$25.00	

S2613	Chessie Creek Kayak Trip	Tues, Mar 31	10:00am-12:30pm	Leader: Richard
Join us as we paddle into Chessie Creek (Walterboro, SC), a kayaking destination in the ACE basin that SINHG hasn't been to in a number of years. Chessie Creek is a little off the beaten path, and is a tributary of the Ashepoo River (the "A" in ACE basin). An area reclaimed by the wilderness after the collapse of the rice industry in SC, the tour will explore abandoned rice irrigation canals and fields, and we should see a great deal of wildlife as Spring brings the lowcountry wild areas to life. An outfitter provides the kayaks, lifejackets, and paddles, so all you have to do is show up. Experience one of the truly scenic areas of the SC lowcountry, at a time of year most friendly to human visitors.				
Min: 8		Max: 16	\$79.00	

S2614	Middleton Place Tour & Picnic Lunch	Tues, April 7	11:00am-2:30pm	Leader: Charlie
You will visit the Oldest Landscape Gardens in America. It is a National Historic Landmark. You will have two guided tours. One Tour will visit the beautiful gardens, and the second tour will focus on the Enslaved Africans and the African Americans who lived and worked on the plantation. We will then have a beautiful picnic lunch prepared by the Restaurant at Middleton Place. After lunch you are free to explore other beautiful areas of Middleton Place. History once lost is found and brought to life in a relevant way that connects us as Americans.				
Min: 10		Max: 20	\$78.00	

S2615	Craft & Canvas - Sip & Wine	Tues, April 7	11:00am-1:00pm	Leader: Jane
Each participant has a choice of 2 projects, either a ceramic planter they can paint which will be glazed prior to leaving or paint a 16 x 20 canvas. Both projects will be ready to take home at conclusion. Choice of planter or painting must be made prior to April 5.				
Min: 8		Max: 12	\$46.00	

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S2616	Mepkin Abbey	Tues, April 7	11:30am-1:30pm	Leader: Vivien
Mepkin Abbey is a community of Roman Catholic monks established in 1949 on the site of the historic and privately owned Mepkin Plantation located on the Cooper River, north of Charleston. The Trappist monks of Mepkin Abbey devote their lives to prayer, spiritual study, work and hospitality. Our visit includes a guided tour of the Mepkin Abbey Church. We are then free to walk the Nancy Bryan Luce Gardens and visit the Reception Center Gift shop which features mushrooms and garden compost from the Abbey's farm, and candies, preserves and creamed honey from other Trappist Abbeys. Please allow one hour and forty five minutes driving time to Abbey.				
Min: 10		Max: 20	\$14.00	

S2617	Charleston's Alleys and Hidden Passages	Wed, April 8	10:00am-12:15pm	Leader: John S
Come explore the alleys and hidden passages in downtown Charleston's historic area. Distinguished by their beauty, Charleston's alleys occupy spaces that blur the line between public and private areas and offer remarkable insight into the history of the Holy City. Some of these quaint passageways are inaccessible by automobiles and are often overlooked. Walking along these picturesque cobblestone, brick, and stone pathways offers an opportunity to step back in time and appreciate more fully Charleston's charms on an intimate and inviting scale. Please note this is a walking tour covering approximately 1.5-2 miles.				
Min: 12		Max: 20	\$39.00	

S2618	Custom Candle-making Workshop	Thur, April 9	10:30am-Noon	Leader: Nancy
Do you love candles? Have you ever thought about making your own custom candles? If so, then this is the workshop for you. Join your fellow Seabrookers for a 90-minute, private candle-making workshop at Candlefish in downtown Charleston. This is a hands-on experience where you can either blend your own custom fragrance or choose from their signature 100-fragrance library to craft two 9-oz soy wax candles. Candlefish's expert chandlers (a person who makes or sells candles and sometimes other items of tallow or wax) will guide participants through the techniques of fragrance blending, where you will have the opportunity to explore their exclusive range of top, mid, and dry fragrance accords to build your own perfect blend. In addition to making two, 9-oz soy wax candles during the workshop, each participant will be allowed a 15% off discount of the whole store on the day of the workshop. As an added bonus, your trip leader will pick up the candles when they are ready (usually the next day) and deliver them right to your door (or other agreed upon location). Reserve your spot for a unique and memorable experience in candle-making.				
Min: 15		Max: 15	\$74.00	

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S2619	USS Yorktown - Behind the Scenes	Fri, April 10	9:00am-11:00am	Leader: Richard
This early access, behind the scenes tour gives you a rare and highly personal tour experience into one of America's most storied warships. From the grim battles of World War II to recovering the spacecraft of the Apollo missions, USS Yorktown was at the center of our history for over 40 years. This tour delves into spaces not open to the public, such as the Captain's Cabin, the Flag Bridge, and the Pri-Fly aircraft control spaces, and a number of engineering spaces. The tour is immersive and chronicles the daily life of sailors onboard a fighting ship. All participants should be in good physical condition since the tour goes up and down over 15 steep stairways that were part and parcel to a sailor's life. At the conclusion of the tour, the participants still have access to the Patriot's Point exhibits, such as USS Laffey and The Vietnam experience. Travel to Patriot's Point will be by personal vehicle or carpool.				
Min: 8		Max: 16	\$116.46	

S2620	Basic, Beginner Kayak Tour	Sat, April 11	10:00am-Noon	Leader: Richard
Join us for a more local kayak trip down Bohicket Creek adjacent to Seabrook Island. The tour will depart from St John's Boating and Kayaks, just north of the Kiawah-Seabrook roundabout, and will explore the creek and several of its inlets looking for wildlife, which should be very active and visible at the low tide. All necessary gear (kayaks, paddles, lifejackets) are provided by St Johns and there will be an experienced guide leading the group. There will be a kayaking instructional course prior to the departure for those who are doing this for the first time. Starting at 10:00, the trip will depart at the low tide to ensure that the paddling is easy, and explore various nearby creeks and inlets brimming with wildlife as the low country spring kicks into gear.				
Min: 8		Max: 12	\$94.00	

S2621	Charleston RiverDogs Baseball Game	Tues, Apr 14	7:00pm-9:30pm	Leader: John S
Come watch the Charleston RiverDogs battle the Columbia Fireflies in a Carolina League baseball game. The RiverDogs are a Single-A minor league affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays, and play their games in the Joe Riley Park. Come enjoy a weeknight at the ballpark and cheer on your hometown team!				
Min: 10		Max: 30	\$25.00	

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S2622	Boone Hall	Tues, April 14	10:30am-3:30pm	Leader: Mary
Private House Tour The group tour of the mansion that exists on Boone Hall Plantation today was built as part of the Second Wave of Reconstruction. Guided tours of the first floor allow guests to see how this Georgian-designed home blends recovered materials and antique furnishings to recreate an atmosphere that would have surrounded a Coastal Carolina planter's family and their guests. This 30-minute tour begins on the front porch and is presented by a well-informed guide in historical dress. The tour will also introduce you to the history of Boone Hall Plantation, and its evolution through several owners since 1681. Self Guided Tours Boone Hall Plantation is the only plantation in the South Carolina Lowcountry to present a live presentation of this unique culture adapted by African slaves. These take place in the Gullah Theater, which is located at the last slave cabin. This show takes place two or three times a day according to season. Please be advised that the general public is also present during this presentation and seating is first come, first serve. Black History in America Exhibit (self-guided tour) what really makes this critically acclaimed exhibit unique is that this story is told using eight of the original slave quarters located on Boone Hall Plantation. These cabins were built between 1790 and 1810. Each of these buildings present different themes in telling the black history story. Visitors can see the different aspects of daily life, how they worked and lived, struggles that were faced, as well as follow different periods of historical progression from the beginning all the way up to present day. Garden Tour allows you to see the many various plants, flowers, and trees that are currently growing in the beautiful gardens on the front lawn. One of the main features of our garden is our antique roses that are over 100 years old. This tour is self-guided and is subject to the changing seasons.				
Min: 14		Max: 15	\$38.00	

S2623	Echaw Creek Kayak Trip	Wed, April 15	11:00am-1:00pm	Leader: Jim
Echaw Creek is a blackwater tributary off the South Santee River. This is a great example of mature oak-hickory forest and cypress-gum swamp ecosystems with some of the <u>oldest cypress trees</u> in the SC Lowcountry. This paddle displays iconic "walking trees" that are always interesting to see. Common wildlife sightings are a variety of songbirds, turkey, deer, otter, and the occasional bobcat. There is also evidence of the old rice culture that was once dominant in the Lowcountry of South Carolina. We will paddle out to the mighty Santee River and peek at it before returning. Please plan your travel time to arrive at the landing 30 minutes before the tour starts at 11:00 am. Driving time from Seabrook Island is approximately 1 hour, 45 minutes. Plan to meet North off Savannah Highway near McClellanville. Our leader Jim, will provide detailed location instructions to the kayakers closer to trip date. There is a restroom at the McClellanville Circle K gas station. Kayaks, paddles and life jackets are provided.				
Min: 12		Max: 18	\$66.00	

S2624	Behind the Scenes at the Dock Theater	Thur, April 16	3:00pm-4:30pm	Leader: Jane
Exciting "Behind the Scenes" tour of the Historic Dock Street Theater in downtown Charleston. We meet at 3pm at Dock Theater and see the sets, props, costumes for the current show "Come From Away". Buy tickets on your own ahead of time if you want to attend the 7:30 pm show.				
Min: 10		Max: 12	\$12.00	

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S2625	Marie Arnaud French Cooking Class	Tues, April 21	11:30am-2:30pm	Leader: Vivien
Maria moved to Charleston from Lyon, France in 1977. She worked in marketing and fashion for 30 years during which time she helped to restart the Alliance Francais in Charleston. Working with local chefs, Marie became interested in cooking and began giving cooking lessons. She conducts monthly cooking classes for the Alliance where she enjoys sharing her passion for food and cooking in an informal class atmosphere. We will gather in Marie's kitchen at her home in Mt. Pleasant. There she will teach us how to make the three course French dinner and send us home with the recipes. We will meet in Mt. Pleasant at 11:30 at 1990 Belair Court.				
Min: 7		Max: 10	\$81.00	

S2626	Eco Cruise from Folly to Morris Island	Tues, April 28	11:30am-2:00pm	Leader: Vivien
Discover the allure of the iconic Morris Island Lighthouse, nestled on a secluded barrier island off Charleston's coast. Accessible solely by boat, you'll depart from Bowens Island, adjacent to Folly Beach, and embark on a mesmerizing 1 hour journey through the salt marsh tidal creeks. Your knowledgeable captain will interpret the beauty of our salt marsh ecosystem as you travel through the winding creeks towards Morris Island. Hundreds of dolphins call these creeks home, alongside migratory and local birds and other wildlife. Upon arrival to Morris Island, you'll have an hour to explore the beach, find shells and enjoy the beauty of the barrier island. When you get back on the boat, you will have about a 30 minute ride back to our launch point. The tour is 2.5 hours in total.				
Min: 16		Max: 18	\$69.00	

S2627	2026 Charleston Airshow Early Access	Fri, May 1	9:30am-11:30am	Leader: Richard
This trip gives the participants the opportunity to experience the Joint Base Charleston Airshow before it is open to the general public. The Friday before the airshow weekend is reserved for setting up exhibits, positioning aircraft and displays, and airshow performers, such as the Thunderbirds, practicing throughout the day. This highly dynamic tour will allow the participants to see a wide range of historic and modern aircraft, from lightweight general aviation aircraft to the massive C-17 airlifter, of which over 25 are based in Charleston SC. They are typically over 40 significant aircraft at the show to visit and view, ranging from historical warbirds, modern Navy and Air Force aircraft, and commercial aircraft. A volunteer docent will lead the tour to the different aircraft and discuss their history, roles and other fun facts. The list of aircraft and base access instructions will be dynamic and will change up to the day of opening, so travel flexibility is required. The current plan is to have individuals drive onto the base and park, meet the tour guide, and then tour the associated aircraft. This could potentially change to meeting in North Charleston and boarding a bus to get on base, which is not currently planned or priced into the offering. At the end of the 2 hour tour, participants will be free to continue on their own up until 4:00 PM when the airshow grounds close. Food & drink vendors are typically available. Please allow an hour driving time to the Joint Base from Seabrook Island.				
Min: 4		Max: 12	\$23.00	

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S2628	Boat Tour of Charleston Harbor & Intracoastal Waterway	Tues, May 5	10:00am-Noon	Leader: Charlie
Have you already toured Charleston Harbor on the 80-foot sightseeing boats? Want to explore the harbor and the Intercoastal waterway in a smaller vessel? This trip is a 2-hour excursion in the SS Charleston, a 2022 Robalo 242 Explorer (24 feet long). Captain Ashley, a Charleston native, of SoulShine Charters is our guide. The boat is equipped with a cooler, ice, and water. Feel free to bring snacks and drink of your own choosing. However, no red wine. Come dressed in layers. Don't forget the lotion sunscreen (no spray) and camera/binoculars. Boat-friendly sole shoes are required (no heels, no marking soles).				
Min: 6		Max: 6	\$146.00	

S2629	Myths and Monsters: Paranormal History Tour (Charleston Legends, Boo Hags, Mermaids, Plateyes & more!)	Fri, May 15	4:30pm-5:30pm	Leader: Pam
There are some legends in Charleston so old, they predate the city itself. Here there are creatures that are the things of nightmares, myths come to life, and horrors that still lurk in the shadows. Walk with us down ancient alleys and hear tales of Boo Hags, Plateyes, Mermaids, and things better left unspoken. This 60 minute walking history tour begins at the corner of Cumberland St. and Church St., next to the Cumberland St. Garage. Keep in mind this is a walking tour over an extended period of time and over uneven surfaces.				
Min: 8		Max: 12	\$54.00	