

## History Trip Charleston 2020

We are preparing to embark on an exciting and educational trip to one of the most historic cities in the South, where pivotal events shaped American history beginning in the late 1600s. The following itinerary reviews our daily events as well as a recommended packing list. There is so much to see in Charleston, it's hard to fit it all into a single weekend, so be prepared for long days but a rewarding and fun time!

### Planned Schedule

#### Friday February 14<sup>th</sup>

5:00 A.M.                      ***Meet at NWSA High School***                      *[1415 Beatties Ford Rd. Charlotte]*

There will be parent drivers/chaperones for the students, no students will be allowed to drive. Car assignment will be determined prior to leaving. Breakfast will be provided on the way.

9:30– 10:15 A.M.                      ***Magnolia Place Plantation Tour [3550 Ashley River Road, Charleston] (843) 571–1266***

Built in circa 1738, one of the oldest American Plantations still open to the public. We will begin with a 60 minute tour of the house, including highlights about the Revolutionary War and the Antebellum Era. There will be a few minutes to explore after the tour but you must be ready to go by 11:00 am.

10:15–10:30 A.M.                      ***Travel to Liberty Square for Fort Sumter (have to be at site by 10:30)***  
***[340 Concord ST, Charleston] (843) 883–3123***

We travel to the site where we will share a picnic style early lunch. The lunch will be preordered from a menu provided to students beforehand and students will have 30 minutes to eat before boarding. Be warned that bathrooms at Ft. Sumter may not be open yet.

11:00–1:15 P.M.                      ***Liberty Square → Fort Sumter [340 Concord ST, Charleston] (843) 883–3123***

We travel to the Liberty Square for our voyage to Fort Sumter. The first shots of the Civil War were fired at Ft. Sumter and our guided tour will provide a historical overview of the bloodiest War in American History. Students will compete in a scavenger hunt.

2:00 to 3:00 P.M.                      ***Travel to Horse Drawn Carriage Tour [8 Guignard Street, Charleston] (843) 853–6125***

60 Minute carriage tour of historic downtown Charleston by “The Palmetto Carriage Works” Students will travel in 16 passenger carts to learn the history of Charleston at the street level.

3:00 to 5:00 P.M.                      ***Shopping Time in Downtown Shops and Markets***

Built in 1841, the Slave Market Area features small shops, restaurants and an open market. Gullah craft ladies weave sweet grass baskets and dozens of booths sell souvenirs. Students can explore the market in small groups with phone picture check ins each hour on the hour.

5:00– 7:00 PM                      ***Dinner @ Downtown Restaurant***

Students will enjoy a dinner in the historic area of the downtown at a restaurant known for delicious food and a fun atmosphere. Dinner will finish by 7:00 in time for the Ghost tour.

7:30 – 8:30PM

***Ghosts of Charleston Tour—Tour Charleston [2A Cumberland St.,] 843-723-1670***

60 Minute walking tour of historic downtown Charleston by Tour Charleston or Bulldog Tours. You will hear about Charleston's spirits and gruesome tales such as the ghost of Sue Howard, a grieving mother, John C. Calhoun, a famous southern politician and a horrible tale of being buried alive. Learn why the terms saved by the bell and graveyard shift were coined. While other walking tours are looking in through the iron fence to the graveyard, you'll be on the inside. Don't forget your flash cameras. You never know what phantom images you can capture....

9:00 –10:00PM

***Check-in at the Wild Dunes [4601 Palm Blvd, Isle of Palms,] 866-359-5593***

We will stay at the Wild Dunes Resort in seaside Isle of Palms. After a 20-30 minute drive over the famous Ravenel Bridge, students will stay in beautiful accommodations in predetermined room assignments. The Student Honor code is in place and all students are expected to conduct themselves as adults. No student may change their room assignment without formal approval. Accommodations will be divided between 5 rooms at the Dunes and a reserved home.

**Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 –10:30 A.M.

***Breakfast in the Chaperone House – Wild Dunes***

Breakfast of bacon, pancakes, eggs, cereal, fruit, etc. will be served in the Chaperone Home.

10:00 –12:00 P.M.

***Free Time to Relax or Explore – Wild Dunes***

Enjoy the walking trails, beachfront and scenery at Wild Dunes. All students must travel in groups of two or more and check in with an adult before leaving their room area. Students will have the option of leaving at 10:00am to visit Patriot Point military park and downtown Charleston, returning by 12:00 pm

12:00 –12:30 P.M.

***Lunch at Wild Dunes***

Pizza lunch will be served. A variety of toppings including Vegetarian will be included. Lunch will finish by 12:30 pm to allow for a drive to nearby Ft. Moultrie.

1:00– 2:00 P.M.

***Ft. Moultrie [1214 Middle St, Sullivan's Island] (843) 883-3123***

Students will explore the first fort on Sullivan's Island to defend the young city of Charleston against the British fleet of Commodore Sir Peter Parker with nine warships. On June 28, 1776, after a nine-hour battle, the British ships were forced to retire. Charleston was saved from British occupation, and the fort was named in honor of its commander, Colonel. William Moultrie. This tour will be about 60 minutes. Students will be ready to leave by 2:00 PM to get to nearby Barrier Island Eco-Tours.

2:00–6:00 P.M.

***Barrier Islands Eco Tour [50 41st Ave, Isle of Palms] (843) 886-5000***

We will take a guided tour to Capers Island for an ecological tour including beach bonfire and cook out. The cook out will consist of hot dogs/hamburgers and other entrees to accommodate vegetarians. 3 -4 hour tour

7:00 P.M.

***Return to hotel/house***

*Wild Dunes – Palm Isle*

8:30 P.M.

***Optional trip to Regal Palmetto Grande Stadium 16 Theater***

*To see Movie at 9:00 (ish) (This event may be at an additional cost to students)*

12:00 A.M. *Optional late night diner at local IHOP or Waffle House*

Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup>

8:00–9:00 A.M. *Breakfast in the Chaperone Home – Wild Dunes Resort*

Breakfast of bacon, pancakes, eggs, cereal, fruit, etc. will be served in the Chaperone suite. Students must be packed and ready to go by 10:00 am for the drive to the Provost Exchange

9:00–9:45 A.M. *Check-out – Wild Dunes Resort*

Students finish packing and come downstairs by 9:45 am for the drive to the Provost Exchange Tour and downtown shopping

10:30– 11:30 A.M. *Charleston Provost Exchange and Dungeon Tour [122 E Bay St, Charleston]*

The Old Exchange highlights the city's 17th and 18th century Colonial history, Revolutionary War history, the history of the United States Constitution, and for fun, a bit of Charles Town pirate history.

11:30–12:30 PM *Shopping in Downtown Charleston Markets*

The party will split into 2 groups to allow for a smaller more personalized experience with each group led by a chaperone and alternating between shopping and the Provost tour.

1:00 PM *Leave for Charlotte [NWSA – 1415 Beatties Ford Rd. Charlotte, NC]*

Students will be allowed to eat on the way home by stopping at a drive through restaurant selected by the parent chaperone.

5:00–5:30 P.M. *Arrive at NWSA*

Students will call 90–120 minutes in advance to allow for transportation and pick-up

#### Items to Bring:

- We will have coolers for snacks on the trip. They are meant for snacking, not meals.
- Bring comfortable shoes, as you will be on your feet all day, walking 2–5 hours. Also consider daytime weather will likely be cool, ranging between 40–60 degrees F. Please bring a WARM jacket and shoes that will keep your feet warm. This is especially important for the Eco-tour.
- Bring casual clothing as there are no formal events. There will be a trendy dinner on Fri. Evening so have something presentable. Make sure your clothing is not offensive as you represent your group. If you have to ask if your t-shirt slogan is ok, its probably not a good sign. We are not going anywhere that requires clothing other than jeans, shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, except for Friday evening but dress neatly... its good practice for real life.
- Outerwear– we will be outdoors and I would be prepared with jacket just in case The weather could range from 40 –65 degrees so be prepared for anything:
  - Rain coat
  - Warmer coat
  - Layered clothing

- Overnight accessories/clothing– you will be sharing a hotel room with other students and chaperones. Please remember there are only 2 nights and three days so a large suitcase full of clothing is NOT needed and will take up valuable space.
- \$\$ Extra spending cash for the markets, souvenir shops, snacks outside of the planned times
- Cameras, iPods, phones etc are allowed but each student is responsible for their property
- **Medications– please let your chaperones or teachers know if there is any medication / allergies that require additional focus or knowledge**

Remember, try to pack light. We have limited space in our cars for the trip so please remember to pack in a small suitcase/travel bag for just one per person, two days.

All Students are bound by NWSA rules of behavior and the code of conduct. Acceptance of the trip permission form indicates 100% agreement with the above requirements!

Trip Cost – \$450

The schedule for deposits follows below. Please remember all deposits are NON-REFUNDABLE. This means the group is booking hotels rooms and buying tickets with the expectation your student is attending. These tickets and hotel rooms are not refundable because a student has changed their mind about attending. Hence, please carefully consider whether or not you wish to join the trip BEFORE committing to it.

Deposits are due: \$250	Friday, December 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
\$200	Wednesday, January 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2020