

History Trip Charleston

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 America's future beginning in the late 1700s. The following itinerary reviews the daily events as well as a recommended packing list. There is so much to see in Charleston, it's hard to fit even half of it in a weekend, so be prepared for long days but a rewarding and fun time!

Planned Schedule

Friday February 16th

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

9:30– 11:00 A.M. ***Middleton Plantation Tour*** *[4300 Ashley River Road, Charleston] (843) 556-6020*
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.

11:30–12:30 P.M. ***Lunch @ 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 will eat lunch in small groups at a restaurant of their choice but must finish by 12:30 PM for the Horse Tour.

12:45– 1:45 PM ***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 two 16 passenger carts to learn the history of Charleston at the street level. The trip will wrap up by 1:45 to enable students to travel to Liberty Square for the trip to Ft. Sumter.

2:30– 4:45 PM ***Liberty Square → Fort Sumter (have to be at dock by 2:15)***
[340 Concord ST, Charleston] (843) 883-3123
We travel a short distance to the Liberty Square Docks 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.

5:00– 6:00 P.M. ***Exploration @ Downtown Shops and Markets***
Returning to the central market area, students will have an hour to explore the numerous shops, cafes and history of the downtown before dinner at 6:00 pm at the Poe Tavern.

6:00– 7:00 P.M. ***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 – 9:00PM

Ghosts of Charleston Tour–Tour Charleston [2A Cumberland St.] 843–723–1670

90 Minute walking tour of historic downtown Charleston by Tour Charleston. 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....

9:30 –10:00PM

Check-in at the Wild Dunes Resort [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 pairings. 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. A midnight curfew will be enforced after a short trip to an eatery.

Saturday February 17th

9:30 –10:30 A.M.

Breakfast in the Chaperone Suite – Wild Dunes Resort

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

10:30 –12:30 P.M.

Free Time to Relax or Explore – Wild Dunes Resort

Enjoy the walking trails, beachfront and scenery at Wild Dunes. All students must travel in groups of two and check in with an adult before leaving their room area. All students must return by

12:30 –1:00 P.M.

Lunch at the Chaperone Suite – Wild Dunes Resort

Pizza lunch will be served in the Chaperone suite. A variety of toppings including Vegetarian and other options will be included. Lunch will finish by 1:00 pm to allow for a drive to nearby Ft. Moultrie.

1:00– 2:30 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 and nine warships attacked. They it 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 75 minutes. Students will be ready to leave by 2:30 PM to get to nearby Barrier Island Eco-Tours.

3:00–7:00 P.M.

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

We will be taking a guided tour to Capers Island for a beach bonfire and a cook out. The cook out will consist of hot dogs/hamburgers and other entrees to accommodate vegetarians. 3 –4 hour tour

8:00 P.M.

Return to hotel

Wild Dunes – Palm Isle

10:00 P.M.

Optional trip to Regal Palmetto Grande Stadium 16 Theater

To see The Black Panther at 10:00

Sunday February 18th

- 8:00–9:00 A.M. ***Breakfast in the Chaperone Suite – 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
- 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. Students will leave at 11:30 to depart for the C.S.S Hunley Tour by 12:00 pm
- 12:00–1:00 PM ***CSS Hunley Submarine (leave by 11:30) [1250 Supply St, North Charleston]***
The H.L. Hunley– deemed to be the first successful submarine, launched in 1864 in Charleston, SC. This vessel was the first submarine to sink an enemy warship. Shortly after the crew and ship vanished for over a century until recently found at the bottom of the inlet. 45–60 minute 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 selected by the parent chaperone.
- 5:00–5:30 P.M ***Arrive at NWSA***
Students will call with 90 minutes to go 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 the weather will likely be cool, ranging between 40–65 degrees F. Please bring a WARM jacket and shoes that will keep your feet warm.
- Bring casual clothing as there are no formal events. Still, make sure you wear clothing that 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, etc but dress neatly
- Outerwear– we will be outdoors and I would be prepared with jacket just in case The weather could range from 40 –70 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.
- \$\$ 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 – \$350

Deposit Timing:– \$150 by January 19

Total by February 9th