

Surrounding Attractions

Aquarium Wharf

Make it a day at the Aquarium Wharf! Visit the Aquarium, tour Fort Sumter, dine at the Sea Turtle Café and catch a first-run blockbuster release at the Hippodrome movie theater. Fountain Walk is located adjacent to the South Carolina Aquarium building, which houses office space as well as retail space. Fountain Walk includes specialty shops, a restaurant, salon, and fitness studio.

Fort Sumter and Spirit Line Cruise

- Enjoy a historic tour of Fort Sumter seeing where the Civil War began, or discover the best of Charleston Harbor with a boat tour on a Spirit Line yacht. Experience the sea air and extraordinary views while you cruise one of America's most historic harbors. The National Park Service Fort Sumter Tour Boat Facility is conveniently located next door in Liberty Square.
- The Fort Sumter Visitor Education Center in Liberty Square is open from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily except Christmas and New Year's Day. The Visitor Education Center offers interpretive exhibits that highlight both National and South Carolina events leading to the Civil War. There is no admission charge to the Visitor Education Center.
- For more information, call 1-(800) 789-3678 or visit www.spiritlinecruises.com

American Military Museum

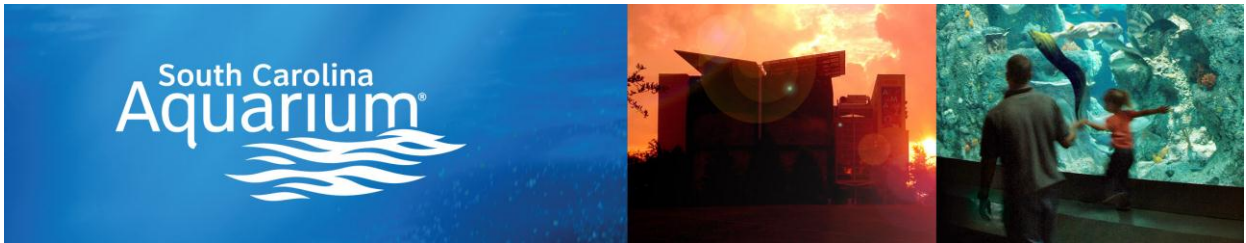
- The museum offers a one-of-a-kind experience in military history for travelers and residents. Located in the Aquarium Wharf adjacent to the debarkation point for tours to historic Fort Sumter, the Museum is filled with authentic artifacts from 14 American conflicts from the Revolutionary War through the recent war in Iraq.
- Visitors marvel at 70 display cases filled with 260 uniforms, 33 flags, medals and hundreds of military artifacts from the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.
- For more information, call (843) 577-7000 or visit www.americanmilitarymuseum.org

Charleston Maritime Center

- Located just feet from the Aquarium Wharf, the Charleston Maritime Center is a full service, deep-water marina and two-story function hall used for meetings and events. A one-acre park adjacent to the Center overlooks the harbor and is a favorite site for maritime related festivals throughout the year. Fishing charters and eco-tour companies such as Sea Dawg Charters, Inc. and Explorer Cruises also offer daily cruises and charters.
- For more information, (843) 853-3625 or visit www.cmcevents.com

The Terrace Hippodrome Widescreen

- The Terrace Hippodrome Widescreen is focused on first-run blockbuster pictures. This state-of-the-art facility boasts Charleston's largest movie screen, state-of-the-art digital sound and leather BMW seats.
- For show times, call the box office at (843) 724-9132 or visit www.terracetheater.com



Food Services

- Inside the Aquarium, the Sea Turtle Café is now open and visitors can enjoy sandwiches and snacks, as well as hot and cold beverages. Aquarium members can take advantage of a 10% discount.

South Carolina Maritime Heritage Foundation

- The beautiful sight of a classic wooden sailing ship, the *Spirit of South Carolina*, is located on Charleston's waterfront right down the street from the South Carolina Aquarium. The *Spirit of South Carolina* is a historic and educational attraction for South Carolina residents, visitors, and students. The ship provides an enormous community resource to children and families of the Palmetto state.
- For more information call (843) 722-1030

Charleston Water Taxi

- Whether you are in need of transportation or just wanting to do some sightseeing, Charleston Water Taxi is located conveniently close the South Carolina Aquarium. The water taxi runs on a continuous loop around Charleston Harbor between Patriots Point and historic downtown Charleston so that passengers may enjoy the beautiful view of the Ravenel Bridge. Dolphins and pelicans are frequently seen swimming and swooping alongside the boat. The taxi service is also available for private charters.
- For more information about schedules and fares, call (843) 330-CWTX (2989)

Patriots Point

Just across the Cooper River from the Aquarium, Patriots Point gives visitors a chance to see a small part of what life on a military vessel was like thirty to sixty years ago.

Naval and Maritime Museum

- The museum centerpiece is the massive aircraft carrier *Yorktown*, one of the most decorated and famous warships from World War II. *Yorktown's* battle group includes the destroyer *Laffey*, submarine *Clamagore* and Coast Guard cutter *Ingham*.
- Go deep inside all the vessels to experience what life was like for the sailors who lived, fought and sometimes paid the ultimate price preserving our nation's freedom.
- The museum is open daily, except on Christmas, and tickets are sold 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with the ships closing at 6:30 p.m.
- For more information, call (866) 831-1720 or visit www.patriotspoint.org