



## SAMPLE ITINERARY FOR AQS QUILTWEEK - CHARLESTON, SC

### Day 1



#### Charleston City Market

188 Meeting Street • (P) 843-937-0920

Open Monday through Sunday. Built in 1841 to sell produce and meats, the market features nearly 300 small shops, restaurants, and a flea market with everything from produce to antiques. Watch the craftsmanship and artistry as the ladies weave and sell handmade sweetgrass baskets. The City Market is the #1 most-visited attraction in all of Charleston, so you won't want to miss it!

#### The Battery & White Point Gardens

East Battery & Murray Blvd. • (P) 843-724-7327

Located at the heart of Charleston's historic district is the landmark known as the Battery and White Point Gardens. This beautiful site provides amazing views of Fort Sumter and Charleston Harbor, where the Ashley and Cooper rivers converge into the Atlantic Ocean. Surrounding the water and park are beautiful historic homes. There are many walking tours available, and you will be able to get up close and personal with some of our nation's history.



#### Carriage Tours through Historic District

Downtown Charleston has so much charm that you won't want to miss it, and what better way to experience it than the colonial way, in a horse-drawn carriage! Carriage tours are one hour and seat 16 people per carriage. They depart from the Market area.



## Day 2 - 3

### AQS QuiltWeek at Charleston Area Convention Center

**Wednesday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**5000 Coliseum Dr. North Charleston, SC 29418**

Come see the best of the best in the quilting world, with over 450 quilts on display. Shop in the vendor Merchant Mall for the newest in quilting products. Attendees will have the opportunity to register for classes, lectures, and special events held with professional quilting instructors (registration available online, and attendees may register individually). For special group admission rates and AQS QuiltWeek special event rates, please contact Michelle Thompson, AQS Registration Coordinator, at [michelle.thompson@americanquilter.com](mailto:michelle.thompson@americanquilter.com).



### Special Events available during AQS QuiltWeek Charleston

#### **All-Star Review**

**Wednesday, 5 - 7 p.m.**

Join us for our ever-popular All-Star Review and learn techniques from many of this year's instructors. Each instructor will give a 10-minute demonstration to all participants from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. After 6:30 p.m., meet the instructors and purchase their books, patterns, and tools. You can even get an autograph or two. A booklet with printed handouts is provided to each participant.

#### **An Evening with AQS Instructor**

**Thursday, 5 - 6:30 p.m.**

Join AQS and our featured instructor as they talk about their journey through quilting. Enjoy the evening with your quilting friends as you learn new tricks of the trade and a little history from some of the best in the business. These are fun and inspiring events you don't want to miss.

#### **AQS Pop-Up Quilt Party**

**Friday at Noon**

Join Show Director Bonnie Browning and Director of Education Liz Hammonds for the AQS QuiltWeek Pop-Up Quilt Party. Bring one of your favorite wallhangings to share (small enough to carry). Also, be sure to bring a notecard with your name, city, state, and quilt title and the technique you used on the card. Come have some fun with us and show off one of your quilts!

**For Group ticket rates and special offers, contact the AQS Show Department at 270-898-7903.**



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## Day 4



### Magnolia Plantation

3550 Ashley River Rd. • (P) 843-571-1266

Contact: Sarah Dodson, [tours@magnoliaplantation.com](mailto:tours@magnoliaplantation.com)

Come and see why Magnolia is South Carolina's "Most-Visited Plantation" and why Magnolia is the only garden in South Carolina selected as one of "America's Most Beautiful Gardens" by *Travel & Leisure*. Enjoy a 30-minute house tour where you will see historic quilts on beds, followed by a 45-minute tram ride around the property.

Note: There are some stairs to get to the house.

### The Charleston Museum

360 Meeting St. • (P) 843-722-2996

Contact: Stephanie Thomas, [stthomas@charlestonmuseum.org](mailto:stthomas@charlestonmuseum.org)

"America's First Museum," founded in 1773, showcases an outstanding collection that tells the story of Charleston and the Lowcountry. The Museum, after some downtime during the Civil War, now represents the most comprehensive assemblage of South Carolina materials in the nation. Inquire about a behind-the-scenes tour as well as textile exhibits.



### Charleston Beaches

**Folly Beach • Sullivan's Island • Isle of Palms • Kiawah Island**

You won't want to miss catching some rays and getting sand between your toes while in the Holy City. Extend your AQS QuiltWeek stay to enjoy one of the many beaches that Charleston has to offer.

## Alternative Charleston Touring Options:

**For Attractions Near the Convention Center (North Charleston), Click Here**

### Tour the Old Exchange and Provost Dungeon

122 East Bay St.  
 Charleston, SC 29401  
 (843) 727-2165

### Middleton Place Plantation

4300 Ashley River Rd.  
 Charleston, SC 29414  
 (843) 556-6020

### Charleston Tea Plantation

6617 Maybank Highway  
 Wadmalaw Island, SC 29487  
 (843) 559-0383

### Tour the South Carolina Historical Society

100 Meeting St.  
 Charleston, SC 29401  
 (843) 723-3225

### Fort Sumter Tour

(843) 722-2628

### Tanger Outlets

4840 Tanger Outlet Blvd.  
 North Charleston, SC 29418  
 (843) 529-3095