

2017 OFFICIAL VISITORS GUIDE

NORTH CHARLESTON

SOUTH CAROLINA



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WELCOME TO NORTH CHARLESTON

A message from the City of North Charleston Mayor, R. Keith Summey:

North Charleston isn't like any other city.

We're a determined bunch of folks that work hard, make things with our hands, look after our neighbors, and invite everyone to the party. There is no one location, no one demographic that defines North Charleston.

We've got a little bit of everything to offer in our beautiful city. If flashy shows, concerts, and Broadway plays get you going, we have a place for you. If sitting on a park bench next to an abstract sculpture as tugboats go by is more your style, you won't be missing out in North Charleston. If the history bug has bitten you, then our long-time military tradition, our fire truck and apparatus collection, or our plantations and rice fields of the past have a story for you to uncover.

As you explore our city, embrace the unexpected. Go forth and discover some of the best things we have to offer. They've been waiting for you this whole time. Oh, and if someone hands you a beer while you're visiting, make sure it was brewed at one of our local breweries!

Become a part of us. Explore, learn, eat, dance...and have a blast!



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North Charleston is a young city. While officially founded in 1972, our history goes back much further and is steeped in a military tradition that was established in 1901 with the opening of the Charleston Naval Base. The Base closed in 1996, which served as a pivotal point for North Charleston's future. That's when our character began to blossom. Over the next decade our shipbuilders, mechanics, welders, and riggers developed into a community of jet and automobile manufacturers, wind turbine testers, and creators of cutting edge technologies. That isn't to say that we lost our grit. We've managed to become more refined while honoring our industrial past. We know from where we came.

One of our defining features is Park Circle, a large garden community planned in the early 1900s by the North Charleston Lands Corp. and P.J. Berkman's Co. of Augusta, GA, one of the South's first landscape architecture firms. As part of the *City Beautiful* movement, their street grid plan revolves around a central circular park about 300 feet in diameter. When the city of North Charleston incorporated in 1972, its boundaries mostly consisted of the Park Circle area. We have since grown to cover nearly 77 square miles.

Park Circle is a shining example of a walkable community with a unique character that sets it apart.

North Charleston has been the number one retail and shopping destination in South Carolina for over two decades. **We're a shopaholic's paradise** with major retail hubs located throughout the city and small, boutique shops dotting the map. So, if you're one to shop 'til you drop, you've hit the jackpot.

If you're a traveler that experiences a new destination through your stomach, you're in a prime spot. **Farm to table restaurants and craft breweries abound and ethnic food joints are seemingly tucked around every corner; all of which could easily occupy a good portion of your itinerary.**

If you're in North Charleston, you're right in the heart of the Lowcountry. You're a short drive from one of the area's pristine beaches, a quick Uber away from a James Beard award winning restaurant, and a hop, skip, and jump to a historic plantation for that tour you've been thinking about.

WHO WE ARE ● ● ● ● ●

OUR ROOTS RUN DEEP

North Charleston may be a young city, but we have our fair share of noteworthy history for you to explore. Over the past 100 years, the military and industry have played a key role in shaping North Charleston. Looking back even further than that, however, the focus lies in the rich history of rice plantations, botanical gardens, and indigo fields scattered throughout the area.



Andre Michaux (1746-1802), botanist to King Louis XVI of France. In 1786, Michaux established and maintained (for a decade) a Botanical Garden of 111 acres near what is now Aviation Avenue in North Charleston. From his garden, he made many expeditions to various parts of North America. Michaux is credited with introducing the crepe myrtle, tea-olive, and camellia to various parts of the world.

William Moultrie, Jr. (1730-1805), served as a general in the American Revolutionary War and later as the 35th Governor of South Carolina. Moultrie's wife inherited Windsor Hill Plantation, near current day Ashley Phosphate Road. Upon his death, Moultrie was buried at Windsor Hill until his remains were exhumed and relocated to Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island. A Windsor Hill Plantation historical marker is posted along Ashley Phosphate.



Ancient Inland Rice Fields produced large portions of the major agricultural cash crop for the State of South Carolina. Its importance as an exported commodity is denoted in its eventual nickname, Carolina Gold. Inland rice plantations used individualized systems to cultivate rice. Plantations such as Windsor Hill and Woodlands utilized swamp lands and labor to alter the terrain to house man-made irrigation systems. Remnants of these systems can still be seen today, over 300 years later.

Established in 1871, **Liberty Hill** is the oldest surviving neighborhood within North Charleston. Paul and Harriet Trescot sold land to Ishmael Grant, Aaron Middleton, and Plenty & William Lecque to establish a settlement for freedmen. These men donated an acre of the southeast corner for the construction of St. Peter's African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church, the oldest church in the area.



The Charleston Naval Base provided berthing, logistics, training, and repair services to U.S. Navy ships and submarines from its formation in 1901 to its closure in 1996. Originally designated as the Navy Yard, and later as the Naval Base, it covered 1,575 acres on the west bank of the Cooper River six miles north of the point where the Ashley and Cooper Rivers meet to flow into the Atlantic Ocean. The Base had a large impact upon the local community, the tri-county area, and the entire State of South Carolina. Hundreds of thousands of people were employed and two hundred and fifty-six vessels were built, resulting in millions of dollars poured into the area's economy.

Base activity and employment increased during wartime, but fell off during peacetime. Though periodically considered for closure, lobbying efforts by local leaders and state representatives allowed the Charleston Naval Base to remain a highly productive working base until the end of the Cold War. In 1993, with the Cold War over and defense budget cuts looming, the decision to deactivate the Charleston Naval Base was reached. **On April 1, 1996, the Base officially closed.**

The Charleston Air Force Base's beginnings were in civil aviation. The City of Charleston purchased land north of the city for an airport in 1919. Over the next few decades, the airport received federal funding, including a runway extension grant from the Workers Progress Administration during the height of the Great Depression. It wasn't until 1941, four days after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, that the War Department assumed control of the Charleston Municipal Airport. It was renamed the Charleston Army Airfield in 1943.

Along with the Charleston Naval Base, the Airfield supported the World War II war effort. During the war, the Airfield was host to *P-39 Airacobra* fighters, *P-40 Warhawk* fighters, *B-34 Lexington* bombers, and *B-24 Liberator* bombers. During the Cold War, in the 1950's, the newly independent United States Air Force renamed the base the Charleston Air Force Base. The base switched from *C-54s* to the *C-124 Globemaster* in 1958. Through the remainder of the Cold War, the base continued to receive updated Airlift aircraft, including the *C-130 Hercules* and the *C-141 Starlifter*, among others.

Today, the 437th Airlift Wing (active) and the 315th Airlift Wing (reserve) operate the formidable *C-17 Globemaster III*, traversing the globe to support warfighters, render humanitarian aid to other countries, and serve as the workhorse for the United States Air Force.

Spend a day in North Charleston and you're sure to spot several C-17s, with their signature roar, gracing our skies.





MILITARY SALUTE

Our distinct military heritage has given us a deep appreciation for our veterans and active duty personnel. For that, **North Charleston offers a number of amenities and benefits for our service men and women.**

The North Charleston Fire Museum and Educational Center is open to the public year-round and offers active military personnel and their families free admission from Memorial Day to Labor Day. This is made possible through a collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, and the Department of Defense.

Within the gates of the Charleston Air Force Base (AFB) is Wrenwoods, a world-class designed golf course spanning 200 acres. Taking its name from the state bird, as well as the clusters of native southern pines found throughout South Carolina, Wrenwoods supports an abundant wildlife population that provides the perfect backdrop for a serene golf experience. For a less traditional golf experience, the Charleston AFB also offers a disc golf course.

The Greater Charleston Naval Base Memorial was designed with veteran visitors in mind. We aimed to capture the history of the Naval Base through an engaging design of pictorial storyboards and other visual aspects. The memorial is also the only location in the United States displaying both *The Lone Sailor* and *The Homecoming* statues by Stanley Bleifeld.

If you're in town on November 11, we encourage you to join us at Park Circle for our **Veterans Day Tribute**. Year after year the Department of Defense and the Veterans Day National Committee select our event as a Regional Veterans Day site. Apart from a special program featuring a hallmark speaker, each attendee receives a commemorative coin and a meal served by city employees. This is one of the ways we impart our deeply held thanks for our veterans.

RETAIL THERAPY



What is one thing that North Charleston has undeniably? Shopping! **North Charleston is the #1 shopping destination in the State of South Carolina**, and has been for over two decades. We proudly surpass any other city in the state in retail sales by over \$1 billion annually. Be sure to wear some comfortable shoes, because our shopping hubs can be a day-long adventure!

We have major retail destinations like Tanger Outlets at Centre Pointe and the greater Northwoods Mall area, each with hundreds of stores to peruse. Apparel, accessories, jewelry, footwear, housewares, electronics - you name it and you'll find it at Tanger or Northwoods.

Go beyond our retail hubs and find the boutiques and small shops that are paramount to a diverse retail sector, with many selling locally crafted wares.



BE A LOCAL



FF FAMILY FRIENDLY **O** OUTDOOR
AE ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT **S** SPORTS **H** HISTORIC

Boating **O** **FF** {FREE}

For those looking to satisfy their boating urge, look no further than the water access to the Ashley River at the W.O. Thomas Boat Landing near I526. The Ashley River in North Charleston sees no commercial activity and a quick trip north from the W.O. Thomas landing will lead you to the banks of some of the area's most historic plantations. Kayakers and small boats can access the Cooper River from Hendricks Park. ccpr.com

Broadway Series **AE**

Cancel that trip to New York City because the Best of Broadway series features national touring Broadway shows and is presented right here by the North Charleston Performing Arts Center and the Nederlander Producing Company of America. From *Wicked* to *Phantom of the Opera*, the series brings the biggest names in entertainment to the Lowcountry with the hottest shows direct from the Big Apple. northcharlestoncoliseum.com

Carolina Ice Palace **S** **FF**

There's no better place to beat the summer heat than the Carolina Ice Palace. It's the only place in town with year-round ice. As they say, they have "365 Ways to Stay Cool!" Try them out for family night, ladies night, or date night. They have lessons, leagues, clinics, camps, pickup games and parties. Sounds pretty cool, right? carolinaicepalace.com



PROVIDED

Charleston Southern University Sports **S** **FF**

The blood, sweat, and tears of the competition is at its greatest at the collegiate level. True passion cannot be fabricated, especially in the house of the Buccaneers. Charleston Southern University offers a wide range of sport-viewing opportunities. The fan-favorites seem to be football, basketball, baseball, and softball. Don your blue and gold and head out to cheer on the Buccaneers! csuniv.edu



Disc Golf **S** **O** **FF** {FREE}

Bust out your competition disc golf bag or grab a frisbee or two from the garage and hit the 18-hole disc golf course that encircles the Park Circle traffic circle. It's free to play and you'll see all skill levels of disc golfers. Just walk up and send that hyzer-bomb towards the basket. Tuesday night is league night. northcharleston.org

Fire Museum **H** **FF**

The North Charleston Fire Museum and Education Center blends history and hands-on education into one remarkable experience for the entire family, all in one unforgettable destination! As guests enter the massive museum lobby, constructed to resemble a classic fire house, a sense of reverence for tradition, heritage and history abounds. The splendor continues throughout and can be seen in even the smallest detail of each exhibit, from hand laid 24K gold leaf scroll on fire apparatus, to the home fire prevention theater complete with live smoke. The museum's collection of over 20 fully restored fire vehicles and priceless antique firefighting artifacts allow guests the opportunity to learn the importance of fire prevention and safety and witness the advancements in the fire service over centuries. Guests of all ages will love the museum's interactive exhibits, hands-on equipment, play area with functioning fire pole, and the museum's new fully immersive theater experience. northcharlestonfiremuseum.org





Fishing 🌿 FF {FREE}

Sometimes you just need to catch your own dinner. The best fishing locations in North Charleston are off of the piers at Riverfront Park and down at the southern tip of the city at Cooper River Marina. There are no rental or bait shops at either location, so stock up before heading out to wet your hook. northcharleston.org

Frankie's Fun Park S FF

If you're looking for fun, look no further than Frankie's Fun Park on Ashley Phosphate Road. Check out this list: mini golf, batting cages, an arcade, a drop zone, rookie and oval go kart tracks, bumper boats, a golf range, and a rock wall. frankiesfunpark.com

The Golf Club at Wescott Plantation S

This 27-hole golf course was designed by course architect Dr. Michael Hurdzan with his trademark environmental sensitivity. Set among centuries old live oaks and built on one of the Lowcountry's oldest plantations, the design captures the traditional flavor of low flowing earthworks and classic bunkering. Each hole is separated and framed by vegetation and natural wetlands. wescottgolf.com

Hendricks Park 🌿 FF {FREE}

Providing kayakers and small boaters access to the Cooper River, Hendricks Park is nestled along Virginia Avenue under expansive shade trees with picnic areas and a playground for the youngsters. northcharleston.org

H.L. Hunley H FF

On the night of February 17, 1864, the H.L. Hunley and its eight crewmen embarked on a dangerous mission. The experimental vessel was to become the first successful submarine in history, with a mission to sink an enemy ship, the USS Housatonic. That night, the Hunley rammed her spar torpedo into the hull of the Housatonic. But minutes after her historic achievement, the Hunley and all hands onboard vanished into the sea without a trace. The Hunley would remain on the bottom of the ocean floor until August 2000 after many years of search and recovery planning. Guided tours at the Warren Lasch Conservation Laboratory include viewing the Hunley, artifact displays, and interactive exhibits. hunley.org

Live, Local Theatre AE FF

North Charleston is home to two reputable, non-profit theatre companies producing a wide range of shows and offering classes for both children & adults. Midtown Productions has been on the theatre scene in Charleston since 1989, making a name for themselves with their cabaret and dinner theatre performances. The multi-award winning company, founded by Sheri Grace Wenger, is known for its high-caliber works & knack for nurturing new local talent. South of Broadway Theatre Company has produced theatre of the highest professional standards in the Olde Village area of North Charleston for more than 13 years. Under the leadership of founder Mary Gould, the group has achieved a reputation for quality, edgy, and thought-provoking professional theatre. midtownproductions.org, southofbroadway.com

Monkey Joe's S FF

Monkey Joe's near Tanger Outlets is a kid's wonderland. Kids can navigate through the many inflatable bouncy houses and slides or rack up tickets in the arcade. And parents, don't worry about being bored. There are plenty of TVs showing your favorite sporting event, meaning you can take the kids to Monkey Joe's on a Sunday afternoon and never miss the football game. monkeyjoes.com

Movie Theaters AE FF

Catch the matinee showing of the latest blockbuster hit at one of the two major theaters in North Charleston; one off of Mall Drive, the other by Northwoods Mall. regmovies.com, northwoodsstadiumcinemas.com

North Charleston Coliseum

AE FF

For live entertainment, residents and visitors enjoy the biggest events at the 13,000 seat North Charleston Coliseum. This state of the art facility brings the largest and most popular concerts, comedy, family shows, and sporting events to the greater North Charleston area. The Coliseum is home to the South Carolina Stingrays Hockey, defending Kelly Cup Champions. northcharlestoncoliseum.com



North Charleston Performing Arts Center **AE** **FF**

The North Charleston Performing Arts Center is a 2,300 cushioned seat proscenium theater. Since its opening in 1999, the Performing Arts Center has hosted a variety of events, including major concerts, family shows, ballets, symphonies, festivals, and more. The theater is also home to the Lowcountry's only Best of Broadway series, as well as the North Charleston POPS! northcharlestoncoliseum.com

North Charleston Pops! **AE** **FF**

The North Charleston POPS! is a fully professional orchestra that specializes in popular music and artists. Based at the North Charleston Performing Arts Center, the POPS! also works to impact the business and education communities in the Lowcountry and beyond. Each season is programmed with a wide variety of music, from cinema bills, 70's rhythm and blues, and your all-time favorite classic pieces. northcharlestonpops.com

Riverfront Park **G** **FF** **AE** {FREE}

Riverfront Park is open to the public year-round and has become a favorite destination for residents and visitors alike. The park was originally designed in the early 1900s by the Olmstead Brothers. Yeah, those Olmstead Brothers, the designers of Central Park in New York City and the grounds and gardens of the Biltmore House in Asheville. Set on the banks of the beautiful Cooper River, the park is adjacent to the historic homes

once occupied by Naval officers who were stationed on the Charleston Naval Base, surrounded by graceful grand oak trees and peaceful river vistas. Bordered by Noisette Creek, the park boasts a magnificent contemporary Performance Pavilion and meadow. The winding park walkways bend through the park, sending you by the contemporary sculptures featured in the annual *National Outdoor Sculpture Competition and Exhibition*. At the southern end of the park sits the *Greater Charleston Naval Base Memorial*, erected in honor of the countless military personnel and civilians that served the United States and the Greater Charleston region while the Charleston Naval Base was operational. The park also serves as a gathering place for many events throughout the year including the *4th of July Festival* and *Earth Day Festival*. northcharleston.org



SC Stingrays **S** **FF**

Our South Carolina Stingrays have been shredding the ice at the North Charleston Coliseum since 1993, bringing home 3 Kelly Cups over the years. The Stingrays are a professional minor league hockey team in the Eastern Division of the ECHL and affiliated with the Washington Capitals. Playing in the North Charleston Coliseum affords patrons inexpensive tickets for great seating anywhere. stingrayshockey.com

Velocity Air Sports **S** **FF**

Play to the extreme at Velocity Air Sports with their indoor trampoline field, Olympic-sized foam pits, ninja warrior course, and jump castles for the young kids. This is the best place to increase your heart rate with a giant smile on your face. Jump around on one of the largest jumping fields in America; over 12,000 square feet of connected, world-class trampolines in a 40,000 square foot facility. Their trampoline field features over 60 trampolines, including the famous angled wall trampolines, launching decks and a few surprises up in the ceiling to test your vertical. velocityairsports.com

Wannamaker Park **G** **FF**

North Charleston Wannamaker County Park is a nature-oriented park designed for family and group use. It offers over 1,015 acres of beautiful woodlands and wetlands, and provides guests with a variety of activities. Miles of paved trails allow for exploration of the area's beautiful natural resources. ccpr.com

Wescott Park **S** **G** **FF**

Wescott Park is the Lowcountry's premier baseball and softball facility, meticulously designed and built state of the art to offer the best experience for players and spectators. The City's goal was to create a space capable of hosting high level baseball tournaments, while still providing a park setting with a variety of amenities for the community to enjoy. The result is a split plan that created two distinct zones connected by a series of nature trails that highlight the wetlands, native trees, and wildlife. One side is a sports complex with 3 ball fields and a Ripken Training Facility; the other includes greenspaces, a dog park, playground, and a number of open air shelters. northcharleston.org

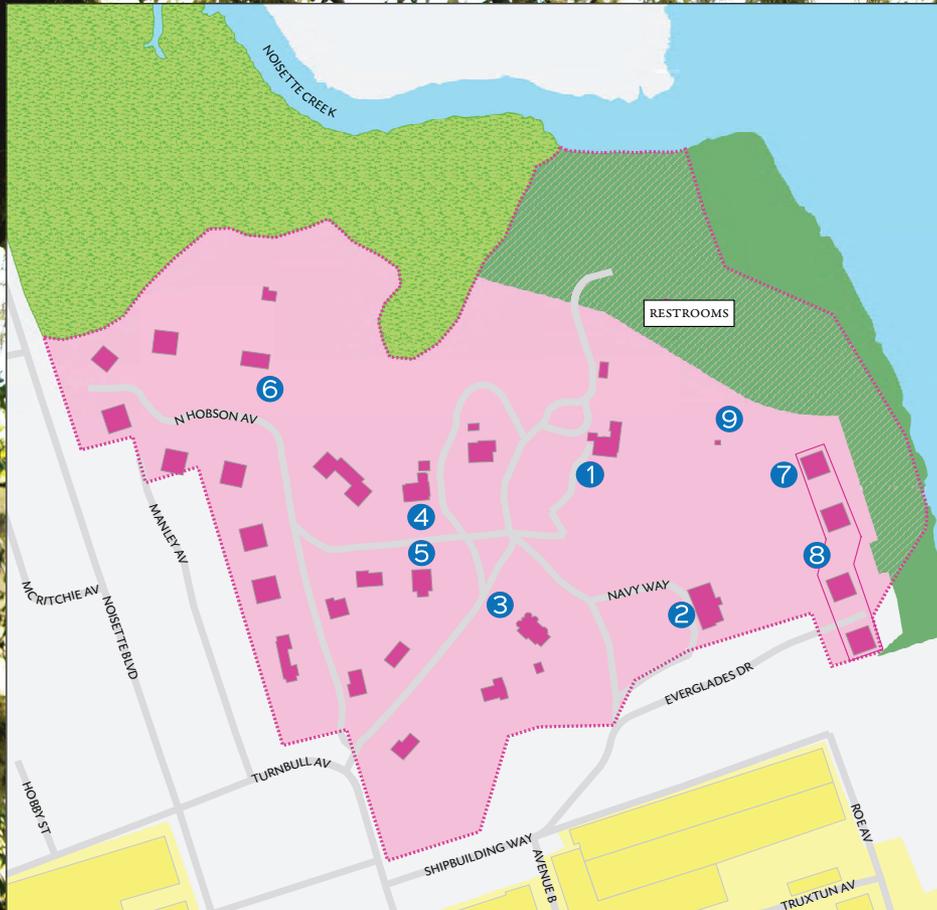


Whirlin' Waters Adventure Park **G** **FF**

Whirlin' Waters is the largest waterpark in the Lowcountry, located within North Charleston Wannamaker County Park. The attraction houses gallons of fun for all ages and offers seasonal, island-style water play packed into over 15-acres. The Otter Bay kiddie pool area and Lily Pad Lagoon are great for the little ones. The big kids can head over to Rip Tide Run, which features exhilarating water rides. Other fun features include the Big Splash Tree House, the 27,000 square foot Big Kahuna Wave Pool, and the 870 foot Rollin' River lazy river. ccpr.com

HISTORIC NAVAL PRESERVATION & RIVERFRONT TOUR

In 1895 the City of Charleston purchased lands formerly part of the Retreat and Turnbull Plantations and commissioned the Olmsted Brothers of Massachusetts to design a recreational public park. Chicora Park, named for the local Chicora Indians, featured leisurely winding roads with paths and bridges over the marsh areas and extensive landscaping. The design followed English landscape tradition with no fences or defined boundaries. Amenities included a bandstand, a golf course, and a wharf on the Cooper River. Charlestonians took a trolley directly from downtown to the park on weekends. When the Navy purchased the property from the City in 1901, much of the landscaping plan was retained and Olmsted's system of winding roads was adopted. The Officers' Quarters Historic District consists of 28 structures and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2007.



Quarters A
Residence Quarters K, L, M, N, O. Commonly referred to as the "Admiral's House," this two and one-half story Neo-Classical style residence was completed in 1905 as the home of the Commandant of the Navy Yard. The building features a hipped, standing seam metal roof with four large multi-light dormers and two corbelled, stone capped chimneys. The principal south facade is distinguished by a double veranda with four monumental Tuscan columns. In 1943 a one-story porte-cochere was added.



Quarters H & I
Constructed in 1905, this two-story Italian Renaissance style building served as the Administration Headquarters Building for the Commandant, his staff, and the Captain of the Yard. Administration buildings were typically sited near the Commandant's residence for convenience. The building has a clay tile hipped roof, four brick chimneys, and carved wood rafter tails with wide overhanging eaves. The two-story wood porches on the front facade were added in 1919.



Quarters F
This two-story frame residence, constructed in 1898, is the oldest building in the district and predates the Navy Yard. It originally served as the home of the manager of Chicora Park. After the park's purchase by the Navy, Quarters F became the first building to house officers at the Navy Yard. The building was enlarged and remodeled in 1908 and underwent several additional modifications in the 1930s.



Quarters C
Completed in 1908 as a Commander's residence, this two-story Colonial Revival style frame residence has a two-tiered piazza with attenuated Doric columns that wrap the south and west facades. A two-story rectangular kitchen ell extends from the easternmost bay of the north facade.



Quarters J
This one-story frame residence was constructed in 1934 as officers' quarters. A nicely detailed entry with attenuated columns and a simple gabled portico adds interest to this simple structure. The rear addition was built in 1942.



Quarters G
Constructed in 1903, this two and one-half-story frame dwelling was the first officers' quarters to be completed at the Navy Yard. The building's eclectic style is evidenced by the Colonial Revival style hipped roof with Craftsman style rafters and a Queen Anne influenced, five-sided one-story bay. The front facade is marked by a two-story double "veranda" porch. In 1937 the porch was screened and the awnings attached.



Quarters K
Quarters K was built in 1937 as Charleston Naval Base housing for officer families. The layout of the interior included 3 upstairs bedrooms and 2 baths, and a distinctive "T" shape living area through the center of the home with large windows completely throughout the entire house. The City acquired the property in 2013 and immediately began redesigning and creating a venue space for weddings, receptions, business meetings, and retreats.



Panama Houses
Residence Quarters K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S and T are adaptations of the Army Quarter master plans designed for use in the Panama Canal Zone. Constructed by the Works Progress Administration in the late 1930s, the principal exterior features include a low-pitched roof with wide overhanging eaves and tall ribbons of casement windows. The interior plan was designed to be open and functional with the principal living spaces on the second floor to take advantage of river breezes.



Powder Magazine
Despite being commonly known as the "Dead House," this small brick structure was probably not used to hold the bodies of the deceased. Dating from the 18th century, it is thought that this rectangular building may have been built as a powder magazine. Although not in the Officers' Housing district because it has no connection with the history of the Charleston Navy Yard, the magazine is perhaps the oldest building in the City of North Charleston.

GETTING AROUND



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CHARLESTON SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, NORTHWOODS SHOPPING DISTRICT, WESCOTT GOLF COURSE



CENTRAL

CHARLESTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, TANGER OUTLETS, NORTH CHARLESTON COLISEUM



PARK CIRCLE

HISTORIC PARK CIRCLE, RIVERFRONT PARK, THE HUNLEY



CHARLESTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

chs-airport.com
5500 International Blvd.
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Charleston International Airport (CHS) is centrally located in the North Charleston metropolitan area and provides a first impression of the local community to the nearly 3 million passengers annually coming to the South Carolina Lowcountry for business and leisure activities.

CARTA

ridecarta.com
Access routes via Google Maps. The CARTA stop is located on the outside curb at the Baggage Claim end of the terminal.

Rental Car Pavilion

Five rental car companies operate from the Rental Car Pavilion, which is located near Baggage Claim at Charleston International Airport.

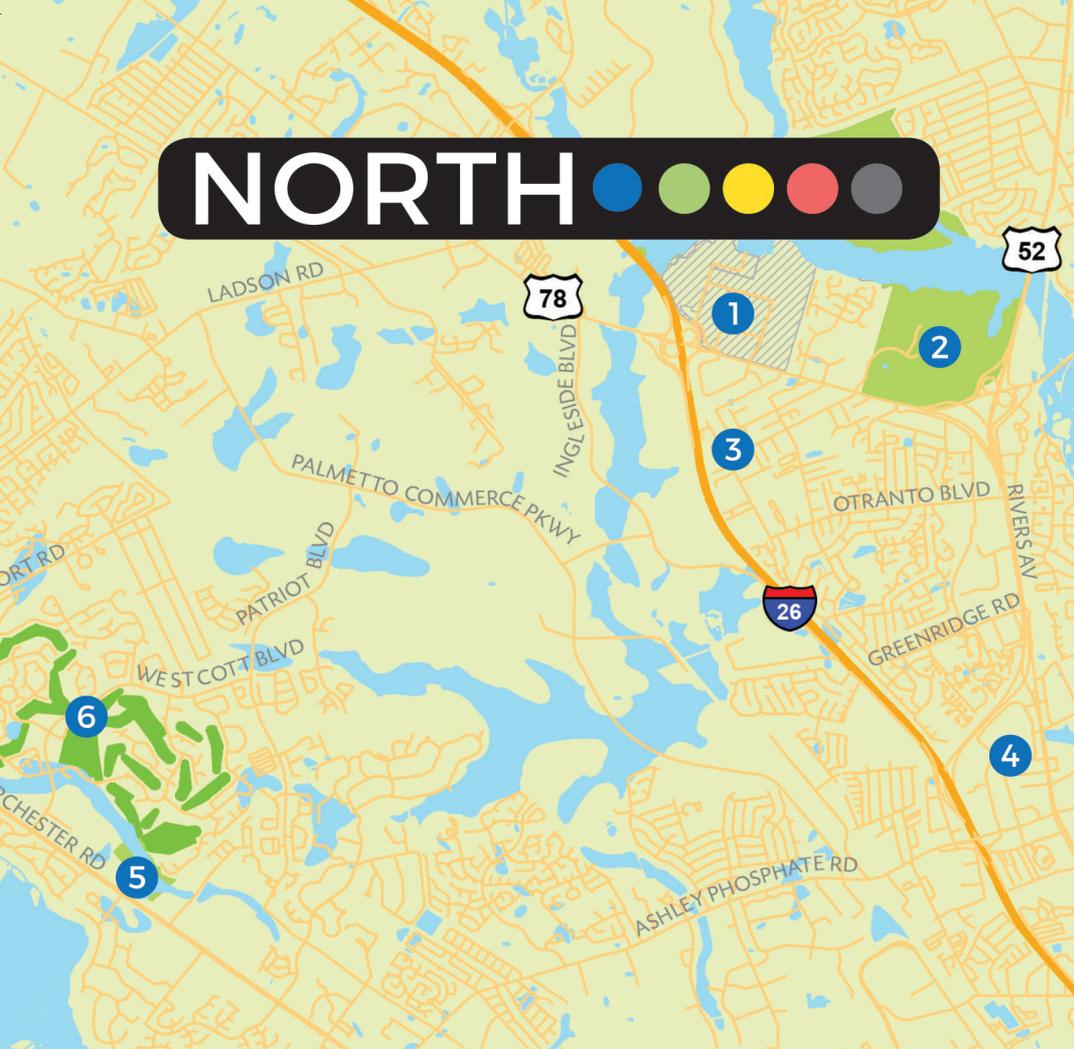
Taxis and shuttles

operate from 5:00am until 30 minutes after the last arriving flight of the day, typically around 12:30am. Taxi and shuttle rides are available in front of the terminal building, outside of baggage claim. **Or just call an Uber.**

Amtrak Station

amtrak.com
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- 3** TRIDENT MEDICAL CENTER
tridenthealthsystems.com
9300 Medical Plaza Dr.
North Charleston, SC 29406
- 4** NORTHWOODS SHOPPING DISTRICT
shopnorthwoodsmall.com
2150 Northwoods Blvd.
North Charleston, SC 29406
- 5** WESCOTT PARK
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9006 Dorchester Rd.
North Charleston, SC 29420
- 6** THE GOLF CLUB AT WESCOTT PLANTATION
wescottgolf.com
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Charleston International Airport

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North Charleston, SC 29418
- 3** VISITORS CENTER
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4975 Centre Pointe Dr.
North Charleston, SC 29418
- 4** NORTH CHARLESTON COLISEUM, PERFORMING ARTS CENTER and CONVENTION CENTER
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PARK CIRCLE



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- 2** DISC GOLF
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Outer Loop of Park Circle
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North Charleston, SC 29405
- 3** RIVERFRONT PARK
northcharleston.org
1001 Everglades Ave.
North Charleston, SC 29405
- 4** QUARTERS K
northcharleston.org
1045 Everglades Ave.
North Charleston, SC 29405
- 5** H.L. HUNLEY
hunley.org
1250 Supply St.
North Charleston, SC 29405





FOOD



Park Circle and the Olde Village District along East Montague are packed with a wide variety of dining options, all of which are locally owned. You'll find intimate settings in every restaurant; each with its own charm. Smell the brick oven as you walk into *EVO Pizzeria*, step into the land of Ireland at *Madra Rua*, the area's most authentic Irish Pub, or enjoy the tastes of Italy at *Fratello's*. **Most restaurants offer sidewalk dining, and since our weather is so nice, you can eat outside much of the year.** If you're looking for a predinner beverage, visit the *Brew Cellar* with their 10 taps of craft beer or *Accent on Wine* with bottles from all over the world. Just a short bike ride away, you'll find *The Junction* on Spruill Avenue or *Básico* in the Mixson community just off of Durant Avenue.



Ethnic food is a hidden gem of North Charleston. Some of the top options are Vietnamese at *Phuong*, Latino at *Pollo Tropical* or at a taco truck on Ashley Phosphate, Nigerian at *Sweet Savor*, or Jamaican at *Reggae Grill*. **You'll miss out if you make a trip to North Charleston without proper soul food.** This is the true comfort food of the south. For starters, how about a perfectly battered fried pork chop, savory lima beans over rice, a bowl of okra soup, a heaping portion of collard greens, and a helping of bread pudding. Several equally delicious options around North Charleston are *Bertha's Kitchen* down south, *Nigel's* on Ashley Phosphate, *My Three Sons* on Montague, and *Addielee's* on Bonds Avenue. Whichever one you choose, be sure to allot time for a nap afterwards.



Eat where the locals eat in the **Upper Dorchester Road Corridor.** *Gennaro's Italian Ristorante* has been serving authentic Italian since 1982. Experience Jazz Therapy night with *Gennaro's* 8-piece jazz ensemble every Thursday from 7:30pm-10:00pm. *Robert's BBQ*, Home of the Super Pig, dishes out mouth-watering, smoky barbeque and some of the best onion rings you'll ever put in your mouth. Looking for a pie? Stop by to enjoy a beautifully prepared, stone hearth cooked pizza at *Steel City Pizza* and enjoy one of their craft beers while you're there.

The *Wescott Bar and Grill* offers delicious menus for breakfast on the weekends, a daily lunch menu and specials, and event dinners. Whether you come by for their Hand-Battered French Toast or their "more than you can eat" Wescott Club, you are sure to leave with your appetite satisfied. If your timing is right, the monthly Wine Tasting Dinners are a terrific way to discover the neighborhood restaurant that is always at your service!

If you're looking for your favorite national chain or fast casual restaurant, don't worry. These family friendly and affordable establishments are easy to find, highly accessible, and in close proximity to the major hotel hubs of North Charleston.



●●●●● BEER ●●●●●

In North Charleston, we love our craft breweries. **Great food and company calls for quality beers. Lucky for us, the good stuff is always around the corner.** North Charleston has seen tremendous growth in our craft beer community. What started with *Coast Brewing* on the former Navy Base in 2007, now includes the likes of *Holy City Brewing*, *Freehouse*, *LoFi*, and coming soon, *Commonhouse Aleworks*. Since most of our breweries are in close proximity, it's easy to try them all in a day (with a designated driver, of course).

Everyone's palate is different, but here's what we recommend trying at each brewery:
 Coast - HopArt
 Holy City - Pluff Mud Porter
 Freehouse - Ashley Farmhouse Ale
 Lo-Fi - Blueberry Wheat



On vacation? A friend's birthday party? A regular ole Friday night? All necessitate the need for nighttime entertainment. Music is a critical part of nightlife, and North Charleston hosts the largest and best concerts and shows in the Lowcountry.

Elton John, Bruce Springsteen, Jimmy Buffett, Widespread Panic, and Darius Rucker are among the musicians that have played the 13,000 seat North Charleston Coliseum. The 2,300 seat Performing Arts Center holds more intimate shows for artists and performers like Beck, Garrison Keillor, and the Pixies.

See a show at the Coliseum one night and have dinner on East Montague the next. After you wrap up dinner, you might as well stay out longer and catch a band at *The Sparrow* or *The Mill*. If you're just looking for a casual spot to dive into a conversation with your pals, grab a table at *YoBo*. If you're looking to circle back for a craft beer, hit up the *Brew Cellar*. Want to sip on a glass of Cabernet Sauvignon? Slip into *Stems and Skins*.



South Carolinians are dedicated to their sports teams, and if a game is on, all attention is owed to the television. Football, baseball, and basketball are usually the sports of choice, and best viewed on lots of large screens. You won't find a bad seat to catch the game at *Buffalo Wild Wings*, *DIG in the Park*, or *Wild Wing Cafe*. If the SC Stingrays are out of town at an away game, *Southside 17* is their official bar for watching the game.



ART SCENE

The North Charleston Cultural Arts Department provides a variety of programs in all arts disciplines throughout the year that are meant to enrich the lives of both residents and visitors. These ongoing free and fee-based programs include monthly exhibits at the North Charleston City Gallery, the National Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit at North Charleston Riverfront Park, Dinner Theatre and Children's Theatre performances, concerts, and workshops/classes/camps. In addition, the department organizes and presents a number of annual special events, such as the City of North Charleston's St. Paddy's Day Block Party & Parade, the Harvest Festival, and the North Charleston Arts Fest.

Arts Fest

Taking place annually in early May, this event highlights national, regional, and local artists and performers in the areas of dance, theatre, music, and visual, media and literary arts. For more than 30 years, the festival has made quality arts programming affordable and accessible to the widest spectrum of the public, attracting residents and visitors from throughout the Southeast and beyond to experience numerous free and modestly priced performances, workshops, exhibitions, and activities in a variety of venues throughout the city. More info at NorthCharlestonArtsFest.com.

Public Art

Apart from the North Charleston City Gallery, located in the common areas of the Charleston Area Convention Center, patrons can view artwork in a variety of subjects and media all over the city. The North Charleston Public Art Collection is on display throughout North Charleston City Hall much of the year, with special exhibitions taking its place during the annual Arts Fest. The collection includes nearly 100 photographs, paintings, drawings, fiber works, mixed media pieces, and fine crafts. Sculpture installations can be enjoyed at North Charleston Riverfront Park, the Charleston Naval Base Memorial, and greenspaces in various locations and colorful murals can be seen in alleyways and on building facades throughout the Olde Village area of North Charleston near Park Circle.



Charleston Area Convention Center
5000 Coliseum Drive
North Charleston, SC 29418
charlestonconventioncenter.com

North Charleston Fire Museum
4975 Centre Pointe Drive
North Charleston, SC 29418
northcharlestonfiremuseum.org

Charleston Southern University
Brewer Center, Charleston Room, Gold Room, Lightsey Chapel Auditorium, and Whitfield Christian Leadership Building
9200 University Boulevard
North Charleston, SC 29406
csuniv.edu

Quarters K
1045 Everglades Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405
northcharleston.org

Cypress Hall
Wannamaker County Park
8888 University Boulevard
North Charleston, SC 29406
ccprc.com

Riverfront Park
1001 Everglades Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405
northcharleston.org

Eternal Father of the Sea Chapel
1097 Navy Way
North Charleston, SC 29405
northcharleston.org

Trident Technical College
Conference Center at Main
7000 Rivers Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29406
tridenttech.edu

The Golf Club at Wescott Plantation
5000 Wescott Club Drive
North Charleston, SC 29485
wescottgolf.com

Wescott Park
9006 Dorchester Road
North Charleston, SC 29418
northcharleston.org





With over 7200 hotel rooms in North Charleston, we have accommodations to suit anyone, from the budget traveler to the luxurious vacationer.

Aloft Charleston Airport and Convention Center
4875 Tanger Outlet Boulevard
North Charleston, SC 29418

Best Western Airport Inn and Suites
2470 Prospect Drive
North Charleston, SC 29406

Comfort Inn and Suites Airport/Convention Center
4715 Saul White Boulevard
North Charleston, SC 29418

Courtyard North Charleston Airport/Coliseum
2415 Mall Drive
North Charleston, SC 29406

Country Hearth Inn and Suites
2311 Ashley Phosphate Road
North Charleston, SC 29406

Country Inn and Suites by Carlson
7429 Stafford St
North Charleston, SC 29406

Crowne Plaza Charleston Airport and Convention Center
4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd.
North Charleston, SC 29418

Days Inn Charleston Airport/Coliseum
2998 West Montague Ave.
North Charleston, SC 29418

Double Tree by Hilton Convention Center
5264 International Blvd.
North Charleston, SC 29418

Double Tree by Hilton Airport
7401 Northwoods Blvd.
North Charleston, SC 29406

Embassy Suites Charleston Area Convention Center
5055 International Blvd.
North Charleston, SC 29418

Extended Stay America Hotel Airport
5059 North Arco Lane
North Charleston, SC 29418

Fairfield Inn and Suites North Ashley Phosphate
2540 Northforest Dr.
North Charleston, SC 29420

Fairfield Inn and Suites Charleston Airport/Convention Center
4841 Tanger Outlet Blvd.
North Charleston, SC 29418

Fairfield Inn and Suites North University Area
2600 Elms Center Road
North Charleston, SC 29406

Hampton Inn
2688 Fernwood Dr.
North Charleston, SC 29406

Hampton Inn
3020 West Montague Ave.
North Charleston, SC 29406

Hampton Inn
7424 Northside Dr.
North Charleston, SC 29420

Hampton Inn
4701 Saul White Dr.
North Charleston, SC 29418

Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham North Charleston
4701 Saul White Dr.
North Charleston, SC 29406

Hilton Garden Inn/Airport
5265 International Blvd.
North Charleston, SC 29418

Holiday Inn Express and Suites University
2435 Elms Center Road
North Charleston, SC 29406

Holiday Inn Express and Suites Airport and Convention Center
3025 West Montague Ave.
North Charleston, SC 29418

Holiday Inn Express and Suites North
7670 Northwoods Blvd.
North Charleston, SC 29406

Home2Suites
3401 West Montague Ave.
North Charleston, SC 29418

Homewood Suites
5048 International Blvd.
North Charleston, SC 29418

Hyatt Place Airport and Convention Center
3234 West Montague Ave.
North Charleston, SC 29418

Hyatt Place/North
7331 Mazyck Rd.
North Charleston, SC 29406

Marriott North Charleston
4770 Goer Dr.
North Charleston, SC 29406

North Charleston Inn
2934 West Montague Ave.
North Charleston, SC 29418

Red Roof Inn
7480 Northwoods Blvd
North Charleston, SC 29406



Relax Inn
2512 Ashley Phosphate Road
North Charleston, SC 29418

Residence Inn
7457 Northside Dr.
North Charleston, SC 29420

Residence Inn Charleston Airport
5035 International Blvd.
North Charleston, SC 29418

Sleep Inn
7435 Northside Dr.
North Charleston, SC 29420

**SpringHill Suites North Charleston
Ashley Phosphate**
7535 N Forest Dr.
North Charleston, SC 29420

Staybridge Suites
7329 Mazyck Rd.
North Charleston, SC 29406

Suburban Extended Stay Airport
7582 Stafford Road
North Charleston, SC 29406

Quality Inn Coliseum
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North Charleston, SC 29420

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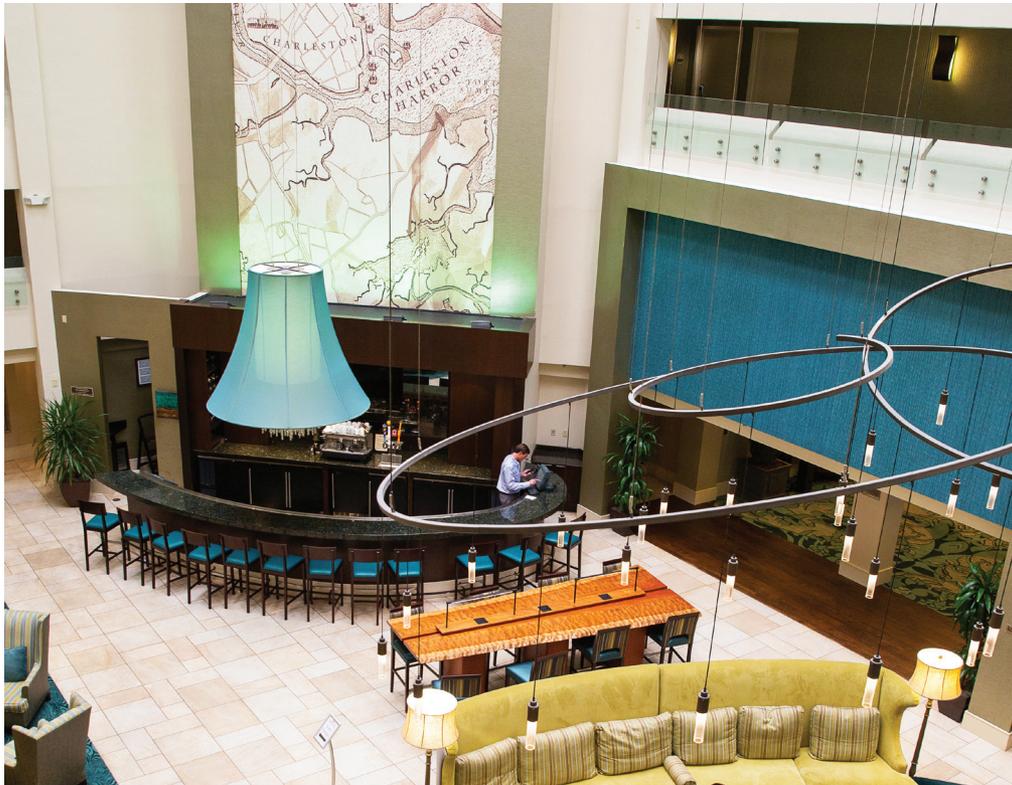
HOME *Sweet* HOME

You may be here for just a visit, but might we suggest you consider staying a while? North Charleston is home to world-class companies creating a wealth of new jobs, plus terrific recreational and cultural amenities. It's an excellent place to plant new roots for you and your family.

There are more than 50 neighborhoods to choose from in North Charleston, each with its own diverse characteristics – from charming 1950's cottages to homes on the fairways at the Golf Club at Westcott Plantation to stilted homes with docks jutting into the Ashley River.

Men's Journal designated North Charleston's neighborhoods in the Top 30 coolest in the United States. The hip, revitalized housing in the Park Circle area was named as part of the country's "Best Old-House Neighborhoods" by *This Old House Magazine*. Oak Terrace Preserve, an EarthCraft certified sustainable neighborhood, was honored as a top neighborhood by *Green Builder Magazine* and is a case study for urban revitalization by the Home Depot Foundation.

Great jobs, a superb housing stock, nationally ranked schools, and easy access to the beaches are just a few reasons why **North Charleston is a great place to call home.**





MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CHARLESTON MARATHON

JANUARY • Marathon, Half Marathon, 5k and Youth Marathon
charlestonmarathon.com

ST. PADDY'S DAY BLOCK PARTY

MARCH • The biggest St. Patrick's Day celebration in the Lowcountry! The Block Party location is East Montague Avenue between Virginia Avenue and Jenkins Avenue.
northcharleston.org

ARTS FEST

MAY • The annual celebration of arts and culture highlights national, regional and local artists and performers in the areas of Dance, Music, Theatre, Visual Arts, Crafts, Photography, Media Arts, and Literature.
northcharlestonartsfest.com

FARMERS MARKET

MAY-OCTOBER • Includes a number of farmers and growers selling fresh local produce, fruits, and vegetables. Vendors are on hand offering arts & crafts and other products.
northcharleston.org

4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL

JULY • Annually held at Riverfront Park, the Festival features nationally renowned performers, such as Mary Wilson of the Supremes, Marshall Tucker Band, Lee Greenwood, and the Blue Dogs.
northcharleston.org

HARVEST FESTIVAL

OCTOBER • Features musical performances, art and craft booths, costume contests, trick-or-treating and children's activities.
northcharleston.org

VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER • All veterans in attendance will be recognized and will receive a specially designed commemorative coin.
northcharleston.org

CHRISTMAS PARADE & FESTIVAL

DECEMBER • The Christmas Festival includes a Holiday Market, children's activities, craft and food vendors, and live musical performances on multiple stages.
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