



# DESTINATION AIR FORCE

The Angel Oak.

## JOINT BASE CHARLESTON SOUTH CAROLINA

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The city of Charleston packs a highly concentrated mosaic of history, shopping and education all within easy walking distance. The weather is delightful nine months out of the year, making it a breeze to move your feet and experience one of America's most beloved cities first hand.



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Interactive fountains adorn Charleston's east boardwalk.

### EDUCATION

**The Angel Oak**  
Estimated to be over 1,500 years old, this colossal tree is one of the most venerable life forms on the planet. To lend perspective, the Angel Oak was a sturdy little sapling during the collapse of the Roman Empire. The tree is located just west of Charleston in the sleepy hamlet of Johns Island. This attraction is free to the public and makes for a wonderful activity any time of year. Bring a picnic and bask in the beauty of one of nature's most spectacular creations.

**South Carolina Aquarium**  
Located at the edge of the historic Charleston Harbor, this museum delivers a variety of attractions for all ages. The colossal salt water aquariums are home to exotic sea life from all over the world and the touch tank allows youngsters and adults alike to handle stingrays, urchins and horseshoe crabs.







From top: the U.S. Customs House in historic downtown Charleston.  
Cypress fine dining.  
Yellow fin tuna atop fresh oysters at Cypress.

## WALKING TOURS

### Old World Architecture

This is a town steeped in history. Take a stroll down East Bay Street and enjoy the classic architecture of homes which line the cozy cobbled streets. Or travel in style on one of the many horse-drawn carriage rides that are available.

### Historic Charleston Battery

The East Battery provides a lovely boardwalk along the waterfront which stretches from the U.S. Customs House on Market Street down to the Historic Charleston Battery. Enjoy a peaceful walk along rows of beautiful mansions and find yourself surrounded by giant oak trees which shade the original cannons used to shell Fort Sumter in 1861.

### King Street Shopping

Find everything from classic southern antiques to the latest fashions in Charleston's shopping district. Take a quick break at any of the delightful coffee shops along the way to enjoy a tasty cup of joe.

## DINE FRESH

Charleston is world renowned for its traditional southern cuisine and fresh seafood. Any of the restaurants listed in this guide will deliver a spectacular crab cake (absolutely not to be missed); and for curious diners looking to expand their pallets with the wholesome southern experience, we recommend the following eateries.

### Cypress | 167 East Bay Street

Experience freshly-sourced ingredients at their best as executive chef Craig Deihl puts a modern spin on traditional southern cooking. The sashimi tuna and oysters are an especially delicate balance of flavor and freshness.

### Hyman's | 215 Meeting Street

Established in 1890, this family-owned establishment has been passed down from generations of fishermen who know how to cook authentic southern seafood. For everything deep fried, Hyman's is the place to be.

### Lowcountry Bistro | 49 S. Market Street

This cosy little location prides itself on the "farm to market" philosophy of locally sourced ingredients and great traditional recipes. The fresh flounder, shrimp and crab will not disappoint. 