

ROAD SCHOLAR

A Learning Adventure for the Penobscot Bay YMCA
Program # 19403 – Signature City Charleston: Historic Plantations and Gardens
March 24-29, 2019



Program Summary:

In one of America's most historic and beautiful cities, take a step back in time as you explore the manicured gardens, ornate home interiors and antebellum history of the plantations nestled within Charleston and the coastal Lowcountry. Encounter the life stories of those who lived and worked in these stately homes and historic plantations, black and white, slave and free. Learn about the Gullah people, slave descendants who have preserved more of their African heritage than any other community in the country.

Program Highlights:

- Step inside the Aiken-Rhett Home and the Joseph Manigault Home, Middleton Place Plantation and Gardens and Magnolia Plantation and Gardens.
- Attend the Charleston City Market, four blocks of open-air buildings where vendors sell paintings, pottery, sweetgrass baskets and more..
- Enjoy sumptuous Lowcountry cuisine, a sweetgrass basket-weaving demo, Gullah language and culture demonstration and the only tea plantation in the U.S.

Activity Level:

“Keep the Pace”

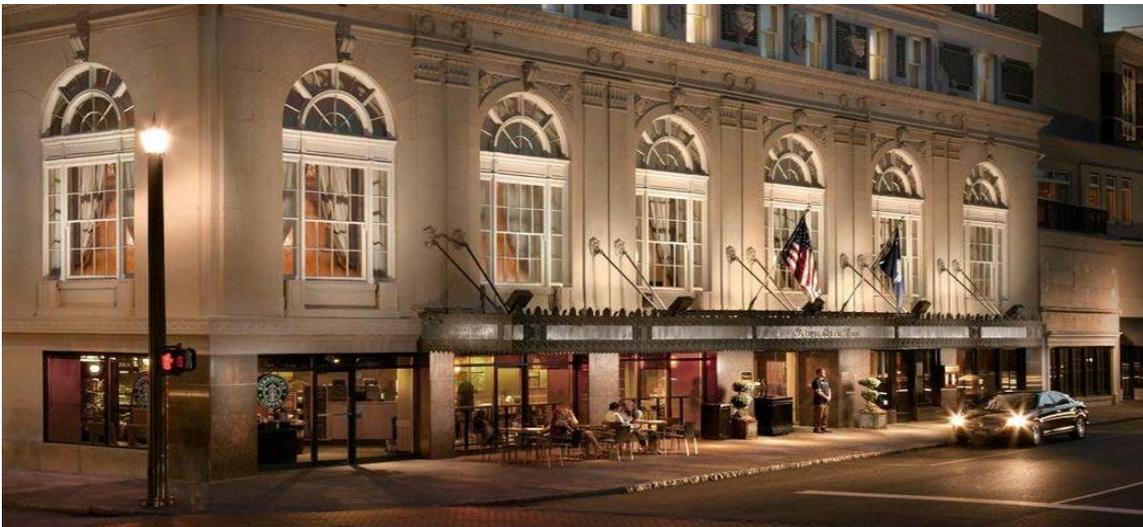
Walking up to two miles and standing up to an hour on field trips. Some uneven surfaces at the plantations and cobblestone streets.

Program Price Includes:

- 5 nights of accommodations
- 11 meals: 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners
- 7 Expert-led lectures
- 7 Expert-led field trips
- Group travel and transfers throughout the program
- An experienced Group Leader to accompany you throughout the program to handle all logistics
- Customary gratuities, taxes, and destination fees
- Road Scholar Assurance Plan which provides 24-hour assistance in the event of an emergency during your program and insurance for emergency medical evacuation

Accommodations: Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston

The hotel opened in 1924 as the largest and grandest in the Carolinas. Recent refurbishments have added to the comforts of today and enhanced the hotel's historic ambiance with sleek room décor reminiscent of the 1920's grandeur, as well as an inviting restaurant and lounge.



Estimated Program Price (subject to change):

- Double Occupancy: \$1,869
- Single Occupancy: \$2,409

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