

# EXPLORE HISTORY

YEAR ROUND | EDUCATIONAL FUN



SC State House

## DAY 1

Arrive at the SC State House, The Capital Building of South Carolina to start your Columbia exploration. Stroll the grounds and observe the bronze stars on the building's exterior. The stars mark the spots where cannonballs hit the building under the command of General William T. Sherman and his Union army. The intriguing history is showcased by way of both a guided tour as well as a historical film shown in the State House Theater. The State House Gift Shop makes an excellent stop to purchase a gift to commemorate a lovely trip.

**Suggested Time:** Building, 1½ hours; with Grounds 2½ hours.

Enjoy lunch at Villa Tronco, Columbia's oldest restaurant. This World War II-era spot, is the oldest restaurant that can confirm continuous operation in a state that dates back to 1788. Originally opened by an Italian family who wanted to share their family recipes with Italian-American soldiers training at Ft. Jackson to ensure they enjoyed a little home cooking.

**Suggested Times:** 2 Hour

After lunch, enjoy a walk around the SC Governor's Mansion. Located on nine acres of land in the heart of the Historic District of Columbia. Built in 1855 as the officer's quarters for arsenal Military Academy, the mansion has served as the SC Governor's residence since 1868. **Suggested Times:** 2 Hours

Unwind with a great dinner at the Blue Marlin Restaurant, located in the Congaree Vista in the 1904 Seaboard Airline Passenger Depot, which is on the National Historic Registry. After dinner, enjoy shopping the boutiques and galleries of the Vista before retiring to your accommodations.

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Villa Tronco



SC Governor's Mansion

## RESERVE YOUR TOUR:

To reserve this sample itinerary along with accommodations, or to create a custom tour plan, please contact:

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Lexington County Museum



12,000 Year History Park



**DAY 2**

Arrive at the Lexington County Museum for a rare and unforgettable experience. Founded in 1970, the Museum showcases 36 historic structures that interpret the everyday lives of Lexington residents from ca. 1770 until the Civil War. Sites include the house where the traditional song "Give Me that Old Time Religion" was composed.

**Suggested time:** 2 1/2 hrs

The tour will head to the Main Street area of Lexington, home to many renowned restaurants and cafes. Guests will have time to lunch before meeting back up for the afternoon tour.

**Suggested time:** 2 hrs

After a short drive, guests will arrive at the 12,000 Year History Park on Congaree Creek in Cayce. This unique, stunningly beautiful site is full of natural resources. In just one square mile, there is proof of 12,000 years of habitation including civil war and revolutionary war history. There are 12 archaeological-significant sites on the property, showcasing the diversity of cultural and historical richness.

**Suggested time:** 2 hrs

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**SEASONAL EVENTS**

Year Round:

Soda City Market, Columbia

March:

Taste of Lake Murray, Columbia

June

Ag + Arts Tour, free events in Lexington, Richland or Newberry counties

September:

Congaree Blue Grass Festival, Cayce

Pack the Porch, Enoree River Winery, Newberry

October:

SC State Fair, Columbia

November:

Veteran's Day Parade, Columbia

December:

Candlelight Tours & Carriage Ride, Historic Columbia

Holiday Open House, Newberry

**STAY, PLAY, DINE & WINE**

The Capital City/Lake Murray Country Region is filled with a great variety of places to see, things to do, comfy accommodations, fabulous food & beverage. The Garden Tours is only one of the many tour offerings within our region. Let us design a tour for you & your group travelers!



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