

BLOOMS & ROOMS

BEST IN SPRING & FALL | ALL AGES



Carter and Holmes

DAY 1

Start the visit with a stop at the Tea Room in downtown Newberry for a delicious snack of fresh scones and assorted teas. The Tea Room, located at The Gallery, Newberry's finest home decor and interior design studio, offers an elegant tea service amidst a variety of home accessories. **Suggested time:** 1½ hrs

From there, your group would travel a short drive to Carter and Holmes Orchid Nursery. The family owned operation began by selling cut flowers after World War II when corsage flowers were in vogue. They grew to become the largest distributor of orchids east of the Mississippi shipping plants internationally. Guests will enjoy learning about the company, a demonstration of different types of orchids, discussions on growing conditions, and a walking tour of the greenhouses. **Suggested time:** 1½ hrs

Return to the center of Newberry to enjoy a tour of the historic Newberry Opera House. The landmark holds a rich history and has become a renown venue for all types of shows and performances. Guests will tour all areas of the theater, including the stage and the infamous Green Room, where the signatures of generations of performers are scrawled on the walls. **Suggested time:** 1½ hrs

With several great restaurants and brand-name hotels in the region, the tour has the option of staying in Newberry or heading closer to Columbia for dinner and overnight stay.

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The Gallery Tearoom



Newberry Opera House

RESERVE YOUR TOUR:

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

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Hampton Preston Mansion and Gardens



Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Gardens

DAY 2

The day begins with a visit to the newly re-constructed gardens of the historic Prescott-Hampton Mansion. Through careful research, Historic Columbia has been able to revitalize the grounds to their previous splendor. The tour continues indoors with the exploration of the home, from it's historic start in the mid 1800's and the grandeur of Southern Plantation living, to the servant quarters who made the lavish lifestyle possible. Atop the grand staircase, the second story rooms showcase the home as it transitions through the recent past. **Suggested time:** 2 1/2 hrs

After the morning tour, guests will board the bus for the short drive to the Botanical Gardens at Riverbanks Zoo. The garden sits on the Saluda River and is home to a fantastic walled botanical garden like no other in South Carolina. The property also includes a native forest, hiking trails and a bridge crossing the river.

Suggested time: 2 1/2 hrs

OPTIONS:

Lunch in downtown Columbia or at the Zoo

Additional time can be allowed to explore the animals of the zoo.

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SEASONAL FESTIVALS

March:

Commissioner's Cup BBQ
Cookoff @ State Farmers Market
West Columbia

April:

Midlands Spring Plant & Flower
Festival @ State Farmers Market
West Columbia

May:

Pickin' & Piggin' @ Saluda Shoals
Irmo

June:

Ag + Arts, Free self guided tour
in Lexington, Richland and
Newberry counties

September:

Congaree Blue Grass Festival,
Cayce
Okra Strut, Irmo
Harvest Festival, Ridge Spring

October:

SC State Fair, Columbia
Oktoberfest, 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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