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The Charleston bucket list



THE ORIGINAL, JANUARY 2013:

1. Watch the moon rise.
2. Eat pralines 'til you puke.
3. Bathe in pluff mud.
4. Take a house tour.
5. Buy a copy of *Charleston Receipts*, make the Shrimp & Grits recipe, and then develop your own.
6. Lunch in a church tea room during Spoleto.
7. Attend (or participate in) a Civil War reenactment.
8. Learn Gullah/Geechee.
9. Picnic at the Angel Oak.
10. Plunge like a polar bear on New Year's Day.
11. Learn how to throw a cast net.
12. Stand quietly in a slave cabin.
13. Parade in a boat. (The annual Boat Parade is generally the first or second Saturday of December.)
14. Snack on boiled peanuts.
15. Take a ghost tour on a foggy night.
16. Eat a tomato sandwich with Duke's mayo on white bread.
17. Visit the *Hunley*.
18. Go for a run—the Cooper River Bridge Run, Turkey Day Run & Gobble Wobble 5K, or Reindeer Run.
19. Attend The Citadel dress parade.
20. Insist that your guests refer to the Civil War as the War Between the States.
21. Witness the annual Rockville Regatta (first weekend of August).
22. Kiss your sweetheart on a juggling board.
23. Walk the Battery during a tropical storm. (On second thought, standing on the Battery while experiencing a real-life version of Jim Booth's famous painting, *The Storm*, may not be the best idea. Leave yourself plenty of time to evacuate.)
24. Buy a palmetto rose from a kid downtown (or learn to make one yourself).
25. Know your bivalves: A. Learn to identify local oysters; B. Eat them at Bowens Island; C. Host your own roast.
26. Go crabbing.
27. Tell the difference between a "he crab" and a "she crab."
28. Know the history of she-crab soup.
29. Own a proper rice spoon.
30. Witness dolphins strand feeding.
31. Buy *The Buildings of Charleston* and refer to it often.
32. See a show at the Dock Street Theatre.
33. Anchor a boat on the beach and party all day.
34. Serve a meal to the needy.

- 35. Feel the spirit at a historical church.
- 36. Purchase a sweetgrass basket and get a photo with the basket sewer.
- 37. Read *City of the Silent* and tour Magnolia Cemetery.
- 38. Own a piece of late blacksmith Philip Simmons' ironwork.
- 39. Paddle the Edisto.
- 40. Visit a Carolina bay.
- 41. Eat muscadine grapes off the vine.
- 42. Read *Porgy*, see a production of *Porgy & Bess*, and walk "Catfish Row."
- 43. Spot Bill Murray in public and resist the urge to quote *Caddyshack* in his presence.
- 44. Paint the Folly boat (if it's ever returned to its pre-Irma Folly Road berth).
- 45. Attend the St. Cecilia Society Ball, or settle for making the private society's signature St. Cecilia Punch, which is included—along with other local clubs' punch recipes—in *Charleston Receipts*.
- 46. Stroll the Charleston Gateway Walk.
- 47. Approach Charleston by water.
- 48. Learn the proper mispronunciation of Charleston names.
- 49. Sip Madeira.
- 50. Bless the shrimping fleet.
- 51. Attend a praise house service.
- 52. Play half rubber on the beach.
- 53. Find the old bastion markers.
- 54. Stroll a boneyard beach.
- 55. Make Frogmore stew.
- 56. Walk the Ravenel Bridge, have a tourist take your picture at the top, then snap a photo of the city.
- 57. Sneak into a Spoleto after party.
- 58. Walk in high heels (or assist a woman wearing heels) down Chalmers Street.
- 59. Learn how to dance the Charleston.
- 60. Shag (the dance, not the British version) at a beach bar and shag (the British version, not the dance) on the beach.
- 61. See where Charles Towne began (Charles Towne Landing).
- 62. Watch the Carolina/Clemson game in a sports bar.
- 63. Tour Fort Sumter.
- 64. Lie to a tourist.
- 65. Move back to Charleston!

REVISITED, JANUARY 2018:

- 66. Take a day trip to the Charleston Tea Plantation.
- 67. Shake it up at the MOJA Finale (October 7, 2018).
- 68. Attend GrowFood Carolina's Mushroom Gathering (held each October).
- 69. Make the Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art a regular stop.

- 70. Train your dog to jump off a dock (Southeastern Wildlife Expo's annual DockDogs event is February 16-18 this year).
- 71. Laugh for a Lincoln at Theatre 99.
- 72. Make Hoppin' John on New Year's Day.
- 73. Buy a book about Charleston (from a local bookstore).
- 74. Go shark-tooth hunting.
- 75. See a concert at the Cistern (during Spoleto Festival USA—May 25-June 10, 2018).
- 76. Check in with the creatives at Pecha Kucha Charleston (Number 28 is set for January 9, 2018).
- 77. Sit in Washington Square on a Sunday morning.
- 78. Jam at the barn or the marsh (Awendaw Green Barn Jams or Marsh Jams at The Bend).
- 79. Take a selfie with the "Jesus is the Only Fire Escape" mural before it's gone.
- 80. Visit a rooftop bar and sip a cocktail at sunset.
- 81. Walk the peninsula from Waterfront Park to the City Marina, or vice versa.
- 82. Go shrimp baiting.
- 83. Cook up these three tasty recipes from *Charleston Receipts*: Benne Seed Wafers (page 292), Brown Oyster Stew with Benne Seed (page 49), and Chicken Country Captain (page 123).
- 84. Explore Bulls Island.
- 85. Tour (and taste) the burgeoning beer scene.
- 86. Visit the Denmark Vesey monument.
- 87. Camp out on a sandbar.
- 88. Run one of the other bridge races (the Isle of Palms and James Island Connector runs are held each October).
- 89. Attend the Spoleto Finale (June 10, 2018).
- 90. Sling a shovel at a Fresh Future Farm workday.
- 91. Cheer on the RiverDogs and eat something crazy (opening game is April 3, 2018).
- 92. Complete a tour de farmers markets.
- 93. Say a prayer at Emanuel AME.
- 94. Rediscover the Gibbes Museum of Art.
- 95. Soak up the holiday season South of Broad.
- 96. Join the Charleston Library Society.
- 97. Catch a big red at the Jetties.
- 98. Explore the Sullivan's Island maritime forest.
- 99. See the Charleston Symphony Orchestra at the Gaillard.
- 100. Visit the Seashore Farmers Lodge on Sol Legare Road.
- 101. Meet your new favorite painter on an Art Walk.
- 102. Count birds at Christmas (Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count).