

ITINERARY PREPARED FOR:
Georgia Trust for Historic
Preservation

Charleston, South Carolina

May 15 - 17

Day 01.

Thursday, May 15

**TIME
TBD**

- Group arrives in Charleston, SC
- Private Tour and reception at the Nathaniel Russell House
- Freetime

Day 02.

Friday, May 16: A Day on the Ashley

10am - 12pm

- Meet at Drayton Hall Visitor's Center for a professionally-guided Tour of Drayton Hall

12:15pm

- Lunch at Middleton Place Garden Market

1:15 - 2:15 pm

- Guided Garden Tour

2:15 - 2:45pm

- House Tour

2:45 - 3:15pm

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Day 03.

Saturday, May 17

9am

- Private tour of the Aiken-Rhett House

10:30 am - 1 pm

- Private tour of four residential homes

Afternoon

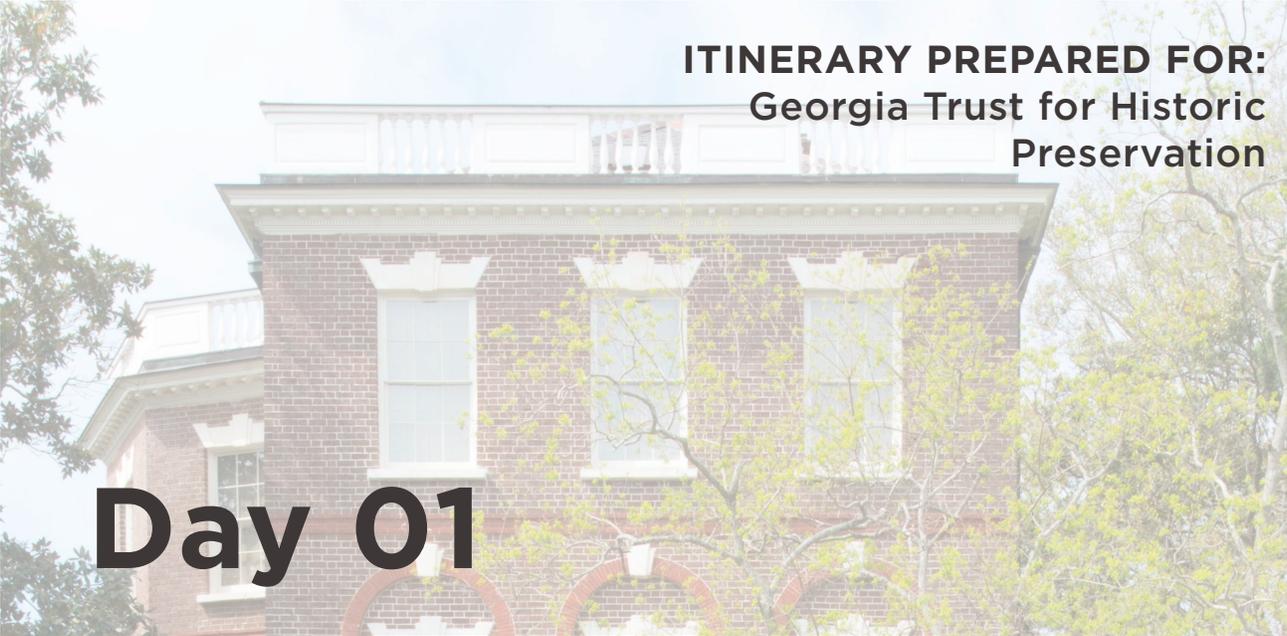
- Freetime

4pm

- Wine reception in a private Charleston garden

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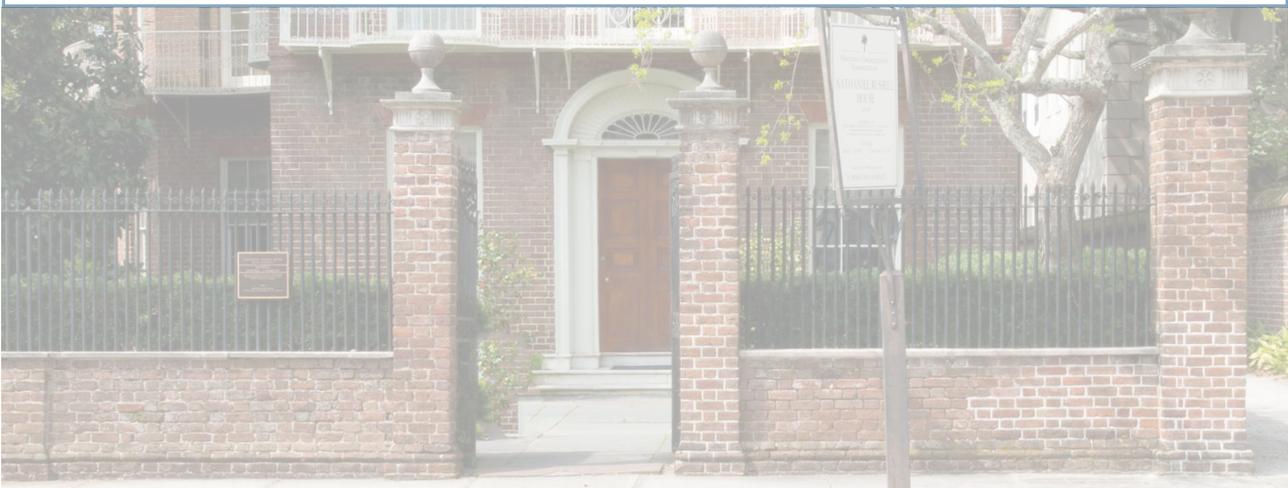
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- Private tour and wine reception at the Nathaniel Russell House c. 1808
Guests are invited to this Historic Charleston Foundation property c. 1808 to enjoy the beautiful and serene gardens set back from the hustle and bustle of downtown Charleston. Guests are welcome to enjoy a glass of wine as they mingle. Expert historians will be offering guided tours of the 19th century federal mansion. The restored nature of this property is ornate and accurate of the time spent here by the Russell family.

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Day 02

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10am - 12pm

- Tour of Drayton Hall

Drayton Hall c.1738 is America's oldest unrestored plantation house open to the public. Renowned for its Palladian-inspired architecture, this 18th-century architectural masterpiece stands alone as the only authentic survivor of the Ashley River's colonial past, intact and in near original condition with no modern additions. Drayton Hall is a National Historic Landmark and a historic site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the entire site, including the historic grounds with its ancient live oaks, broad vistas, vanished structures, and rare period features, serves as a testimony to America's history.

12:15pm

1:15 - 3:15pm

- Lunch at Middleton Place Garden Market

- Tour of Middleton Place

Middleton Place is home to America's oldest landscaped gardens and is one of South Carolina's most important historic sites. First settled in 1675, only five years after the first English colonists arrived in the Carolinas, this National Historic Landmark connects to the very fabric of our nation's complex history. For over two and a half centuries, these manicured gardens have welcomed visitors from all over the world. As you walk the same footpaths as pre-Revolutionary statesmen, we recognize and celebrate the achievements of hundreds of enslaved people who built and maintained these gardens.



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- Private, curated tour of the Aiken-Rhett House Museum
The Aiken-Rhett House Museum is the only preserved "as-found" house museum on the peninsula, and one of two in the state. This preservation style transports you back in time; with collection items and architectural features frozen in their c.1895 state. In addition to its unique style, the remaining dependencies are some of the only surviving enslaved quarters interpreted and open to the public. Enjoy a private tour of this powerful and unique property with one of the Museum's most knowledgeable staff members.

10:30am - 1pm

- Private tour of four private, residential homes South of Broad
In a truly unique and special opportunity, go behind the gate of some of the most beautiful and historic private residences in Charleston's Old and Historic Districts. Led by expert guides, guests will tour both interior and exterior of these historic homes to learn more about architectural details, landscape design and more.

4 pm

- Wine reception in a private Charleston garden
Guests will have the opportunity to enjoy a selection of wine in the garden of a private residential home "South of Broad". This unique experience is only available thanks to the generosity of the homeowners and stewards of Charleston's historic homes.



Top: Drayton Hall
Left to Right: Cocktails in the garden of the Nathaniel Russell House.
The Aiken-Rhett House Museum, c.1820.
The garden at Middleton Place.
Bottom: The three-story free-flying staircase at the Nathaniel Russell House.