

*Imagine This...*



South Carolina had seceded from the Union, yet Union forces still occupied Fort Sumter at the entrance of Charleston Harbor. The South demanded that Fort Sumter be vacated. The North refused. Finally, on April 12, 1861, South Carolina Confederate troops from nearby Fort Johnson fired on the fort—the start of a two day bombardment that resulted in the surrender of Fort Sumter by Union troops.

With the North's withdrawal, the South held the fort until it was finally evacuated on February 17, 1865. During that time, the fort experienced one of the longest sieges in modern warfare. For almost two years, 46,000 shells, estimated at more than seven million pounds of metal, were fired at Fort Sumter. For these reasons and more, Fort Sumter remains one of the most significant historic monuments in the United States.

*War began.*



FORT SUMTER TOURS

*Schedule and Rates*

Dates	Liberty Square Departure, SC Aquarium	Patriots Point Departure, Mt. Pleasant
Jan. 2–Feb. 28	11:00am & 2:30pm	1:30pm
Mar. 1–14	9:30am, 12:00pm & 2:30pm	10:45am & 1:30pm
Mar. 15–Aug. 20 & Labor Day Weekend	9:30am, 12:00pm & 2:30pm	10:45am, 1:30pm & 4:00pm
Aug. 21–Nov. 30	9:30am, 12:00pm & 2:30pm	10:45am & 1:30pm
Thanksgiving Day, Dec. 25 & Jan. 1	NO TOUR	NO TOUR
Dec. 1–Dec. 24	11:00am & 2:30pm	1:30pm
Dec. 26–Dec. 31	9:30am, 12:00pm & 2:30pm	10:45am & 1:30pm

These are departure times—please allow 25 minutes for ticketing and boarding. Schedules and rates subject to change without notice.

**RATES: Adults \$18.00; Seniors \$16.00; Children (4–11) \$11.00; Children 3 & younger—FREE**

Tour lasts two hours and 15 minutes (one hour on Fort Sumter\*). Handicap access is available at both Liberty Square and Patriots Point. Reservations are required for group rates.

\*Check our website for extended stay options.

*Fort Sumter Tours offers the only tour to historic Fort Sumter, departing from Liberty Square in downtown Charleston and Patriots Point in Mount Pleasant. Fort Sumter is situated on an island in Charleston Harbor, accessible only by boat. Our sightseeing yachts are clean, safe and fully equipped with snack bars and restrooms. The tour includes a narrated history of Charleston Harbor and many points of interest and historical significance.*

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## DOWNTOWN CHARLESTON

*From Liberty Square*



The primary departure point for visitors to Fort Sumter is the National Park Service Visitor Education Center, located next to the South Carolina Aquarium at Concord and Calhoun streets. It is a state-of-the-art facility, serving as an interpretive educational center for the National Park Service to communicate the significance of Fort Sumter and its history. Exhibits provide an overview of the many issues and debates that led to the outbreak of the Civil War.

*The Visitor Center is open daily from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, and admission is free.*

1861

Charleston, SC

Where the Civil War began.

## TOUR FT. SUMTER

1861 Sesquicentennial 2011  
150th

2011 marked the beginning of the four year sesquicentennial (150th) observation of the Civil War. Interpretive programs are being planned to help visitors understand the significance and relevance of all aspects of the War. At great human cost, the Civil War preserved the United States and a new birth of freedom transformed the nation.

*Visit our website for schedules and special events in 2013*



### FORT SUMTER TOURS' ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT

*Fort Sumter Tours and SpiritLine Cruises strive to protect and preserve the natural and cultural resources of Fort Sumter National Monument, Charleston Harbor and the surrounding areas through wise environmental stewardship. Our management and staff conduct operations and activities in an environmentally and professionally sound manner, through pollution prevention and sustainable management practices, to maintain environmental integrity and mitigate adverse environmental impacts to the extent possible.*

*Environmental protection is everyone's responsibility.*

## MT. PLEASANT

*From Patriots Point*



Tours to Fort Sumter also depart from Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum, located in Mount Pleasant, across the Cooper River from downtown Charleston. Patriots Point is home to our country's largest maritime museum and the historic aircraft carrier USS Yorktown. One of the most moving exhibits is the museum of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, featuring interactive exhibits that explain the origin of the Medal of Honor, along with stories of the brave Americans who received this award. Be sure to allow time during your visit to experience this poignant tribute to our military.

*12 April, 1861*

*shell fired from  
of something was*

