

GROUP ACTIVITIES

#WMS2023

A key part of the annual WMS Congress is the networking that takes place whilst experiencing some of the cultural highlights that our host destination has to offer alongside other delegates attending. We have put together a varied selection of group activity options to choose from to suit everyone's interests, all of which take place on Thursday 5th October 2023.

All group activities will finish at the **International African American Museum for a drink's reception (6:00PM-9:00PM)** and are for group activity attendees and attendees who have registered for the reception only. This reception is included in the overall price for the group activity. There will be scheduled shuttles back to the main hotels after the reception. Dress: Outdoor activity straight after your group activity. Smart/casual.

Please note that the group activities will go ahead come rain or shine so please dress appropriately. Should the weather be extreme, such as hurricane winds or extreme rainfall amounts, we have been told by our providers that they would offer us a refund if they cancel the booking with us but not if individuals decide they no longer wish to go if the activity is still going ahead as planned. WMS would process any such refund to delegates post-congress.

Catamaran Cruise

Enjoy the afternoon aboard Charleston's ultimate sailing catamaran. This large vessel, with its spacious wooden deck of the catamaran offers the ideal setting for a cruise through the Charleston Harbor, passing by historic downtown Charleston, the iconic Arthur Ravenel Jr. Bridge, and Fort Sumter.

Guests can also enjoy covered seating on the deck to escape the sun if they wish. Throughout the two-hour cruise, guests can belly up to the "barefoot" bar for a glass of beer or wine. Cash/card payments.

this is NOT a wheelchair accessible activity

Departure Location: North Charleston Convention Center
Drop off Location: International African American Museum
Dress: Outdoor activity. Please dress appropriately for an outdoor activity aboard a boat in the Charleston Harbor

3:30PM	depart from congress venue to Shem Creek
4:00PM to 6PM	Charleston Harbor Tour on Catamaran
6:00PM	En route to IAAM reception
6:15PM	guests arrive at IAAM Reception

Electric Bike Tour

We will show you the best bike route in Mt. Pleasant. The route travels first into old village to Pitt St. Bridge with views of Fort Sumter. Next, travel along Pitt Street to Shem Creek Park. With an active shrimp boat fleet and regular dolphins, visits to Shem Creek are unforgettable. From there, we travel toward Sullivan's Island along the Ben Sawyer Bikeway. Riders can take in beautiful marsh views as we cross to the island. Once on the island, we access the beach and ride the length of the island on its beach shores. We exit the beach at Ft. Moultrie and make our way back to Mt. Pleasant along the inland side of the island.

this is NOT a wheelchair accessible activity

Departure Location: North Charleston Convention Center
Drop off Location: International African American Museum
Dress: Outdoor activity. Please dress appropriately for an outdoor activity on a bicycle.

3:30PM	depart from the congress centre to e-bike starting location Group 1 in one direction: 3:30pm to 5:30pm Bike Tour (20 guests each) Group 2 in the other direction: 3:45pm to 5:45pm Bike Tour (20 guests)
5:45PM	En route to IAAM reception
6:15PM	guests arrive at IAAM Reception

Fort Sumter Tour (by land and sea)

Stand on the grounds where America's deadliest war began at Fort Sumter National Monument. The first shots were fired here, igniting a conflict that saw more than 700,000 casualties. Experience the opening battle of the American Civil War and explore its origins with a National Park ranger. Your visit to Fort Sumter allows ample time to explore well-preserved fort ruins and browse Museum Shop souvenirs.

this is a limited wheelchair accessible activity, please contact us in advance to make arrangements

Departure Location: North Charleston Convention Center
Drop off Location: International African American Museum
Dress: Outdoor activity. Please dress appropriately for an outdoor activity on land and water

1:40PM	depart the congress centre to Ft Sumter - Aquarium Warf.
PLEASE NOTE THIS IS VERY CLOSE TO THE END OF THE CONGRESS PROGRAMME. BOXED LUNCHESES WILL BE PROVIDED.	
2:00PM	guests arrival to Ft. Sumter Museum / Restrooms
2:30PM - 4:45PM	Self tour of Ft. Sumter. Guides available throughout to ask questions
4:45PM to 6:00PM	City of Charleston Historic Motor Tour
6:00PM	En route to IAAM reception
6:15PM	guest arrive at IAAM Reception

Gullah History Tour

The language of Gullah was spoken by the Lowcountry's first black inhabitants. The language and culture still thrive today in and around the Charleston/Beaufort, South Carolina region. This tour explores the places, history, and stories that are relevant to the rich and varied contributions made by Black Charlestonians.

As the name implies, the Gullah language, native to the Charleston area, is featured on much of the tour. Of course, if Gullah was spoken throughout the tour, you would not understand, nor would you enjoy the beautiful and interesting sites of Charleston. Your tour guide, is a native of Edisto, South Carolina, and is fluent in the Gullah language and familiar with many of the Gullah customs.

this activity can be personally tailored to be wheelchair accessible, please contact us in advance to make arrangements

Departure Location: North Charleston Convention Center
Drop off Location: International African American Museum
Dress: Indoor / Outdoor activity. Please dress appropriately to ride on a coach and walk outside for short distances.

3:30PM	depart from the congress venue to City of Charleston Bus Shed
4:00PM to 6PM	Motor Tour / Visitors Center to Visitors Center
6:00PM	En route to IAAM reception
6:15PM	guests arrive at IAAM Reception

Historic Walking Tour

Discover The Holy City with all its charm, history, and elegance with the best tour guides Charleston has to offer!

Guests will be guided through the iconic streets of the Lowcountry by a licensed city guide, where they will see many of the characteristic sites including Rainbow Row, the Pineapple Fountain, and the City Market; guests will learn the local and global significance of the city's history; and they may even feel chills as they learn stories of some the Holy City's haunted homes.

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Departure Location: North Charleston Convention Center
Drop off Location: International African American Museum
Dress: Outdoor activity. Please dress appropriately for an outdoor activity on cobblestone walkways.

2:30PM	depart from the congress centre to historic Charleston
3:00PM to 4:30PM	City of Charleston Historic Walking Tour (3 groups of 20)
4:30 to 5:30PM	Shopping in the Historic Market
4:45PM to 6:00PM	Motor Tour of Charleston with Licensed Guide
6:00PM	En route to IAAM reception
6:15PM	guest arrive at IAAM Reception

Middleton Place

The historic preservation work and interpretation of history at Middleton Place focuses on major contributions of the Middleton family as well as the enslaved Africans and African Americans who lived and worked here. The stories are a microcosm of United States history. From the early Colonial period through the Revolution, the early Republic, the Civil War era and beyond, they made a mark on the land, the colony, state, and nation.

Guests will experience a behind the scenes guided garden tour, guided beyond the fields tour which includes a tour of Eliza's House, named for a former enslaved person of the Middletons – the home documents the story of slavery, in South Carolina and at Middleton Place. The focal point of the exhibit is a panel with the names of over 2800 African and African American men, women and children enslaved by the Middletons. Guests will also be able to participate with an interactive Stable yards with skilled artisans creating tools, pottery, clothing and tended an array of livestock.

this is NOT a wheelchair accessible activity

Departure Location: North Charleston Convention Center
Drop off Location: International African American Museum
Dress: Outdoor activity. Please dress appropriately for an outdoor activity on dirt and gravel land.

2:45PM	depart the congress centre to Middleton Place	
	Group A	Group B
3:30PM to 4:30PM	Guided Garden Tour	Beyond the Fields Tour
4:30PM to 5:30PM	Beyond the Fields Tour	Guided Garden Tour
5:30PM	En route to IAAM reception	
6:00PM	guest arrive at IAAM Reception	