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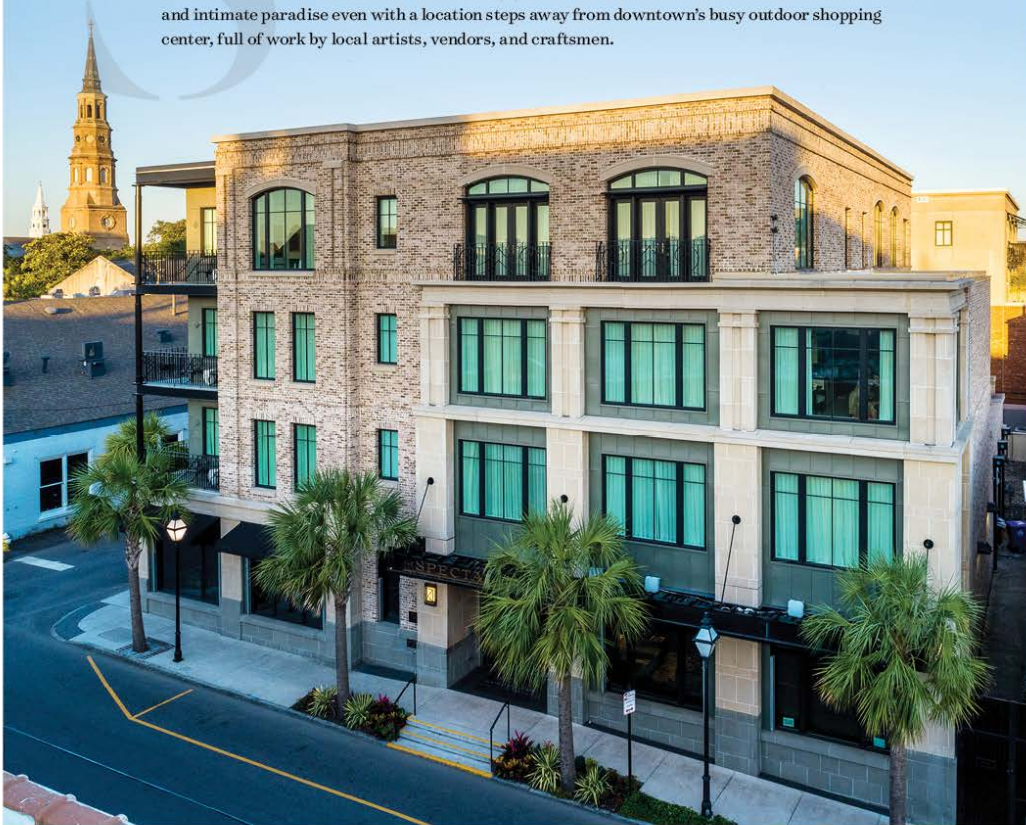
Three of our favorite Charleston hotels serve up first-class service and style.

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STEAL AWAY FOR A ROMANTIC WEEKEND IN ONE OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S BEST AND MOST-FEATURED hotels. Inspired by the Roaring Twenties, bustling bars in the age of Prohibition, and classic luxury, The Spectator Hotel is Charleston's grand escape into comfort, splendor, and a little sprinkle of the past.

The relatively new boutique hotel opened its doors in 2015 at the intersection of the City Market and the French Quarter, and has enjoyed rave reviews ever since. It remains a small and intimate paradise even with a location steps away from downtown's busy outdoor shopping center, full of work by local artists, vendors, and craftsmen.



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TOP: The Spectator Hotel.
THREE BOTTOM RIGHT: French Quarter Inn.



The Spectator Hotel is also moments from The Gibbes Museum of Art, a gallery that houses contemporary American art and art specific to Charleston, and is less than a mile away from the Schooner Pride tour at Sunset. The highly-recommended sunset cruise aboard the Schooner Pride is the best way to feel the Charleston Harbor's ocean breeze and watch the sunset after a classic seafood dinner, all while learning about Charleston's landmarks and communities.

Inside the hotel, rooms are decorated with a modern twist on traditional style. Experience relaxation with locally-made mattresses and pillows, soft white and grey hues, dark accents, and pristine bathrooms. High ceilings, balconies, and natural light fill each room with Charleston's daytime brilliance and nighttime glow. With suite, queen, king, and ADA-compliant options, The Spectator Hotel has a room for everyone.

The Spectator offers many amenities, adding to its charm and sophisticated reputation. The main luxury is the all-inclusive butler service. The butler service streamlines the hotel's vision for perfect Southern hospitality. Each guest is provided with a personal butler who ensures no detail or need goes unnoticed. Highlights include shoe shining, packing/unpacking, and pressing and concierge services.

Other amenities include the beautiful downstairs hotel bar, with craft cocktails and bites, a gourmet continental breakfast, complimentary bicycles for a self-guided tour of the city along the famous cobblestone streets, and a welcome cocktail.

If you want to really elevate your trip and experience all Charleston has to offer, extend your stay so you can visit the other Charlestowne Hotels' properties, French Quarter Inn and HarbourView Inn, at the same time, too.

The French Quarter Inn provides yet another luxurious taste of the beloved city. It's located in the heart of the historic district, overlooking Charleston's famous open-air market. With its traditional, home-baroque interior, the French Quarter Inn is a masterclass in providing glamour along with the world-class hospitality.



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The boutique hotel offers complimentary breakfast, bikes with baskets to explore the city (and store your souvenirs), and an array of refreshing flavored teas, infused waters, and snacks always available in the lobby. Kick off your stay with a flute of champagne and be swept away by the beauty of the historic atmosphere. Several of their rooms boast large balconies that peer over the market. The hotel is centrally located on Church Street, allowing for easy travel to nearby attractions.

Perfectly positioned adjacent to the Charleston Harbor, the HarbourView Inn provides a uniquely intimate experience for hotel guests. The waterfront hotel pays homage to the historic city by creating an atmosphere of pure Southern hospitality. It's the ultimate place to unwind after a long day of exploring all the wonderful sights Charleston has to offer. The hotel provides a variety of amenities designed to make you feel right at home. Ring in the day with live music or borrow a bike, provided by the hotel, and explore the historic city. Don't forget to return to the inn for their complimentary wine and cheese hour every afternoon. And for those with sweet teeth, the HarbourView Inn also provides late-night milk and cookies! Relax on the rooftop terrace and toast to the sweeping, 360-degree views it provides of the Holy City. The hotel is family-friendly and in walking distance to Charleston's best restaurants, historic sights, and shopping.

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