

John Rutledge House Inn®  
*History & Timeless Luxury*  
IN THE HEART OF THE CHARLESTON HISTORIC DISTRICT







CHARMING INNS

*We are Charleston*

In 1982, Richard Widman, founded Charming Inns® as a labor of love. He began the company with the mission to help guests create special memories by providing exceptional service and honoring the unique histories of each of the one-of-a-kind properties.

Today, with four boutique hotels and an award-winning fine dining establishment in the portfolio, we continue that mission by staying true to our core values: Family, Service, History, and Comfort.

We believe the loyalty and longevity of our staff are a testament to those values—setting our brand apart in an ever-evolving hospitality landscape.



MICHELLE WIDMAN-  
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PRESIDENT



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# Welcome to John Rutledge House Inn®

As the only home of a signer of the United States Constitution that now serves as both a living national historic landmark as well as an inn, the John Rutledge House Inn® truly offers a one-of-a-kind guest experience.

From 12-foot high ceilings to Italian marble gas fireplaces, the enchanting guest rooms and suites of the historic John Rutledge House Inn® emanate an elegance of an era bygone.

After a day of exploring Charleston, there's nothing like returning home for a complimentary evening drink of port, sherry, or brandy before retiring to your cozy Broad Street accommodations.

*Our stay at the Rutledge House was the highlight of our trip. Thoughtful staff and amenities, great location, and a perfect home base for our adventures around the city. We were so sad when it was time to check out. Already looking forward to our next visit.*



# MORE THAN 250 YEARS OF HISTORY

1763 —

John Rutledge builds a beautiful home for his bride, Elizabeth Grimke. The chairman of the drafting committee, Rutledge goes on to write several iterations of the United States Constitution in the second-floor drawing room, now the Signer's Ballroom. He later signs the document with the other founding fathers.

1791 —

George Washington visits John Rutledge House and shares breakfast with Mrs. Rutledge during his Presidential trip to Charleston.

1850 —

The house is renovated, and many distinctive architectural features are added, including Italian marble fireplaces, ornate parquet floors, and elaborate ironwork depicting the Federal Eagle and SC Palmetto tree as a tribute to Rutledge's service in federal and state governments.

A third floor was also added to the two-story structure and stucco was applied over the original brick. During renovations in the 1880s, plain hardwood flooring was also replaced with intricate, inlaid parquet floors patterned after those found in German castles. Visitors note the extensive, detailed designs and the fact that no two rooms have the same pattern.

— 1920

In the 1920s, Charleston's mayor, Robert Goodwyn Rhett, was expecting a visit from President William Taft during his tour of Charleston. Wanting to do something special for the president, Mayor Rhett asked his butler, William Deas, to "dress up" their typical crab soup. His presidential variation featured orange crab eggs, giving the soup bright color and great taste. Thus began the legacy of She Crab Soup.

— 1989

The family home returns to its former glory when a major restoration is undertaken to restore the inlaid floors, plasterwork, and staircase. An array of modern conveniences are added, transforming the historic structure into the elegant and beloved John Rutledge House Inn®.



# LUXURIOUS ROOMS

Home to 19 elegant rooms and suites—each unique in both size and architectural details, the John Rutledge House Inn® offers luxurious amenities that you simply won't find anywhere else.



In-room Complimentary Amenities: Wi-Fi, morning newspaper, Tempur-Pedic beds®, whirlpool tub\*, Italian marble gas fireplace\*, deluxe continental or cooked breakfast, iron and ironing board, hairdryer, cozy robes, refrigerator with bottled water.

\*Available in select rooms

Whether you join us in the main house or one of our two charming carriage houses, you are sure to revel in the grand comfort of our historic Charleston inn.







# Weddings and Social Events

Charleston is one of the top wedding destinations in the country, and there is no better venue that more beautifully exemplifies what the world loves most about the Holy City than John Rutledge House Inn®. Our breathtaking inn embodies romance and provides the perfect backdrop for an intimate celebration while our team takes care of every detail so our guests can bask in luxurious charm and southern

hospitality.

## WEDDING STAY

*My entire family took over the John Rutledge House for my wedding. They were incredibly courteous, helpful, accommodating and service oriented. The home and amenities were top notch. We absolutely loved the staff - you can't beat the location either. We were able to walk everywhere. We will definitely be staying again.*

- Natalie B



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# EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

Guests are welcome to enhance their stay with Exclusive Experiences hosted by our sister hotel, Wentworth Mansion®.

## DOIN' THE CHARLESTON— IN A 1928 MODEL A FORD SPORT COUPE

Ride in the rumble seat and experience Charleston as it was in the roaring 20's.



## SECRETS OF THE SOMMELIERS

Just saying Sommelier can be intimidating. Wine shouldn't be! This experience will cover the basics from how grapes become wine to how to pick a wine at a restaurant. You will leave with a greater understanding and appreciation of wine.



## SHAKING WITH THE SEASONS

Learn the basics of using different spirits and seasonal ingredients to create delicious libations.



# FAQ

## LOCATION

116 Broad Street, Charleston, SC 29401  
(843) 723-7999

## ARCHITECTURE

Built in 1763  
American Colonial with traditional décor  
Former Residence

## AFFILIATIONS

Historic Hotels of America  
Select Registry

## ROOMS

Eleven spacious rooms in the original grand residence and eight charming and secluded rooms among the inn's two carriage houses. Each room has a private bath.

## AMENITIES

- Wi-Fi
- Evening port, sherry, & brandy
- Morning newspaper
- Tempur-Pedic beds®
- Whirlpool tub\*
- Italian marble gas fireplace\*
- Tea & light hors d'oeuvres served every afternoon
- 24-hr concierge service
- Turndown service
- Canopy beds\*
- Deluxe continental or cooked breakfast served in your room, the ballroom, or the courtyard
- In-room iron and ironing boards, hairdryers, cozy robes, refrigerator with bottled water, flat-screen TV, and DVD player

\*Available in select rooms



## RATES

Rooms from \$350

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook @johnrutledgehouse  
Instagram @johnrutledgehouseinn

## WEBSITE

[www.johnrutledgehouseinn.com](http://www.johnrutledgehouseinn.com)

## MEETING SPACE

Two meeting rooms, accommodating groups of up to 48 people, are available for wedding, business gatherings or special events.



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*Circa*  
1886

Journey Through The Foodways  
of South Carolina







# Circa 1886 Restaurant

Located in the original carriage house of the historic Wentworth Mansion® in downtown Charleston, Circa 1886 has long reigned as one of Charleston's finest restaurants - a romantic backdrop for birthday celebrations, a quiet setting to discuss business or entertain friends, a one-of-a-kind venue for rehearsal dinners and bridal events. For over a decade, Executive Chef Marc Collins has worked with a network of local farmers and fishermen creating a special kind of culinary magic, elevating even an ordinary night out to spectacular new heights.

In 2019, Chef Collins launched a unique menu concept that takes guests on a journey through the belly of South Carolina Foodways from its humble beginnings, multinational influences, and what that means for modern-day cuisine fused together from this rich history. From dishes like Broken Arrow Axis Venison with sunchoke hash and sunflower seed butter to Piedmontese Oxtail with conch fritter and mustard greens, the flavors come together to tell a beautiful story.

*"Stunning place, delicious food, and a friendly staff. I highly recommend this restaurant! Since it's popular I would make a reservation as soon you you know you are heading to Charleston. An absolute gem!"*









## MARC COLLINS

### EXECUTIVE CHEF

Although his childhood dreams of becoming an Air Force pilot were sidelined due to less-than-perfect vision, Marc Collins quickly found his focus and footing in the culinary world. At age 16, he worked as a chef apprentice aboard *Paradise II*, a private yacht with a presidential history, an experience that inspired him to pursue a culinary degree at the Pennsylvania Institute of Culinary Arts.

A series of cooking jobs included a post at the Erie Country Club in his hometown, where he served under Executive Chef David Spadafore, a Gold Medal Winner in the Culinary Olympics held in Frankfurt, Germany. In 1991, Collins moved to San Antonio, where he worked at *La Mansion Del Rio* under French chef Guy Collinet and, later, at *La Louisiane*, a restaurant specializing in fine French cuisine and Cajun Creole cooking. At 23, he took his first chef position at the Fairmount Hotel, an AAA Four Diamond hotel restaurant. In 2001, he was recruited to helm *Circa 1886* in Charleston.

In 2005, Marc had a budding idea for a food and wine festival to be hosted in Charleston, spotlighting the city's amazing array of talent and ingredients. Thanks to his dedication and countless hours of preliminary planning meetings, that vision became reality in 2006, when the first annual Charleston Wine + Food launched. Today, the festival is a prominent annual event, featuring more than 160 chefs and authors from Charleston and across the country, and comprising dozens of food and wine events. To honor his critical work in founding the festival, he was the namesake and first recipient of the 2010 Charleston Wine + Food Marc Collins Chef Award.





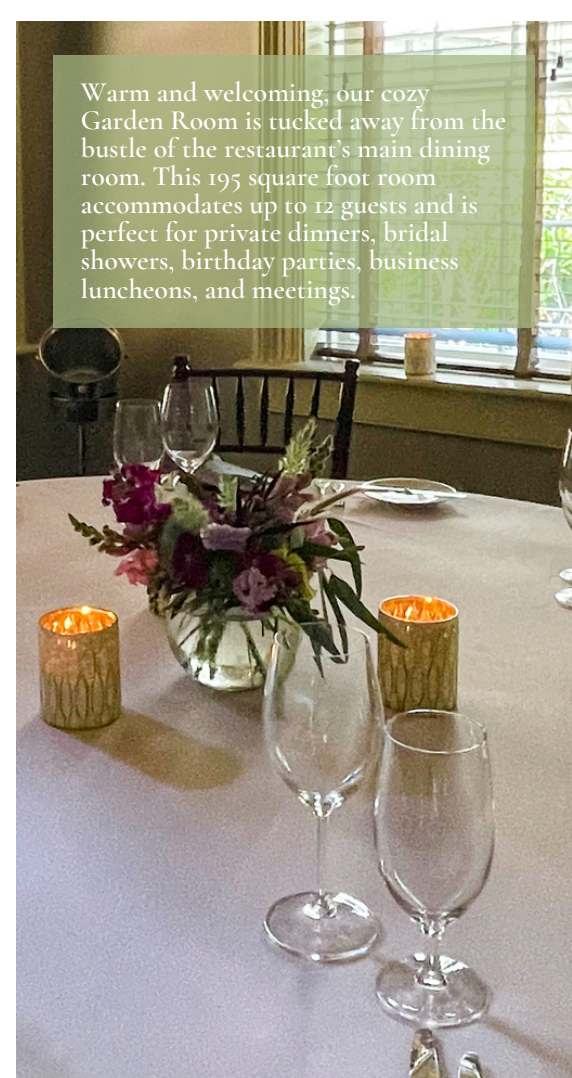
# PRIVATE EVENTS



Our most popular private event venue, the versatile Tack Room is located above the restaurant's main dining room. Highlights of this bright, beautiful space include two original fireplaces and decorative touches that are uniquely Charleston. This 594 square foot room accommodates up to 40 guests and is perfect for private dinners, small wedding receptions, bridal showers, business luncheons, and meetings.



Warm and welcoming, our cozy Garden Room is tucked away from the bustle of the restaurant's main dining room. This 195 square foot room accommodates up to 12 guests and is perfect for private dinners, bridal showers, birthday parties, business luncheons, and meetings.



Enjoy the flexibility and exclusivity of a restaurant buyout featuring full access to each of the restaurant's unique seating areas, including the Main Dining room, Wine Room, Tack Room, and Garden Room. This option accommodates up to 128 guests and is perfect for wedding receptions, rehearsal dinners, birthday parties, and anniversary celebrations.



# FAQ

## LOCATION

149 Wentworth Street  
Charleston, SC 29401  
(843) 853-7828

## ESTABLISHED

2000

## HOURS

Dinner: Monday - Tuesday and  
Thursday - Saturday 5 - 9:00 pm

## EXECUTIVE CHEF

Marc Collins

## ATTIRE

Smart Casual

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook @circa1886restaurant  
Instagram @circa1886

## WEBSITE

[www.circa1886.com](http://www.circa1886.com)





# ACCOLADES

TOP 15 BEST HOTELS IN CHARLESTON  
2022 Travel + Leisure

#1 BEST HOTEL IN CHARLESTON  
2021 Travel + Leisure

#12 BEST HOTEL IN THE U.S.  
2021 TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Awards

#8 BEST SMALL HOTEL IN THE U.S.  
2022 TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Awards

#22 TOP 10% OF HOTELS WORLDWIDE  
2021 TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Awards

#2 BEST HOTEL IN CHARLESTON  
2020 TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Awards

#12 BEST HOTEL IN THE U.S.  
2020 TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Awards

#5 BEST HOTEL IN CHARLESTON  
2020 Conde Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards

TOP 20 SMALL HOTEL IN THE U.S.  
2019 TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Awards



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