

WENTWORTH MANSION®

Charleston's Grandest Mansion





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 Wentworth Mansion®

With Italian crystal chandeliers, hand-carved marble fireplaces, and Tiffany stained glass, the circa 1886 home is a tribute to the Holy City's gilded age.

Take a short stroll to King Street offering world-class dining and shopping; pamper yourself with a spa treatment in the original stables; indulge in our award-winning Southern fare; take a ride through the historic district in a 1928 Model A Ford Sport Coupe.

Gracious hospitality, luxurious amenities, and thoughtful guest experiences await you at Charleston's grandest mansion.

"The Wentworth is the quintessential Victorian Age hotel/mansion in Charleston. Every aspect of your stay is meant to take you back in time to the 1880s. From the fireplace in the bathroom to my private balcony, this journey could not have been nicer."

MORE THAN 130 YEARS OF HISTORY

1865-1887 —

Francis Silas Rodgers, a wealthy cotton merchant, phosphate manufacturer, and coastwide shipper marries Marie Elizabeth Evans Cochran and together they raise thirteen children. Designed in the Second Empire style by architect Daniel G. Wayne, they build an expansive and ornate home at 149 Wentworth Street. While on a trip to Europe, Rodgers commissioned two grand matching chandeliers, which still hang today, and is said to have brought back their maker to ensure proper installation. A noted marble and stoneworker and sculptor of the day, Emile T. Viêt, carved the elegant marble mantle pieces found in the home's double parlors. Other noted features include Louis Comfort Tiffany glass panels, Philadelphia pressed brick, and a rooftop cupola with panoramic views of the historic city.

— 1920

Members of the Rodgers family sell the home to the Scottish Rite Cathedral Association for \$100,000. The Scottish Rite masons keep the home until 1940 when it is sold to the Atlantic Coast Insurance Company. It serves as the company headquarters until 1996.

— 1997

Proprietor Richard Widman purchases Wentworth Mansion and begins an extensive \$7 million renovation that preserves the home's magnificent architectural features, including the inlaid floors, original staircase, and Tiffany glass while adding modern conveniences and luxurious bathrooms to transform the mansion into a one-of-a-kind historic hotel experience.

— 2000

Widman converts the carriage house behind the home, which once housed the stables and carriages, into Circa 1886, today a AAA Four Diamond, Forbes Four-Star, award-winning restaurant.

— 2004

The structure that was originally used as the stable for the Mansion is renovated to house the Spa at Wentworth Mansion. The 1,000 square foot spa offers patrons a full range of treatments.

LUXURIOUS ROOMS



Each one of our 21 guest rooms and suites is unique — in size, in shape, in striking architectural details — but all provide a refined oasis for reveling in the history and charm of historic downtown Charleston.



In-room Complimentary Amenities:
Two-person whirlpool tub, Iron and
ironing board, Mini-fridge stocked with
soft drinks and bottled water, In-room
safe, Bathrobes, Morning newspaper

VALUED
AT OVER
\$150
PER NIGHT

Gather with fellow guests
for a full breakfast at
Circa 1886 before
venturing out to explore
Charleston, or return in
the late afternoon for a
glass of wine and hors
d'oeuvres, or sip a glass of
port before retiring for
the evening.



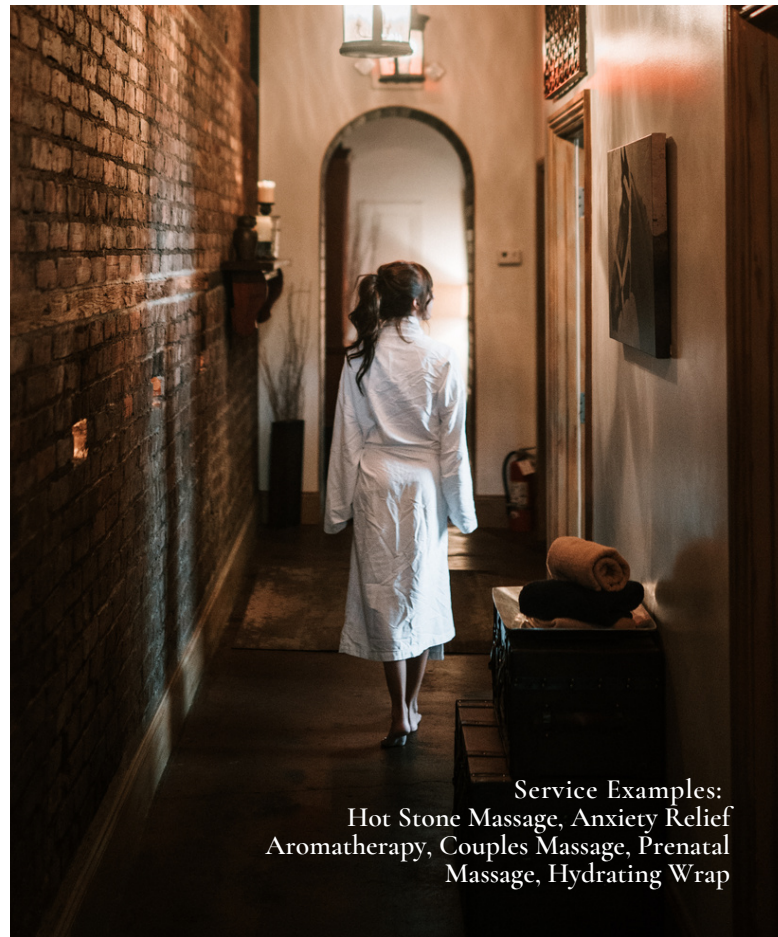


The Spa

Originally the mansion's stables, our intimate and eucalyptus-scented Spa at Wentworth Mansion is an unmatched setting in which to relax, rejuvenate and replenish. Striking architectural details, including 14-foot vaulted ceilings, arched windows, exposed brick, and rustic beams, create an air of tranquility and comfort for facials, massages, body treatments, and other spa services.

"Loved the space - a cool old horse barn converted to a salon near an old huge family mansion. Felt like a wine cellar or a monastery...cool, hushed."

M. BARTELS-TRIP ADVISOR REVIEW



Service Examples:
Hot Stone Massage, Anxiety Relief
Aromatherapy, Couples Massage, Prenatal
Massage, Hydrating Wrap



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 Wentworth Mansion®. No matter what the vision for the event might be—an intimate ceremony in our Grand Mansion Suite or a lively cocktail reception on our lush lawn—our warm, talented team ensures every detail from hors d'oeuvres and table settings to champagne toasts and delicious dinners are elegant and effortless.

"The Wentworth Mansion is simply perfect. We stayed on the second floor in a King Mansion Suite for two nights. I can't begin to describe how perfect it was to return from our wedding at the end of the night and walk up and enter the Wentworth Mansion. We felt as if we were coming home (to a much nicer home of course), but the house is warm and inviting."





EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

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

149 Wentworth St., Charleston, SC 29401
(843) 853-1886

ROOMS

21 total, there are 3 east wing rooms, 3 garden rooms, 11 mansion rooms, 3 suites and one grand mansion suite. Rooms feature gas-lit fireplaces with original marble mantels, king-size sleigh beds, inlaid design floors, whirlpool tubs, and double glass-walled, walk-in showers.

ARCHITECTURE

When cotton merchant Francis Silas Rodgers designed the future Wentworth Mansion in 1886, he chose the French-inspired Second Empire-style architecture to influence its final appearance. Also known simply as “mansard style,” Second Empire architecture first emerged in Paris at the height of the reign of Emperor Napoléon III. Born Charles-Louis Napoléon Bonaparte, he was the nephew of the legendary Napoléon Bonaparte of the French Revolution.

AMENITIES

- Complimentary valet parking
- Full breakfast from Circa 1886
- Afternoon wine & hors d'oeuvres
- Evening port, sherry, and brandy
- In-room soft drinks & bottled water
- 24-hour concierge services
- Morning newspaper delivery
- Bathrobes



SPA

1000-square-foot spa set in the Mansion's restored former stables, offering patrons a full range of treatments, including massages, wraps, scrubs, skin care treatments and waxing services. Hours are by appointment only.

DINING

Circa 1886 is a AAA Four Diamond, Forbes Four Star fine dining restaurant set on the grounds of the Mansion inside its former carriage house, offering innovative Southern cuisine. Breakfast service 7:30-10:30 for guests only, dinner service 5:30-9:30 Mon-Sat.

MEETINGS & GATHERINGS

Meeting space is available in three meeting rooms that accommodate groups of up to 40 people for business gatherings or special events.

RATES

Rooms from \$500

SOCIAL MEDIA

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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.



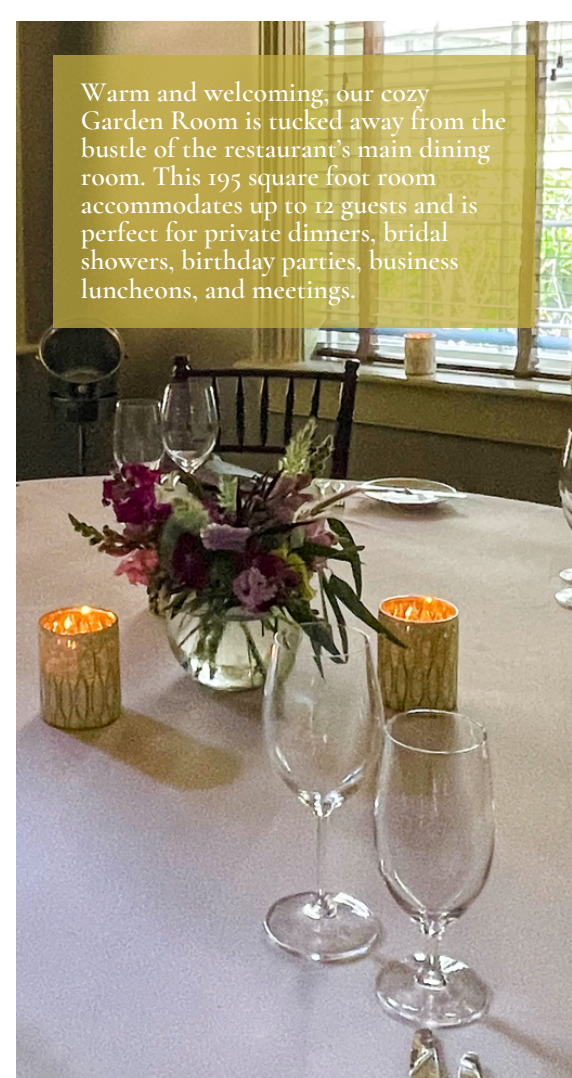
PRIVATE EVENTS



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

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149 Wentworth Street
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ESTABLISHED

2000

HOURS

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

EXECUTIVE CHEF

Marc Collins

ATTIRE

Smart Casual

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Instagram @circa1886

WEBSITE

www.circa1886.com





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2022 Travel + Leisure

TOP 100 BEST HOTELS IN THE WORLD
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2022 Travel + Leisure

#7 BEST HOTEL FOR ROMANCE
2021 TripAdvisor

#16 BEST SMALL HOTEL IN THE U.S.
2022 TripAdvisor

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2021 Travel + Leisure

#17 BEST HOTEL FOR ROMANCE IN
THE U.S.
2018 TripAdvisor

#4 BEST HOTEL IN CHARLESTON
2021 Travel + Leisure

#4 BEST HOTEL RESTAURANT
CIRCA 1886
2021 USA Today 10Best Awards

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2020 Travelers' Choice Awards

#8 BEST HOTEL IN THE UNITED
STATES
2020 Travel + Leisure

TOP HOTELS IN CHARLESTON
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2019 U.S. News & World Report

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2019 U.S. News & World Report

TOP 25 MOST ROMANTIC HOTELS IN
THE U.S.

2019 TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Awards

THE GOLD LIST

2018 Conde Nast Traveler Magazine

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2021 Travel + Leisure

#8 BEST SMALL HOTEL
2021 TripAdvisor

#12 BEST LUXURY HOTEL IN THE U.S.
2022 TripAdvisor

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2018 TripAdvisor

#9 BEST HISTORIC HOTEL
2021 USA Today 10Best Awards

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2021 USA Today 10Best Awards

#3 BEST CHARLESTON HOTEL
2020 Conde Nast Traveler's Readers' Choice

#11 BEST HOTELS IN THE USA
2020 U.S. News & World Report

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2020 U.S. News & World Report

#5 BEST HOTEL IN CHARLESTON
2019 Conde Nast Traveler Readers' Choice

#1 BEST HOTEL IN CHARLESTON
2020 Travel + Leisure

#1 BEST HOTEL IN DOWNTOWN
CHARLESTON
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