



WENTWORTH MANSION®





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OVERVIEW

Wentworth Mansion®, located in the heart of historic downtown Charleston, South Carolina, is a 21-room, award-winning, luxury hotel that offers guests a true taste of Southern hospitality in an unsurpassed setting.

Built in 1886, the Wentworth Mansion® is the former home of a wealthy cotton merchant. Current owner Richard Widman (managing partner) carefully restored the building in 1998, converting it into a luxurious hotel that maintains many of the original and distinctive architectural features. Each room and suite features gas-lit fireplaces with original marble mantels, king-size sleigh beds, inlaid design floors, whirlpool tubs and double glass-walled, walk-in showers.

In keeping with Southern tradition, each morning guests are invited to Circa 1886, the AAA Four-Diamond, Forbes Four Star, award-winning restaurant housed in the property's carriage house, for a gourmet breakfast and coffee. In the evening, guests may gather for a complimentary wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres in the parlor, or they may enjoy watching the sunset from the hotel's rooftop cupola, a special spot a 360-degree vista of the historic city and harbor. For fine, innovative Southern cuisine, guests may walk across the lawn for dinner at Circa 1886.

The hotel also features The Spa at Wentworth Mansion®, housed in the Mansion's former stables, which were restored to combine the original elements of the building with more modern features for a one-of-a-kind ambiance. The 1000-square-foot spa offers patrons a full range of treatments, including massages, wraps, scrubs, skin care treatments and waxing services.

Three meeting rooms, accommodating groups of up to 40 people, are available for business gatherings or special events. Many of the rooms and social parlors are decorated with original Lewis Comfort Tiffany glass panels, crystal chandeliers, carved mahogany, elaborate ceiling plaster, pressed tin ceilings and marble mantles.

Located on Wentworth Street in Charleston's historic district, the inn is just a few minutes' walk from first-class shopping on King Street, as well as many of the city's attractions, including historic homes open to the public, the popular City Market where local vendors sell their wares and the South Carolina Aquarium.

Wentworth Mansion® was awarded the #1 Small City Hotel in the Continental U.S. and #35 Best Hotel in the World by the 2015 *Travel + Leisure* World's Best Awards. Additionally, the Wentworth Mansion® was named Tripadvisor's #8 Best Small Hotel in the U.S., as well as the #8 Best Luxury Hotel in the U.S. and the #2 Top Romantic Hotel in the U.S. in 2016. In 2015, Conde Nast named the Wentworth Mansion® as the #25 Best Hotel in the U.S. and #2 Best Hotel in Charleston.

For more information about the Wentworth Mansion®,
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LOCATION: Located in the heart of Charleston's historic district, the Wentworth Mansion® is just a few minutes' walk from all the city's shops, restaurants, galleries and popular attractions.

OWNER: Richard T. Widman • **INNKEEPER:** Noreen Marchant

INTERIOR DESIGNER: Pam Plowden, Pulliam Morris Interiors, Columbia, S.C.

GUEST ROOMS: The hotel features 21 rooms, including three east wing rooms, three garden suites, 11 mansion rooms, three 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.

SPECIAL SERVICES AND AMENITIES: Southern breakfast served from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at Circa 1886 restaurant; afternoon tea and lemonade from 2-4 p.m.; evening wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres from 5-6 p.m.; 27-inch flat screen televisions; iPod docking stations; a selection of CDs and books; refrigerator with complimentary water, soft drinks and peanuts; flowers; iron and ironing board; safe; clock radio; modem for computer hookup; two, two-line telephones with voice mail; bathrobes; turndown chocolates; morning newspaper with weather report; passes to local health club; parking; complimentary wireless internet access.

SPA: The Spa at Wentworth Mansion® is a 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 -- Each morning guests enjoy a Southern-style breakfast from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Dinner -- Open from 5:30-10 p.m., Monday-Saturday. Seats 50.

MEETING FACILITIES: Three meeting rooms, accommodating groups of up to 40 people, are available for



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AWARDS & ACCOLADES

“#1 Small City Hotel in the Continental U.S.”

“#35 Best Hotel in the World”

“T+L 100 World’s Best Hotels”

TRAVEL + LEISURE WORLD’S BEST AWARDS, 2015

“#8 Best Small Hotel in the U.S.”

“#8 Best Luxury Hotel in the U.S.”

TRIPADVISOR TRAVELERS’ CHOICE AWARDS, 2016

“One of the Top 50 Hotels in U.S.”

US NEWS, 2015

“#4 Best Hotel in Charleston”

CONDE NAST TRAVELER READERS CHOICE AWARDS, 2016

“Like its aptly named restaurant Circa 1886, everything at this hotel is plucked straight from the Second Empire. The estate was originally a private home and still exudes Victorian grandness, with its original stained glass windows, crystal chandeliers, and a rooftop cupola for unobstructed views of Charleston. In the mansion’s former stables, guests can enjoy modern spa treatments, and complimentary sherry and port are offered in the parlor every evening. Breakfast is included, but you’ll want to return to the lauded restaurant for dinner.”

TRAVEL & LEISURE, JULY 2015

“Charleston is naturally romantic and this opulent historic mansion emphasizes gracious service. We love the evening digestif selections (port and sherry for the win), and house-made chocolate at turn-down”

COASTAL LIVING, FEBRUARY 2016

“This 21-room mansion-turned-hotel was the survey’s No. 1 winner among small city hotels, and it embodies that time-machine charm of the Holy City: fireplaces in every room, hors d’oeuvres and sherry in the lobby, and chocolate truffles on your pillow at bedtime. With so many seductive treats, readers also awarded the Second-Empire-style hotel a high ranking for romance. Meanwhile, with Southern-meets-global dishes like antelope country paté, cast-iron poulet rouge and sweet potato doughnuts, the on-site Circa 1886 restaurant helped the Wentworth win the gold medal for small-city hotel dining.”

TRAVEL & LEISURE, APRIL 2016



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History

In 1881, a wealthy cotton merchant named Francis Silas Rodgers set out to build an elegant home in Charleston, S.C., worthy of his family of 13. Upon its completion in 1886, his vision was realized in this magnificent home, described upon his death as the finest in Charleston, a city known for its architectural treasures. To build his home, Rodgers hired only the finest of artisans. Daniel G. Wayne served as the architect for the nearly 24,000-square-foot, four-story home, creating what is today the best example of Second Empire Style, characterized by its mansard roof, in Charleston. 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 stone worker and sculptor of the day, Emile T. Viett, carved the elegant marble mantle pieces found in the home's double parlors. Other noted features include Lewis Comfort Tiffany glass panels, Philadelphia pressed brick and a rooftop cupola with panoramic views of the historic city.

Shortly after its completion, the home survived the great earthquake of August 1886, though there was some damage which was repaired. Rodgers and his heirs lived in the home until 1920 when the Scottish Rite Cathedral Association purchased it. They later sold it in 1940 to the Atlantic Coast Life Insurance Company. Richard Widman, the current and fourth owner, purchased the house in 1997, recognizing that it had all the ingredients to become the finest luxury hotel in Charleston. Amazingly, the building still retained many of its original architectural features down to the custom-built louvered window treatments with original Victorian hardware installed in 1886. After a careful, 18-month restoration, Widman, architect Joe Schmidt of Evans and Schmidt, and interior designer Pam Plowden of Pulliam Morris Interiors in Columbia, S.C., transformed this once gracious home into an upscale hotel, blending elements of the past and present. The team kept the original rooms intact and creatively designed other rooms to more comfortable, yet sumptuous décor.

In 2000, Widman converted 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. In 2004, the structure that was originally used as the stable for the Mansion was renovated to house the Spa at Wentworth Mansion. The 1,000 square foot spa offers patrons a full range of treatments.

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SAMPLE PACKAGES

From the City to the Sea

Two of Charleston's finest properties are offering a new package that allows visitors to combine the beautiful coastal surroundings of Kiawah Island with historic downtown Charleston. The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island, a new luxury world-class oceanfront resort and spa, and the Wentworth Mansion® have teamed up to offer double the pleasure at one of America's favorite destinations.

The four-night City and Sea Package invites guests to go from sea to shore – staying two nights at each of the properties, which are only 21 miles apart. The package includes breakfast each morning, dinner for two at the Sanctuary and at Circa 1886, the AAA-Four Diamond, Forbes Four Star restaurant at Wentworth Mansion®.

Night of Romance

You will relish the personal service and incredible dining experience as you enjoy dinner for two at Circa 1886 Restaurant, only one of many of luxuries in your evening of Romance.

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Luxurious accommodations for two in a Mansion Room
- Beautiful floral arrangement
- Romantic candle light turndown service
- Chocolate covered strawberries
- Bottle of champagne
- \$100 Gift Certificate for Circa 1886

The Wentworth Spa Experience

Mansion Room at the Wentworth Mansion® and a couple's massage in the intimate and serene Spa at Wentworth Mansion®.

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- A king-bed Mansion Room
- A one-hour couples massage
- Romantic candle light turndown service with champagne

Discover Charleston

Discover the pleasures of Charleston in a package that includes a carriage ride through the Historic District, a walking tour of the Historic District, and a beautiful pictorial guide to Charleston.

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- 2 nights in a king bed Mansion Room, include the following:
- Carriage ride through Historic District leaving from the City Market
- Walking tour of Historic Charleston leaving from Washington Park includes admission to the Edmonston-Alston House.
- A commemorative, full-color pictorial guide to Charleston's most popular homes, plantations, and attractions.

Dog Friendly Package

Dogs deserve a vacation, too – especially in Charleston! Give your pup a special treat with the Wentworth mansion Pet Friendly Package. Both you and your pup will enjoy the comfort and ease of our dog-friendly hotel rooms, offering easy access to the lawn, countless parks and beautiful neighborhoods. Enjoy an afternoon on the town with a \$25 gift card for lunch or brunch on the patio of King Street's Kitchen 208. You'll also take home special mementos: homemade dog biscuits and a Wentworth Mansion bandana.

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- A king-bed Garden Suite
- \$25 gift card for lunch or brunch on the patio of Kitchen 208
- Homemade Dog Biscuits
- Wentworth Mansion Dog Bandana



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