



SOUTH CAROLINA

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MAJOR CITIES:

Central South Carolina	Columbia
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North South Carolina	Rock Hill
Northwest South Carolina	Greenville

SOUTH CAROLINA – CLIMATE

South Carolina has a humid, subtropical climate. Average temperatures range from 68°F (20°C) on the coast to 58°F (14°C) in the northwest, with colder temperatures in the mountains. Summers are hot: in the central part of the state, temperatures often exceed 90°F (32°C), with a record of 111°F (44°C) set at Camden on 28 June 1954. In the northwest, temperatures of 32°F (0°C) or less occur from 50 to 70 days a year; the record low for the state is -20°F (-29°C), set at Caesars Head Mountain on 18 January 1977. The daily mean temperature at Columbia is 44°F (7°C) in January and 81°F (27°C) in July.

Rainfall is ample throughout the state, averaging 48.3 in (122.7 cm) annually at Columbia (1971–2000) and ranging from 38 in (97 cm) in the central region to 52 in (132 cm) in the upper piedmont. Snow and sleet (averaging 2 in/5 cm a year at Columbia) occur about three times annually, but more frequently and heavily in the mountains.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g54171-Activities-Charleston_South_Carolina.html
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- **Charleston Museum- Charleston, SC**
 - The Charleston Museum, America's First Museum, founded in 1773. Its mission is to preserve and interpret the cultural and natural history of Charleston and the South Carolina Low country. We invite you to explore this rich, varied history at the Museum and its two National Historic Landmark houses. All are located downtown, in America's Most Historic City. Featuring: Low country History, Historic Armory, Charleston in the Revolutionary War, "City Under Siege" (civil war), Natural History Hall, Kid story, and Historic Textiles Gallery.
- **Waterfront Park- Charleston, SC**
 - Waterfront Park is one of the peninsula's most visited parks. Finished in 1990, Waterfront Park is a favorite of visitors and locals alike, offering fantastic views of the Charleston harbor. The park covers more than 1,000 feet along the coasts and allows visitors a chance to sit and relax after a long day of shopping and sightseeing. Visitors can watch sailboats cruising the waters and large ships heading in and out of the harbor. Old-fashioned park benches dot the park, and family-sized swings offer a fun way to spend a relaxing afternoon together. A large rectangular lawn provides a great spot for picnics and sunning. Walkways are ideal for strolling, and two large fountains make for fantastic places for children to play, splash and cool off. It is one of the parks that boast floral displays throughout the year. The fountains light at night, offering a truly spectacular scene along the harbor's waterfront. The park is also centrally located near The Market and other great shopping and sightseeing areas.
- **Caesar's Head State Park- Greenville, SC**
 - Granitic gneiss outcropping atop the dramatic Blue Ridge Escarpment gives Caesars Head State Park its name. Every fall, from the easily-accessible overlook atop the rocky peak of the Blue Ridge Escarpment, sight-seers are treated to the Hawk Watch program and a spectacular view that extends into North Carolina and Georgia. Caesars Head connects to Jones Gap State Park in what is known as the Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area, an 11,000-acre area of pristine southern mountain forest. Hikers can take a number of loop and traverse hiking trails that connect the parks, and trailside camping is available for those who choose the longer routes. One of the most popular trails at Caesars Head is the two-mile Raven Cliff Falls trail. This hiking trail leads to 420-foot Raven Cliff Falls, where a suspension bridge offers one of the two publicly accessible overlooks to the falls as they plunge deep into the mountain cove below.
- **Paris Mountain State Park- Greenville, SC**
 - Paris Mountain State Park's roots date as far back as the Great Depression, when it was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps. This heritage can still be seen in the preserved stone and timber outside of the renovated bathhouse, now known as the Park Center. Inside, the center features historical exhibits and a classroom to teach young and old about the park's ecology. Paris Mountain is located in the rapidly-developing city of Greenville, South Carolina, and although the park was once a rural retreat, bikers, hikers and those visiting Camp Buckhorn now keep the park bustling year round. When it comes to camping in state parks, the Paris Mountain State Park camping facilities are top-notch and include paved camping sites, 13 of which offer tent pads, and five trailside campsites around the North Lake Trail Loop.
- **Riverbanks Zoo and Garden- Columbia, SC**
 - Riverbanks Zoo and Garden is home to more than 2,000 magnificent and fascinating animals and one of the nation's most beautiful and inspiring botanical gardens. The lush 170-acre site features dynamic natural habitat exhibits, scenic river views, spectacular valley overlooks and significant historic landmarks.

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- **Columbia Canal and Riverfront Park- Columbia, SC**
 - Featuring plenty of river views, the Riverfront Park is a nice place to unwind and get away, being only a short distance from Columbia's business district and the University. You can see the history of the Columbia Canal and Water Works while looking through one of the old pump houses. The main trail is also a good place for bicycling. There are plenty of benches and picnic tables along the main section of the park, with some spectacular views of the scenery.
- **Museum of York County- Rock Hill, SC**
 - Permanent exhibits include Landscapes and Lifeways, comparing the present landscape with the Piedmont of the 1400s, before European exploration and settlement. The interactive River Gallery lets visitors get their hands wet. More than 200 mounted African animals and an outstanding collection of African artifacts provide unique learning opportunities. The Museum of York County also is home to the Vernon Grant Gallery, devoted to the creator of Kellogg's Rice Krispies characters Snap! Crackle! Pop!
- **Hilton Head Pirate's Island Golf Adventure- Hilton Head, SC**
 - This miniature golf course has a fun format, helpful and courteous staff and is very shady. Great place to spend time with family and friends after a long day of work or to have fun on the weekend.
- **Myrtle Beach Sky wheel- Myrtle Beach, SC**
 - Elevate Your Perspective! High above the beach and far from the stresses of everyday life awaits an unforgettable experience that soars over 20 stories above the Atlantic Ocean. The Sky Wheel features 42 climate-controlled gondolas that offer an uplifting experience for children and adults of all ages. More than one million LED lights will create a variety of dynamic light shows each evening after sunset.

TIME ZONE

Eastern Time Zone – South Carolina Current Local Time - Daylight Saving Time

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GROCERY SHOPPING

Piggly Wiggly Food Lion Dollar General Save-A-Lot	Wal-Mart Supercenter Trader Joe's Bi-Lo Kroger
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SHOPPING

Area	City	Mall
Central coast	Charleston SC	Citadel Mall
Central coast	Mount Pleasant SC	Mt. Pleasant Towne Centre
Central coast	North Charleston SC	Northwoods Mall
Central coast	North Charleston SC	Tanger Outlets Charleston SC
Hilton Head	Hilton Head SC	Tanger Outlets of Hilton Head SC
Myrtle Beach	Myrtle Beach SC	Coastal Grand
Myrtle Beach	Myrtle Beach SC	Myrtle Beach Mall
Myrtle Beach	Myrtle Beach SC	Tanger Myrtle Beach Outlets East
Myrtle Beach	Myrtle Beach SC	Tanger Myrtle Beach Outlets West
North Central SC	Columbia SC	Columbia Place
North Central SC	Columbia SC	Columbiana Centre
North Central SC	Columbia SC	Dutch Square Center
North Central SC	Columbia SC	Village at Sandhill
North Central SC	Florence SC	Magnolia Mall
North Central SC	Gaffney SC	Gaffney Premium Outlets
North Central SC	Orangeburg SC	Prince of Orange Mall
North Central SC	Rock Hill SC	Rock Hill Galleria
North Central SC	Spartanburg SC	WestGate Mall
North Central SC	Sumter SC	Sumter Mall
Western SC	Anderson SC	Anderson Mall
Western SC	Greenville SC	Haywood Mall
Western SC	Greenville SC	The Shops at Greenridge
Western SC	Greenwood SC	Greenwood Mall

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PHARMACIES

Rite Aid Pharmacy

Wal-Mart Pharmacy

Kroger Pharmacy

Walgreens Pharmacy

Bi-Lo Pharmacy

CVS Pharmacy

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MINIMUM WAGE

State	2019 Minimum Wage	2019 Tipped Wage
SC	\$7.25	\$2.13

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WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION

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COST OF LIVING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Cost of Living	South Carolina, SC	United States
Overall	94.1	100
Grocery	95.8	100
Health	100.3	100
Housing	84.7	100
Utilities	103.9	100
Transportation	98.4	100
Miscellaneous	95.6	100

Our cost of living indices are based on a US average of 100. An amount below 100 means Charleston, SC is cheaper than the US average. A cost of living index above 100 means Charleston, SC is more expensive.

Overall, Charleston, SC cost of living is 94.1.

http://www.bestplaces.net/cost_of_living/city/south_carolina/charleston

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TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Charleston	Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority
Columbia	Central Midlands Area Regional Transportation Authority
Rock Hill	York County Council on Aging
Greenville	Greenville Transit Authority

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