

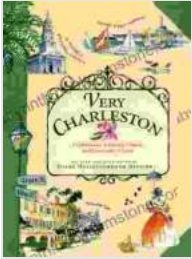
A Journey Through Time: Celebration of History, Culture, and Lowcountry Charm

Immerse yourself in the captivating allure of the Lowcountry, a region of South Carolina where history, culture, and natural beauty intertwine seamlessly. From the grand plantations that once defined the antebellum South to the vibrant Gullah Geechee communities and the bustling cities of Beaufort and Charleston, the Lowcountry offers a rich tapestry of experiences that will transport you through time.

Step into the Past at Historic Plantations



Journey back in time as you explore the magnificent plantations that dot the Lowcountry landscape. These grand estates, once the opulent residences of wealthy planters, now offer a glimpse into the intricate history of the region.



Very Charleston: A Celebration of History, Culture, and Lowcountry Charm by Diana Hollingsworth Gessler

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- **Boone Hall Plantation:** Founded in 1681, Boone Hall is one of the oldest working plantations in the United States. Its iconic Avenue of Oaks, a promenade lined with centuries-old live oaks, is a breathtaking sight to behold.
- **Middleton Place:** Established in 1755, Middleton Place is a National Historic Landmark that showcases stunning gardens, a rice plantation, and a museum dedicated to the history of Lowcountry rice cultivation.
- **Drayton Hall:** Built in 1738, Drayton Hall is a remarkable example of Palladian architecture. Its elegant interiors and sweeping lawns have been meticulously preserved, offering a glimpse into the grandeur of the colonial era.

Discover the Legacy of the Gullah Geechee



Delve into the vibrant culture of the Gullah Geechee people, descendants of West African slaves who settled in the Lowcountry. Their unique language, traditions, and art forms have been passed down through generations, creating a rich tapestry that is an integral part of the region's heritage.

- **Gullah Heritage Trail:** Embark on a self-guided tour of the Lowcountry's Gullah Geechee communities, visiting historic churches, museums, and cultural centers.

- **Penn Center:** Founded in 1862, Penn Center is a community center and museum dedicated to preserving and promoting Gullah Geechee history and culture.
- **Sweet Grass Baskets:** Admire the exquisite craftsmanship of sweet grass baskets, a traditional art form passed down through generations by Gullah Geechee women.

Experience the Charm of Beaufort



Stroll through the picturesque streets of Beaufort, a historic port city located on the southern tip of the Lowcountry. With its cobblestone streets,

antebellum homes, and charming waterfront, Beaufort exudes a timeless elegance.

- **Beaufort National Cemetery:** Pay homage to the fallen at Beaufort National Cemetery, the final resting place for Union soldiers who died during the Civil War.
- **Hunting Island State Park:** Escape to Hunting Island State Park, a barrier island renowned for its pristine beaches, towering lighthouse, and abundant wildlife.
- **Beaufort Farmer's Market:** Experience the flavors of the Lowcountry at the Beaufort Farmer's Market, where local farmers and artisans showcase their fresh produce, seafood, and handcrafted goods.

Explore the Elegance of Charleston



Journey to Charleston, the vibrant cultural hub of the Lowcountry. This historic city boasts a captivating blend of antebellum architecture, cobblestone streets, and world-class dining and entertainment.

- **The Battery:** Stroll along Charleston's iconic Battery, a waterfront promenade lined with grand mansions and breathtaking views of the harbor.
- **Charleston City Market:** Dive into the vibrant atmosphere of Charleston City Market, a bustling marketplace where vendors offer everything from souvenirs to artisanal crafts.
- **Spoletto Festival USA:** Attend the renowned Spoleto Festival USA, a two-week celebration of the performing arts featuring opera, theater, dance, and classical music.

Immerse Yourself in Nature's Embrace

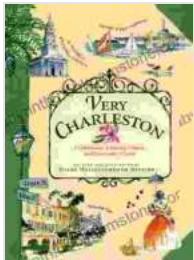


Venture into the Lowcountry's unspoiled natural beauty, where vast marshlands, towering live oaks, and tranquil waterways create a breathtaking canvas.

- **Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge:** Explore Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge, a vast coastal ecosystem teeming with wildlife, including dolphins, sea turtles, and migratory birds.
- **Savannah National Wildlife Refuge:** Immerse yourself in the diverse habitats of Savannah National Wildlife Refuge, ranging from salt marshes to pine forests, and home to a wide variety of plant and animal life.

- **Kayaking through the Marshes:** Embark on a leisurely kayaking adventure through the Lowcountry's intricate network of tidal creeks and marshlands, where you'll encounter abundant wildlife and stunning scenery.

In the heart of South Carolina, the Lowcountry beckons you on an unforgettable journey through time, culture, and natural beauty. From the grandeur of historic plantations to the vibrant legacy of the Gullah Geechee, from the charming cities of Beaufort and Charleston to the unspoiled wilderness, the Lowcountry offers a rich tapestry of experiences that will captivate your senses and leave an enduring mark on your soul. Immerse yourself in its allure and discover the timeless charm that awaits.



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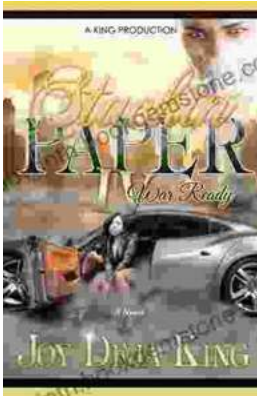
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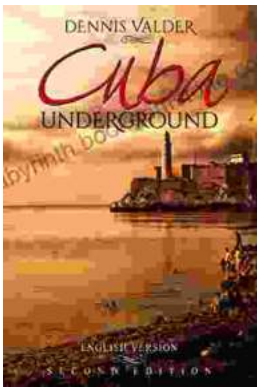
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