Neighborhoods
Charleston consists of six distinct areas: the Peninsula/Downtown, West Ashley, Johns Island, James Island, Daniel Island, and the Cainhoy Peninsula.

Downtown Charleston contains many residential neighborhoods. Most of the city's historical neighborhoods are located in this area, including the French Quarter, which features properties dating from the 18th century. Radcliffeborough offers condominiums, historic properties, and a few newer construction pocket neighborhoods.

In West Ashley, the Byrnes Downs neighborhood features modestly-sized brick cottages from the 1940s. The historic neighborhood is known for its lakes and green spaces. The majority of homes in West Ashley are modern style homes with traditional homes styles on quiet streets. The majority of homes in Windermere are 1950s ranch-style homes. Single- and two-story homes built in the 1930s through the 1950s are situated on large estate-sized lots in Wappoo Heights. The homes are set back from the street, and most are brick ranch style or masonry construction.

In the 1930s through the 1950s, primarily in the bungalow style. Charleston's Museum Mile features museums, national historic houses of worship, and public buildings, including the Charleston Museum and the City Hall. The Charleston Museum tells the story of Charleston and the Lowcountry through exhibits on early southern culture, decorative arts, military, and natural history. The museum's collection contains uniforms, weapons, flags, and accouterments from the Civil War.

The Gibbes Museum of Art, which is closed for renovations until spring 2016, maintains collections of Colonial, Charleston Renaissance, and Contemporary art. The Old Slave Mart Museum focuses on the domestic life of African Americans and enslaved African Americans. Other museums in this area include the South Carolina Historical Society, the Postal Museum, Children's Museum of the Lowcountry, and the Powder Magazine.


Charleston's other museums include the Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture, which contains archival collections and museum exhibits that reflect these diverse populations. The Citadel Museum portrays the history of the Military College of South Carolina & Corps of Cadets. The Karpeles Library displays important original manuscripts and documents. Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum is home to a fleet of National Historic Landmark ships. The Medal of Honor Museum, 28 historic aircraft, and the 3-acre Vietnam Experience. The Old Slave Mart Museum focuses on the domestic life of African Americans and enslaved African Americans. Other museums in this area include the South Carolina Historical Society, the Postal Museum, Children's Museum of the Lowcountry, and the Powder Magazine.

Charleston offers many opportunities for performing arts. The Charleston Symphony Orchestra and Charleston Symphony Chorus are located in the Charleston Gaillard Center. The Charleston Performing Arts Center offers plays and musical performances. The Citadel Theatre, located in the Citadel Mall, offers plays and musical performances. The Charleston Music Hall offers plays and musical performances. The Charleston Museum tells the story of Charleston and the Lowcountry through exhibits on early southern culture, decorative arts, military, and natural history. The museum's collection contains uniforms, weapons, flags, and accouterments from the Civil War.