



Yo Ho! Yo Ho! It's a Pirate's lunch for me.

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The inhabitants of Charleston have ALMOST forgiven Blackbeard for blockading their port in 1718. At least they've forgiven enough to enjoy a good pirate-themed restaurant in one of the city's toniest neighborhoods—Daniel Island.

While they most certainly weren't the merry group who fought Peter Pan or swaggered around the Caribbean like Keith Richards, pirates are fascinating. From 10-year-old boys to grown-ups, we all love a good pirate tale. And we love pirate "stuff." That's exactly what fills Queen Anne's Revenge.

One of the restaurant's owners became fascinated with pirates when he first bought a home in the historic area of Charleston. At first, he thought his friends were joking when they told him that pirates had lived in his home. As his research confirmed this, the idea seemed right for a restaurant on the up-and-coming Daniel Island.

The owner then hired an archaeologist who spent 18 months searching worldwide for the collection of pistols, grenades, blunderbuss, pieces of eight, grappling hooks, helmets and more. The result is, according to restaurant manager Lorraine Cedotal, "recognized as one of the finest collections of pirate artifacts on the East Coast."

Grab your hearty mates and head out for a Pirate Platter of the sea's bounty. Or take the thick, juicy beef route that the pirates would certainly take after months at sea. And don't forget the spirits. They'll give anyone the courage to sing those pirate songs. All together now—"Yo ho, yo ho..."

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Pirates in Charleston!

The story goes that Blackbeard (a.k.a. Edward Teach) entered the mouth of Charleston Harbor with the *Queen Anne's Revenge* and three other vessels. The rowdy group of pirates stopped naval trade and captured a group of prominent Charleston citizens, holding them ransom for a chest of medicine. The citizens were eventually released (naked), and Blackbeard sailed north to his eventual end off the North Carolina coast.