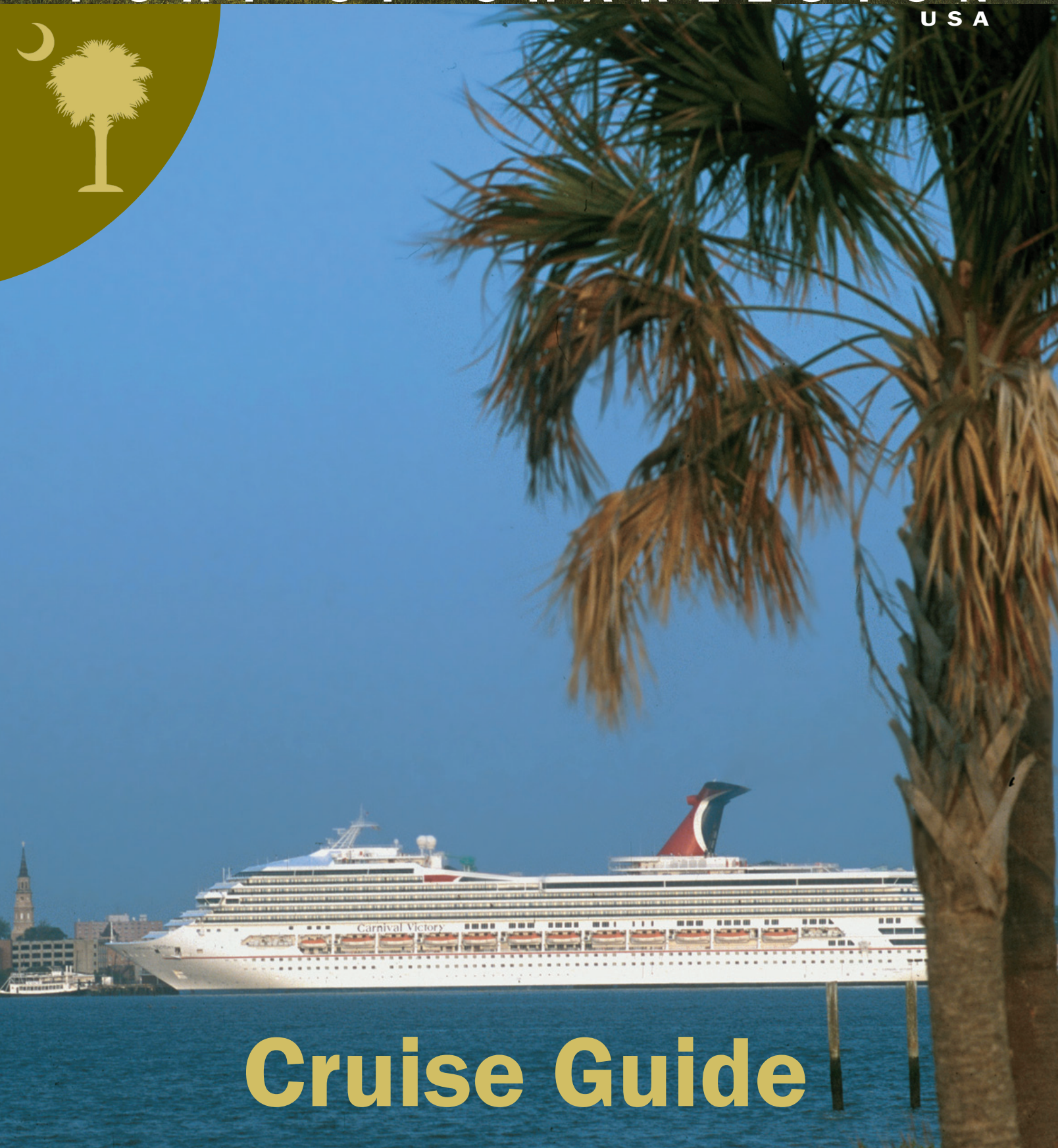




# PORT OF CHARLESTON USA



# Cruise Guide



A Regent Seven Seas vessel docked at the Port of Charleston as seen from Waterfront Park.

**Charleston:**  
*Ranked as a Conde Nast Traveller top 10 U.S. travel destination for 17 consecutive years.*

**Welcome to the Port of Charleston.** Cruising in and out of this historic port city is a joy for travellers as well as our carrier customers. The same qualities that made Charleston an attractive maritime destination more than 300 years ago remain so today: easy access to the thriving, historic culture of downtown Charleston and the ease of navigational access to our passenger terminal.

For those visiting Charleston, the sites, shops, and restaurants that have made this beautiful city world renowned are but a short walk from the ship. The city is famous for its historic charm dating back to the early 1700s. Much of the original architecture has been preserved, giving streets an old world charm. That elegance blends gracefully with Caribbean colors and a unique melding of English, French, Irish and German influences. There are cobblestone streets, grand public parks, hundreds of historic points of interest, and world class cuisine. Those qualities, along with Charlestonian's trademark politeness, have won the hearts of travellers the world over. In fact, the readers of *Conde Nast Traveller*, *Travel+Leisure*, and *Southern Living*, have consistently rated Charleston as one of their favorite U.S. destinations.



Charleston's Dock Street Theater and St. Phillip's Church are just a short walk from the terminal.

As a point of embarkation and debarkation, the Port of Charleston provides excellent facilities to make for a smooth and secure transition between air, ship and shore. Charleston has a beautiful airport that welcomes visitors from all over the world. Our terminal is only a short distance from I-26. The cruise terminal features on-site vehicle storage, free shuttles, luggage services, and experienced staff; plus, passengers will have the added benefit of access to the same lodging, food, shopping, and fun in the downtown area as other visitors. This makes their free-time all the more pleasant. Both passengers and cruise operators will appreciate that the open sea is only one hour away. With a clear vision of Charleston's future in the cruise business, the S.C. State Ports Authority is making major investments to continually improve service to passengers and lines. A new FMT gangway has recently been installed and a new cruise terminal is being developed with an anticipated opening late in 2012.

*Porthole Cruise Magazine ranked Charleston one of the top 10 most romantic ports of call...the only continental U.S. port on the list.*

Charleston is a port city of historic beauty and charm. We look forward to hosting you and your passengers in Charleston soon.

## Navigation & Terminal Specifications

<b>Entrance Channel:</b>	47 ft. MLW
<b>Entrance Channel (M):</b>	14.3 m MLW
<b>Main Channel:</b>	45 ft. MLW
<b>Main Channel (M):</b>	13.7 m MLW
<b>Depth Alongside:</b>	42 ft. MLW
<b>Depth Alongside (M):</b>	12.8 m MLW
<b>Turning Basin:</b>	42 ft. MLW
<b>Turning Basin (M):</b>	12.8 m MLW
<b>Tidal Shift:</b>	5.2 Feet
<b>Tidal Shift (M):</b>	1.58 m
<b>Tidal Range:</b>	4.4 ft. - 6.0 ft.
<b>Tidal Range (M):</b>	1.3 m - 1.8 m
<b>Open Sea:</b>	1 Hour
<b>Air Draft Restrictions:</b>	None
<b>Harbor Operations:</b>	24/7
<b>Local Pilot Required:</b>	Yes
<b>Tugs Available:</b>	Yes
<b>NOAA Charts:</b>	11524 & 11526
<b>Cruise Ship Berth:</b>	Up to 1,000 ft.
<b>Cruise Ship Berth (M):</b>	Up to 305 m
<b>Mooring Dolphin:</b>	150 ft.
<b>Mooring Dolphin (M):</b>	45.7 m
<b>Dock Height:</b>	12 ft. MLW
<b>Dock Height (M)</b>	3.6 m MLW
<b>Dock Apron Width:</b>	40 ft.
<b>Dock Apron Width (M):</b>	12.2 m
<b>Water Available at Dock:</b>	Yes
<b>Hose Size:</b>	2.5"
<b>Harbor Master:</b>	843/577-8192
<b>Harbor Pilots:</b>	843/577-6695

## Landside Operations & Security

<b>Passenger Terminal:</b>	18,000 sf
<b>Passenger Terminal (M):</b>	1,672 sm
• Climate controlled heat and AC.	
• Indoor check-in and Customs area.	
• Dedicated information desk available to assist passengers and crew as-needed.	
• Private office and telephone for agents and shipline use.	
• Pay telephones inside and outside the terminal building.	
• Elevator. Fully handicap-accessible.	
• Moveable check-in counters.	
• Public address system for announcements/music.	
• Hand trucks, carts and wagons for portage of passenger luggage.	
• Safe and convenient gangway system in place.	
• Passengers may board at dock level or via an upper-level balcony.	
• Dedicated pierside access for supply delivery.	
• Landside and waterside security provided by SCSPA Port Police, U.S. Coast Guard, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection.	
<b>Port Police:</b>	843/577-8665
<b>US Coast Guard:</b>	843/724-7616
<b>US CBP:</b>	843/579-6500

## Passenger Information & Parking

<b>Website:</b>	www.SCSPA.com
<b>E-Mail:</b>	Cruises@scspa.com
• Passengers should check the SCSPA cruise website for information specific to their cruise.	
• Vessel schedules, detailed embarkation/debarkation, parking, Customs, and other information is available 24/7 online.	
• Passengers are invited to use the resources available from the Charleston Area Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Charleston International Airport in planning a cruise vacation.	
• Passenger vehicle storage is available for a fee paid by the passenger at embarkation.	
• Vehicle storage is in a controlled access area closed to the general public.	
• A complimentary shuttle service to the Passenger Terminal, including handicap accessible service.	
• Luggage service is provided between the parking area and the vessel.	
• A large variety of restaurants and lodging are located in close proximity to the Passenger Terminal.	

## Key Contact & Information Resources for Charleston Cruises

### Charleston Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

**Suzanne Wallace**  
Director of Sales  
(800) 868-8118, ext. 3057  
swallace@charlestoncvb.com

**Website:**  
www.CharlestonCVB.com

### Charleston International Airport (CHS)

**Rebekah W. Beamon**  
Director of Public Affairs  
Charleston International Airport  
(843)767-7000

**Website:**  
www.chs-airport.com

### South Carolina State Ports Authority

**Peter O. Lehman**  
Director, Business Development  
(843)577-8601 / PLehman@scspa.com

**Suzanne Kaiser**  
Manager, Cruise Development  
(843)577-8107  
Cruises@scspa.com

**Website:** www.SCSPA.com  
**New Terminal Website:** www.UnionPierPlan.com