



### Land & Water Weekend Experience

Begin your day in Newberry, SC, named among the Top 100 Best Small Towns in America. Enjoy a behind the scenes tour of the Historic Newberry Opera House. Built in 1881 The Newberry Opera House has served as the City Centerpiece for 118 years. Silent "moving pictures" were shown at the Opera House in the early 1900's. A "Thomas Edison Talkie" was presented in the late teens. In more recent years, the structure underwent a \$5.5 million Renovation which restored it to its' Historic Splendor and converted it to a State of the Art Performance facility.

Grab a delightful bite of lunch at one of Newberry's downtown restaurants and pop over to The Old Fire House to learn the remarkable story about "Old Joe", The Famous Fire Horse. Old Joe faithfully served the Newberry Fire Department from 1904 to 1930. Next, take a short ride over to tour the nation's largest exporter of beautiful orchids at Carter and Holmes Orchids. Guided tours are welcomed of their greenhouses. Purchases may be made to ship home.

Take in a great view by having a picnic lunch at one of the SCE&G Lake Murray Park sites, where you can sit at picnic pavilions or put your toes in the sand on either side of the 1.5-mile dam, and take a walk along the Lake Murray Dam walkway to see the views up close. Or, you may select to dine at Liberty on the Lake and enjoy one of the lakes most sought after dining views around the region. After lunch, hike the nature trails at Dreher Island State Park or rent a bicycle at Saluda Shoals Park to enjoy the beautiful weather in Lake Murray Country.

Enjoy a sunset dinner cruise aboard The Spirit of Lake Murray year-round. During the months of June-August experience a spectacular nature phenomenon at its best called the Purple Martin Phenomenon. The Purple Martins have found a sanctuary on an island in the middle of Lake Murray called Bomb Island. The show you will see is an unbelievable sight to behold and one you must experience while visiting Lake Murray Country.

### Historical Footsteps Experience

Arrive at the SC State House, The Capital Building of South Carolina. General William T. Sherman and his Union army fired on the State Capital which is today marked with bronze stars. You may choose the guided tour or stop in the State House Gift Shop for items reminiscent of SC.

Enjoy a tasty lunch in Columbia' oldest restaurant dating back to 1788. Villa Tronco is full of local history. This World Ware II era spot is the oldest restaurant that can confirm continuous operation in a state that dates back to 1788. An Italian joint, it was originally opened by a family who wanted Italian American soldiers training at Ft. Jackson to enjoy a little home cooking.

After lunch enjoy a walk around the SC Governor's Mansion. Located on nine acres of land in the heart of the Historic District of Columbia. Tour the Lace House and the Caldwell-Boylston House also located on the grounds.

Relax and unwind with a great dinner at the Blue Marlin Restaurant located in the Congaree Visits in the historic 1904 Seaboard Air Line Passenger Depot, which is on the National Historic Registry. Numerous other tours are available in the Capital City/Lake Murray Country region.

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