



**Radisson Hotel Charleston Airport Announces \*25% OFF Regular Rates for the Holidays**

Celebrate the Christmas Season and Ring in the New Year at Radisson Hotel Charleston Airport

**'Tis the Season to Live it Up, for Less!** Special Rate Offer Stay Dates: 11/01/09-01/05/2010

Must Book by: Nov 30, 2009. **Book now and save! Promo Code HOL25**

<http://www.radisson.com/CharlestonHolidays>

**CHARLESTON, SC--** No worries, about Santa finding the milk and cookies, as he and his reindeers have a "sleigh full of holiday treasures and goodies" in store for Charleston travelers! Whatever your age, there is nothing quite as dazzling and magical as the holiday season with an array of Christmas extravaganzas, especially in Historic Charleston!

**An ideal setting to put any "scrooge" in the holiday spirit,** Radisson Charleston offers memorable Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday family vacations, romantic getaways for two, or Radisson Champagne New Year packages! Festivities abound in Charleston, starting Nov-Jan, so mark your calendar now, for your special holiday travel. Choose from endless shopping, crafts, parades, caroling, musicals, concerts, romantic carriage rides, tree trimming, festivals of lights, thrilling sleigh rides, moonlit cruises, cultural events, historic candlelight tours, delicious treats, Santa visits, and possibly even a few snowflakes this upcoming Charleston holiday season!

**Start a new family holiday tradition!** Bring the family, and celebrate Low-Country Charleston style with an array of events and holiday attractions for everyone. Let the Radisson team handle of all the details, while you are busy shopping for the perfect gifts. With the Radisson Hotel Charleston Airport savings, you will want to ring in 2010 New Year with a bang, and discover why Charleston is one of the most romantic cities in the country, and rich in history!

**Located only 4 miles from the Charleston International Airport,** the Radisson Hotel offers complimentary airport transportation, conveniently located within 3 miles of the Charleston Coliseum, Convention, and the Performing Arts Center. Only minutes away from Historic Downtown Charleston and area beaches, the Radisson Hotel Charleston Airport ensures you a premier location, central to all area Charleston holiday events and attractions.

**'Tis The Season to Live it Up, for Less!** Radisson Charleston Hotel is pleased to offer guests an early Christmas gift of affordable hotel holiday accommodations, and no need to "break the bank"! With world-class amenities and services, and 25% off regular winter rates, Radisson provides a way for you to celebrate the holidays and explore Historic Charleston, while staying within your holiday budget! **Reserve today! Book by Nov 30** and enjoy some of the top holiday events in the southeast!

**Be sure and check out** the Radisson website under "Specials" and "Events" at to find a complete calendar of events for the upcoming holiday season, preview 2010 events, and other ongoing specials! With over 12,000 of flexible banquet space, atrium, gazebo, and onsite restaurant and lounge, the Radisson team will make your holiday planning easier, allowing you more time to enjoy family and friends!

**Don't Miss Out** on this incredible opportunity to make 2009 a memorable one! Call today and reserve at: 800.333.3333, or 843.744.2501, or book online: <http://www.radisson.com/CharlestonHolidays> **Promo Code HOL25.** \*May not be combined with other discounted packages. Limited availability.

## November 2009

### Charleston's Holiday Market

12/06/09-12/21/09 Marion Square  
Charleston's Holiday Market offers arts and crafts, specialty foods and fashions, gifts that glitter, music and magic - everything to make your holidays bright.

### Holiday Festival of Lights Fun Run & Walk

11/12/2009  
Join us for a preview of the Holiday Festival of Lights at James Island County Park!

### Holiday Card Drawing Contest

11/12/2009  
Come out and draw your favorite holiday scene!

### Holiday Festival of Lights

11/13/2009 - 01/03/2010  
Find your magic in the millions of sparkling lights and hundreds of displays at the Holiday Festival of Lights.

### Holiday Craft Workshop

11/19/2009  
Children ages 15 and under are invited to make and decorate holiday ornaments and winter crafts.

### Towne Centre Christmas Tree Lighting

11/21/2009  
Mount Pleasant Towne Centre is hosting the annual tree lighting ceremony for the kick-off to the holiday season!

### Spend the Holidays at Magnolias, Blossom, and Cypress!

11/26/2009  
Enjoy a holiday feast including classic Christmas dishes as well as signature menu items!

## December 2009

### Holiday Festival of Lights

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### Supersized Holiday Card Contest

12/01/2009 - 12/19/2009  
Please submit entries to 30 Mary Murray Drive.

### Preservation Society of Charleston holds "13th Annual Holiday Book Signing"

12/03/2009  
Join fellow preservationists as you enjoy refreshments and appetizers on this special evening commencing the 2009 holiday season!

### Holiday Farmers Market

Every Saturday Morning in December  
Location: Marion Square, located at King and Calhoun Streets  
843.724.7305  
Under the brightly colored tents at Marion Square, you'll find everything you need to deck the halls for the holidays and fill the pantry with baked delights: natural wreaths, fresh greenery, special breads, cookies and fresh vegetables, as well as the best assortment of art, crafts and holiday gift items to complete your shopping lists.

### Charleston Sleigh Ride

Thursday-Sunday evening thru Dec, 2009 (excluding Christmas; includes New Years Eve) 12/01/09-12/31/09 843.276.4203  
<http://www.thrillercharleston.com>  
Christmas in Charleston is a magical time and it has just gotten better! Thriller Charleston announces its plan for a Charleston Sleigh Ride. For the month of Dec, Thriller will transform itself from a fast thrill ride to a leisurely holiday excursion perfect for couples and families looking to spend some time together. Tour the Charleston Harbor with lights and Get into the holiday spirit with waterproof blankets and hot chocolate in travel mugs provided. Christmas music and stories about Charleston and holiday traditions are shared. One hour tour.

### Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on the Isle of Palms

12/03/2009  
Live entertainment will include the band Two 3 Ways and Sullivan's Island Elementary School Chorus. Participants are invited to come and visit Santa and celebrate the festive season.

### 6th Annual Shopping With Friends

12/05/2009  
Shopping with Friends is celebrating its sixth year, and we are doing it in Style! Grab your friends and shop til you drop to show your support for Low-country AIDS Services.

### Daniel Island Holiday Festival & Tree Lighting Festivities

12/05/2009  
The Holiday Festival will come alive with bargains galore and a vast assortment of unique gifts for the whole family!

### North Charleston Christmas Festival

12/05/2009 4:30-9:00 pm  
843.745.1087  
Annual North Charleston Christmas Lighting, Festival, and Parade!

### Reindeer Run

12/05/2009  
A festive fun-filled 5K run/walk (3.1 miles) through the streets of downtown Charleston during the holiday season

### French Quarter Walk

12/05/09 Downtown Charleston, SC 843.577.7101

### 21st Annual City of Charleston Tree Lighting Ceremony

12/06/2009  
Join Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. and Santa Claus in lighting the magnificent 60-foot Tree of Lights, the official City of Charleston Christmas tree at Marion Square.

### 28th Annual Charleston Parade of Boats

12/06/2009  
Get on board with a Low-country holiday tradition as this display of lighted and festive boats proceeds through the Charleston Harbor!

### Holiday Entertainment & Visits with Santa

12/06/2009 - 12/23/2009  
Location: Marion Square  
Phone: 843-724-7305  
Web Site: <http://www.charlestoncity.info>  
Children's choirs, church choirs, gospel, classical, folk, storytelling, and other entertainment dazzle audiences at Marion Square. Bring your Christmas wish list to the North Pole mailbox and visit with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and their Elf assistants in the magically decorated park.  
Mondays-Fridays: 10am-6pm  
Saturdays and Sundays: 10am-4pm

### 27th Annual Charleston Christmas Parade

12/07/2009 Come and enjoy all the wonders of the season at the Charleston Christmas Parade.

### JIRC Christmas Tree Lighting

12/08/2009  
Come enjoy the spirit of Christmas with our annual tree lighting.

### West Ashley Park Christmas Tree Lighting

12/08/2009  
Come enjoy the spirit of Christmas with annual tree lighting.

### The Christmas Music of Mannheim Steamroller

Thursday 12/10/09  
7:30 pm, North Charleston Performing Arts  
Get an early start on your holiday mood when Mannheim Steamroller brings their Christmas tour to Charleston!  
For tickets visit: <http://www.coliseumupac.com/index.php>

### Christmas 1860 a Candlelight Tour - The Story of Christmas Past

12/04/2009, 12/11/2009  
Location: Edmondston-Alston House  
Address: 21 East Battery  
Phone: 843.722.7171  
Interact with costumed interpreters as they tell the story of Christmas in the 1860s. Enjoy the sights and smells of the season, and see the house dressed for the holidays and glowing in candlelight.

### Family Yuletide at Middleton Place

12/12/2009  
Families can enjoy storytelling around a warm fire, Christmas caroling, and ornament and wreath making. See craftspeople working in their shops by candlelight and a live nativity scene featuring many of the plantation's animals.

### **2009 Mount Pleasant Holiday Farmers Market and Craft Show**

12/12/2009

The Festival includes locally grown fresh produce, baked goods, hot food and homemade preserves, and crafted gifts by more than 75 local artisans.

### **The Charleston Men's Chorus Christmas Concert at the Sottile Theatre**

12/12/2009

The concert will be a combination of sacred music as well as joyful holiday lyrics.

### **Gingerbread House Workshop at The Inn at Middleton Place**

12/20/2009

All ages are welcome for the third annual Gingerbread House Workshop at The Inn at Middleton Place. All materials will be provided for you to come up with a tasty Christmas treat and decoration!

### **Chanukah Menorah Lighting and Klezmer Party**

12/21/2009

### **Gymnastics Holiday Drop & Shop Camp**

12/22/2009 - 12/23/2009

Location: JIRC

Phone: 843.795.5678

Registration begins: November 7, 2008

Our Drop and Shop Camp is a great way to get a few hours without the kids. We offer half day and full day hours. Space is limited, register early. 9am-12pm Half-Day & 9am-3pm Full-Day

Ages: 5 & up (Skill level not required)

Gymnastics Training Center @ JIRC

Cost: \$15 per half-day & \$30 per full-day

### **The Nutcracker Ballet**

December 13th at 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm and December 14th at 3:00 pm

Location: Gaillard Auditorium

Tickets: \$30, \$35, \$40 & \$45. Children's tickets are \$10 off each price level. Phone: (843) 723-7334, M-F

Being home for the holidays has never felt so warm and cozy as when Charleston families enter the Gaillard Auditorium and experience the sights, sounds, and smells of the city's annual Christmas time tradition. An ideal gift of holiday entertainment for the family!

### **Moscow Ballet Presents Its Great Russian Nutcracker**

12/23/2009

Location: North Charleston Coliseum PAC

Phone: 843-554-6060

Web Site: <http://www.nutcracker.com>

World-renowned Moscow Ballet will present its Great Russian Nutcracker at the North Charleston Coliseum PAC on December 23th at 8:00 pm.

Tickets are available at the box office: (843) 554-6060 or on-line at [www.nutcracker.com](http://www.nutcracker.com)

### **Spend the Holidays at Magnolias, Blossom, and Cypress!**

12/25/2009

Enjoy a holiday feast including classic Christmas dishes as well as signature menu items!

### **Kwanzaa Festival**

12/29/2009

## **About Radisson Hotel Charleston Airport**

Newly renovated in 2008, Charleston's full-service 159-room, pet friendly hotel accommodations, located within minutes of Charleston International Airport, Convention Center, and downtown historic district, ensures a premier location at the center of all Charleston activities and shopping near I-26/I-526. Fully equipped for corporate or leisure travelers, the Radisson Hotel Charleston Airport offers complimentary airport transportation, Wi-Fi, onsite parking, premium cable TV, luxury baths with granite counter tops, spacious cabinetry, vessel sink with falling water faucet, and ASIRA designer bath products. Other amenities and services include: Bottled water, ATM, daily newspaper, complimentary local calls, speakerphone, voice mail, desk, microwave/ refrigerator, coffee/tea makers, King /Queen Sleep Number Beds with adjustable firmness and Goldpointsplus Rewards program. Radisson Hotel Charleston Airport offers 12,000 sq. ft. of flexible meeting space to accommodate any holiday event, corporate meeting, reunion, retreat, wedding, or reception. The onsite Haven Restaurant and Bar is open daily for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday Brunch with in-room dining. Other amenities include a tropical atrium area with gazebo, heated indoor pool, Jacuzzi, and an onsite health club with fitness center and sauna. Tour groups welcome. Radisson Hotel is a proud lodging partner of Charleston Golf Guide, Inc. For more information on golf packages, please visit: [http://charlestongolfguide.com/radisson\\_airport.shtml](http://charlestongolfguide.com/radisson_airport.shtml).

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### **The Holiday Walking Tour by Charleston Strolls**

12/01/2009 - 12/31/2009

Location: Mills House Hotel

Address: 115 Meeting Street

Phone: 843-766-2080

Web Site: <http://tourinfo@charlestonstrolls.com>

Charleston Strolls invites you to enjoy Charleston's holiday spirit and decorations. Join our festive stroll during December. You will visit St. Michaels Church, historic highlights and see private neighborhoods dressed in their holiday finery. This is a fascinating tour with stories and traditions that reveal Charleston's rich history and colorful past.

Throughout December, the finale for this special tour is light holiday refreshments. 10:00 am - Mills House Hotel, 115 Meeting Street

Adults: \$18 Children (7-12): \$10 Children (3-6): \$3

### **Camellia Christmas at The Magnolia House**

12/01/2009 - 12/31/2009

Enjoy the full bloom of America's most extensive outdoor camellia display!

### **24rd Annual Progressive Dinners**

12/01/2009 - 12/23/2009

The Progressive Dinner is an annual tradition that takes visitors by horse-drawn carriage to three historic and elegant establishments.

### **17th Annual Christmas Made In The South - Ladson Fairgrounds**

12/04/2009 - 12/06/2009

Get a head start on your gift list and enjoy the Christmas shopping experience of the season.

### **Christmases of Yesterday**

12/06/2009 - 12/31/2009

The public is invited to experience Christmas in the Low-country at two of Charleston's premier historic house museums!

### **The Charleston Christmas Special**

12/10/2009 - 12/20/2009

Broadway veteran's Brad and Jennifer Moranz present 20 of the country's finest singers, dancers, and musicians in a fun filled 2 hour musical extravaganza for the whole family! Dazzling costumes, hilarious comedy, and Santa himself all join in to make this an experience you won't forget!

### **2009 New Years Eve in Charleston**

December 31, 2008-January 1, 2009

Whether one is interested in gourmet dining at a [fine dining restaurant](#) or enjoying celebratory cocktails at one of [Charleston's bars](#) these Featured Charleston New Years Eve Celebrations should help with your planning. [www.charlestoncocktail.com](http://www.charlestoncocktail.com)

### **New Year's Eve at Circa 1886**

12/31/09

Guests can count down the New Year at Circa 1886, during two different seatings: 6:30pm & 9 pm at the restaurants New Year's Eve dinner.

### **Happy New Year, Charleston!**

12/31/2009

This community celebration offers a non-alcoholic and family-oriented alternative program to celebrate the New Year in Charleston.