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MARKET PAVILION HOTEL

If your idea of luxury is a night in the Lincoln Bedroom, check in to this 70-room boutique hotel. From egg-and-dart crown moldings and oil paintings of past Presidents to cashmere blankets and Hermès toiletries, it's all about stately elegance. Atop the hotel, scene-seekers flock to the Pavilion Bar for cocktails and panoramic views. Luckily, room floors are key-coded, protecting your slumber from late-night revelers. 225 East Bay Street; marketpavilion.com or 877-440-2250. Rates start at \$209.

PLANTERS INN

European style gets the "y'all" treatment at Planters Inn. The intimate 64-room Relais & Chateaux property, originally built in 1844 as Honig Dry Goods Store, pampers guests as if they were taking up residence in a genteel Southern home—one with Italian marble baths, 10-foot ceilings, and an impressive collection of sweetgrass baskets. Be sure to stop into Peninsula Grill, where chef Robert Carter serves his 10-layer coconut cake. You'll leave

Planters Inn thinking you owe someone a thank-you note. 112 North Market Street; plantersinn.com or 800-845-7082. Rates start at \$179.

Mount Pleasant

THE COTTAGES ON CHARLESTON HARBOR

These crisp waterfront cabins let you soak up the rustic beauty of the Lowcountry without straying too far from the action downtown. Offering one- or two-bedroom floor plans, they sit just across the Arthur Ravenel Jr. Bridge from downtown Charleston (about 10 minutes by car). Heart-pine floors run throughout, double-wide rope hammocks hang on screened porches, fully equipped kitchens anchor the common areas. 16 Patriots Point Road, Mount Pleasant; thecottagesoncharlestonharbor.com or 866-901-2688. Rates start at \$229. *



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