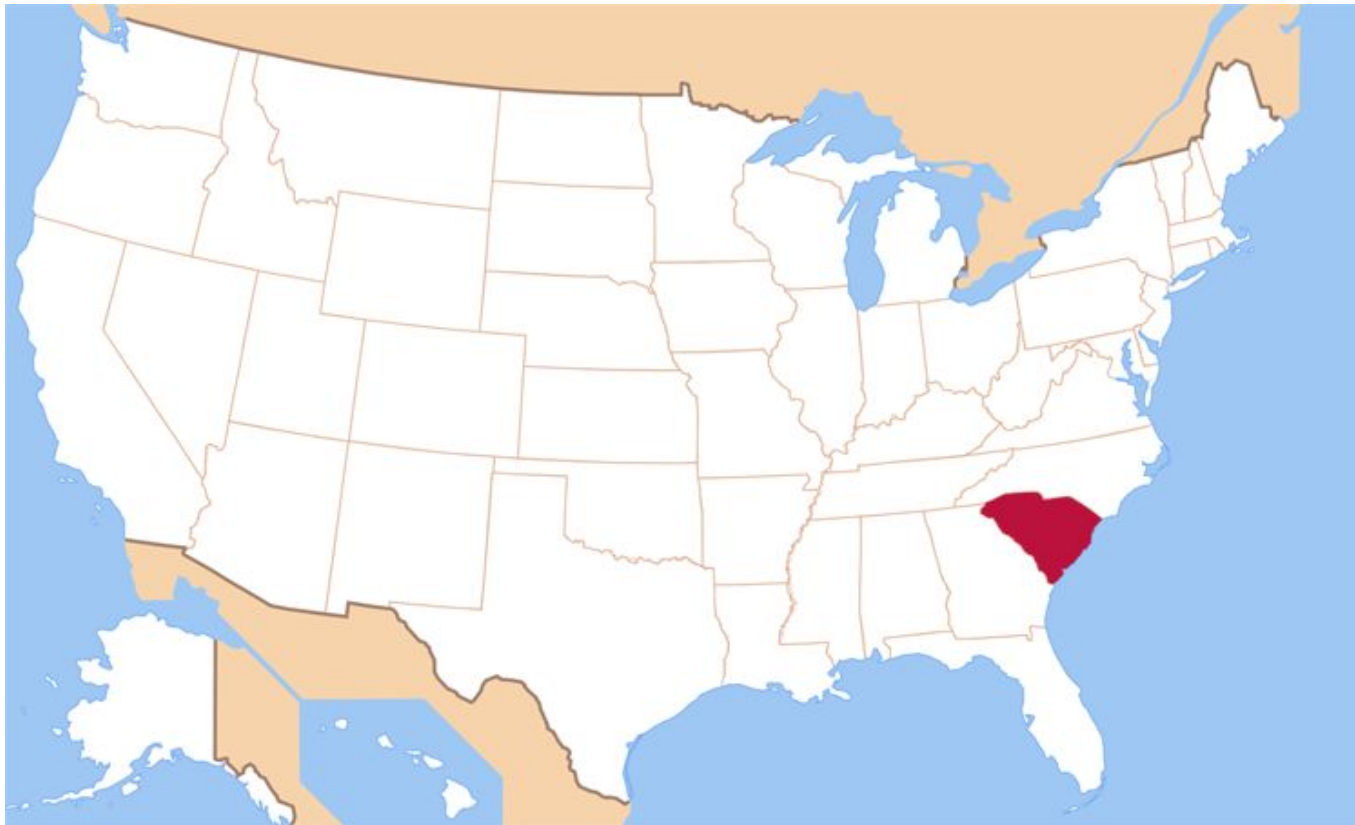


South Carolina



South Carolina is a small, diverse state located in the Deep South. From forested mountain scenery in the northwest and the mid-state Piedmont region to the Grand Strand coastline of the northeast and the islands and marshes of the south coast, South Carolina's topography is remarkably varied.



History of SC



King Charles I

Over thirty Native American tribes living in the South Carolina region made European settlement difficult here. Beginning in 1670, British colonists managed to establish Charles Town (Charleston). Following the Revolutionary War, South Carolina joined the Union as the eighth state on May 23, 1788. Almost a century later, the state left the Union and the Civil War began at Fort Sumter. Racial discrimination continued in South Carolina for many years after the Civil War.



From the Blue Ridge Mountains in the west to the beautiful beaches in the east, South Carolina is a popular destination for vacationers. History buffs can find plenty of museums and forts to explore, and tourists also enjoy visiting historic Charleston.

Symbols of SC



Yellow jessamine



Peach

Symbols of SC



White-tailed deer



Carolina wren

Middleton Place Plantation's graciously landscaped gardens are the oldest in America and among the most distinguished. The garden terraces, ponds, vistas, and footpaths continue to enchant visitors as they have since 1741.



The state also features scenic waterways and abundant wildlife as well as antebellum plantations and other historic sites.



Sights of SC



View more than 2,000 animals and stroll through the magnificent themed gardens at Riverbanks Zoo. From the tiny birds, to the giant elephants... Riverbanks Zoo has an amazing family of animals from all over the world.

Celebrate the history, culture and beauty of the Palmetto state. From Azalea and Peach festivals in the mountains to Sun Fun Days, oyster fests, and the famed Gullah Festival on the coast, South Carolinians know how to celebrate in style.



The South Carolina Arts Commission State Art Collection was established in 1967 and currently includes more than 400 works by 259 contemporary South Carolina artists.



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