



FRANCIS MARION  
HOTEL

*Wedding Information Guide*





## *Capture the spirit of historic Charleston*

Find yourself in the country's most charming city for your wedding day. Pairing historic architecture and the city's rich southern antiquity, Charleston is a vibrant and mesmerizing city to celebrate your love story. Although rich in history Charleston is a bustling cosmopolitan destination, giving your guests rich culture, shopping and the best culinary scenes. The hotel is steps away from the city's historic homes, art galleries and beautiful harbor.

## *A History of Elegance*

Centrally located on beautiful Marion Square Park, the Francis Marion Hotel is the tallest hotel in downtown Charleston, offering exquisite views as far as the Charleston Harbor. As a member of the Historic Hotels of America, the hotel was originally built in 1924 and reopened in 1996 after a \$12 million award-winning restoration. Step back in time, and experience the mystique of the city and our Southern hospitality in America's "most polite city."



## *A History of Celebrations*

Since opening its doors over 95 years ago, the Francis Marion Hotel has been the epicenter of weddings and social events alike among the Charleston society.

Offering three breathtaking ballrooms, each with their own history, style and charm, it is no secret why hundreds of couples have chosen to host their most special day with us.



# Ballrooms

The tradition of elegance and grandeur live on in three of the most elegant ballrooms in Charleston. With unique features like antique chandeliers, 20-foot high ceilings, monumental windows, and marble accented fireplaces, the Francis Marion Hotel provides the ideal location for a romantic Charleston wedding.

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## Gold Ballroom

This original ballroom of the hotel is adorned with gorgeous handcrafted trim and moldings. The most notable features of the ballroom are the hardwood floors, crystal chandeliers and fireplace with an antique mirror. The ballroom also includes an orchestra balcony.

Occupancy: 130 seated dinner | 200 reception style

## Colonial Ballroom

The Colonial Ballroom is the original dining room of the hotel located just off the grand lobby. Some noteworthy features of this ballroom are the eight expansive Palladian windows overlooking Marion Square Park, offering natural light, and a striking fireplace with ornamental furnishings.

Occupancy: 200 seated dinner | 250 reception style

## Carolina Ballroom

The Carolina Ballroom was an addition to the hotel in 2004. Ideal for the a more flexible & creative use of the space, this ballroom maintains the historical charm of the other ballrooms, with an updated feel.

Occupancy: Max 350 seated dinner | 500 reception style

## Swamp Fox Restaurant & Parkview Room

Our on-site restaurant, The Swamp Fox has the Parkview Room that can accommodate parties looking to enjoy the private company of their guests. Take in views of Marion Square while enjoying southern classics in a more intimate space. Enjoy live jazz music Thursday - Saturdays.

Occupancy: Parkview Room: 30 seated dinner



Colonial Ballroom



Carolina Ballroom



Swamp Fox Restaurant





## *Our Services*

The Francis Marion Hotel can create a wedding package to suit your needs.

All of our weddings receive the following complimentary items:

Tables, linens & chairs

China, glassware, stemware, silverware, chairs & flatware

Complimentary candle centerpieces

Complimentary dance floor and band staging

Complimentary chef for dinner stations

Complimentary bar setup and bartender with purchase of unlimited beverage package

Complimentary Francis Marion Suite for your Wedding night

Complimentary Wedding cake cutting & serving

Discounted room rates for your out of town guests

Menu tasting for up to 4 guests

Dedicated Wedding Sales Manager as the point of contact throughout planning



## *Our Cuisine*

Our on-site catering services deliver impeccable service and exceptional cuisine to make your special day absolutely wonderful. Catering options are limitless, and our fabulous chef can custom-design a menu just for you.

The Francis Marion Hotel is proud to showcase food from local farms and purveyors when goods are in season for your guests to enjoy fresh and environmentally-friendly dishes while we also support the local farms.



# Hotel Amenities

At the Francis Marion Hotel you will find Spa Adagio in our lower lobby, a full service day spa. Offering massages, skin care treatments and many other services to make you feel beautiful on the days leading up to your wedding day.

As a guest of the Francis Marion Hotel, access to our fitness center is available. Featuring two Peloton bikes, free weights and elliptical machines.

Enjoy a meal in the comfort of your room or suite with room service from Swamp Fox Restaurant.

We are proud to have a Starbucks located right through the front doors of the hotel.

Concierge services are available to provide help with any questions about the hotel or the Charleston area. They are happy to set up tours or dinner reservations for you or your guests throughout your stay.

# Rooms & Suites

At the Francis Marion Hotel we offer beautifully restored guest rooms & suites. Heavenly topped pillow mattresses, marble & granite features throughout, a vanity, complimentary wireless internet, flat-panel TV with HD cable including HBO & coffee maker. Higher floor rooms offer unsurpassed views of the historic Charleston harbor.

Penthouse suites on our 12th floor offer remarkable views of Charleston. You will find that these rooms are perfectly suited as bridal suites for getting ready with your bridesmaids. Champagne & finger sandwiches may be ordered to your room for you and your girls to enjoy.

We are happy to offer a courtesy block of guest rooms at a discounted rate, beginning with 10 rooms for 2 nights.



In addition to handling your reception and ceremony, here are other offerings we are happy to customize

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### Farewell Brunch

Host your farewell brunch the day after tying the knot. The Francis Marion Hotel offers a variety of on-site spaces that include the intimate setting of our Parkview Room. Enjoy an array of brunch dishes & beverages.

### Bridal Luncheon

Show your appreciation to your closest girlfriends & family with an elegant lunch with us. Our Mark Clark Suite is the perfect setting for an afternoon of food & drinks with the ones you love.

### Rehearsal Dinner

Host your Rehearsal Dinner in the elegant setting of the Francis Marion Hotel. Whether you choose one of our magnificent ballrooms or a more intimate space, our chefs will prepare a dinner specific to your needs.

### Elopement Ceremony Package

Designed for the couple only or for up to 16 people, our exclusive elopement package is the perfect ceremony & celebration all in one. This package includes details such as Bridgeview Suite for the ceremony, chairs, bouquet & boutonniere, dinner & breakfast for two & an 8 inch wedding cake plus more! Additional services are available to make your intimate wedding perfect.

### After Party in the Swamp Fox Lounge

Continue your wedding celebration in the Lounge & Bar area in the Swamp Fox Restaurant. Offering late night menu options, our chefs will create the perfect night cap meal for you & your guests to enjoy. We will keep the drinks flowing and make sure your big night doesn't have to end so soon.

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