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1. STAY AT THE RESTORATION ON KING

Its central location and apartment-like amenities – think in-suite laundry and full kitchen – made *The Restoration on King* a perfect home base for traveling with kids, but



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2. HUNT FOR SHELLS ON SULLIVAN'S ISLAND BEACH

Located an easy 30-minute drive from downtown Charleston, Sullivan's Island has beautiful, wide beaches and a laid-back vibe — lots of locals were walking dogs and riding

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3. FEED A STINGRAY AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA AQUARIUM

Situated on a wharf overlooking Charleston Harbor, the South Carolina Aquarium is delightfully kid-centric. There's a touch tank stocked with sea urchins and horseshoe crabs.

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4. EXPLORE HISTORIC CHARLESTON

Opt for a one-hour horse-drawn carriage ride around downtown Charleston narrated by a knowledgeable guide, or grab the stroller and take a self-guided walking tour (we did



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filled with country ham, blackberries or cinnamon at **Callie's**, fried chicken, hush puppies and soft serve ice cream with sprinkles at **Lean's** and the most incredible diner fare – including shrimp and grits and homemade chocolate pudding – at **Hammy Grill**.

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