

Charleston restaurants and hotels turn America's 250th into experience with special menus and stays

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The Charleston Place and its sister hotel The Cooper are among many Charleston hotels creating new packages in honor of America's 250th commemorations.

CHARLESTON — The state's Revolutionary War history is becoming a summer tourism attraction as hotels and restaurants across the city roll out special America 250-themed experiences designed to capitalize on growing interest in the nation's founding story.

Charleston restaurants and hotels are getting into the spirit with special menus, tea services and history-themed experiences designed to immerse visitors in the Holy City's Revolutionary War history.

Charleston is one of only four cities designated by Congress as an official America 250 showcase city.

The limited-time offerings blend food, history and storytelling. Many [tour operators](#) have also hopped on the bandwagon. These are part of a growing lineup of SC250 events and experiences taking place across the city.

The Ryder Hotel is offering "[The Summer of Time](#)" package through July, which includes two tickets to the Drunk History Bar Crawl with Bulldog Tours, two cocktails from the "250 Menu" and patriotic Elby pajamas. Each night, guests get a "time capsule turn-down", where staff put a curated keepsake from a different decade of American history in their room.

One of the most extravagant packages can be found at the **Emeline**. The hotel is marking America's 250th anniversary with a new luxury travel package called "Red, White & Charleston: An All-American Escape," with rates starting at \$2,500 per night. It combines Charleston history with high-end hospitality and entails a private family-style dinner in The Den, exclusive tours of The Charleston Museum and Fort Sumter National Monument, along with a helicopter tour over the Lowcountry and a sunset yacht charter in Charleston Harbor.