“America's Most Historic Inn”
Celebrating 250 Years in 2013
**CONDE NAST TRAVELER magazine 2012 Reader’s Choice “5th Best Hotel in the South” and One of the “Top 100 Best Hotels in the World”**

John Rutledge, one of the fifty-five signers of the U.S. Constitution, built his home in 1763 at 116 Broad Street in downtown Charleston, SC. Now exquisitely restored, it is one of only fifteen homes belonging to those signers to survive - and the only one to now accommodate overnight hotel guests. History records George Washington as visiting the home in 1791. An entry in his diary recalls a breakfast with Mrs. Rutledge.

A loving rejuvenation in 1998 restored the home’s beautifully detailed 18th and 19th century architecture, including elaborately carved Italian marble fireplaces, original plaster moldings, inlaid floors and graceful ironwork.

The John Rutledge House Inn® offers nineteen guest rooms within a complex of three buildings. One may choose between the elegance of rooms and spacious suites in the original grand residence or the charm and seclusion of rooms in the Inn's two carriage houses. Antiques and historically accurate reproductions give each room its own warmth and distinction.

John Rutledge House Inn® is proud to be a founding hotel in Historic Hotels of America, as well as Select Registry - Distinguished Inns of America and Classic Inns of the South.

Guests may leave cars parked on-site for their entire stay, because the best of this beautiful port city is just beyond the doors of the Inn. The city's finest restaurants, theatres, shops and famous City Market are all within a few minutes walk. The gracious antebellum residential area "South of Broad" begins directly opposite the Inn. A stay in this elegant antebellum bed and breakfast offers the opportunity to experience history as well as the warm hospitality for which the South is justly famous.

2013 marks the 250th anniversary of the construction of the original home by John Rutledge. In honor of this milestone anniversary, we have created a calendar for the year filled with celebratory events and special packages. See below for full details, or visit our web site to learn more and make reservations—www.johnrutledgehouseinn.com.
HISTORY OF THE JOHN RUTLEDGE HOUSE INN

John Rutledge (1739-1800) built the house c. 1763 for his bride, 19-year-old Elizabeth Grimke. It is not known when Rutledge acquired the property, which he sold in 1790. Subsequent documents identify it as "formerly the residence of Mr. Rutledge." Rutledge was a member of the South Carolina Assembly, the Stamp Act Congress, the Continental Congress and the U.S. Constitutional Convention. He was President or "Dictator", of South Carolina, 1776-78, and Governor of the State, 1779-82. He was Chief Justice of South Carolina and Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, and served a term as Chief Justice of the U.S., although unconfirmed by the Senate. Rutledge is buried in St. Michael's Churchyard in downtown Charleston.

Sometime after 1790, the property was acquired by Gen. John McPherson, a Revolutionary Patriot and prominent figure in South Carolina. He was among several horse breeders credited with improving the state's stock of horses and with maintaining the high standard of racing which made the South Carolina Jockey Club famous in the annals of racing at a time when it was the "sport of gentlemen." The house was sold in 1836 to the Right Rev. John England, Roman Catholic Bishop of Charleston, whose executors sold it in 1843.

Ten years later, it was acquired by Thomas Norman Gadsden, a real estate broker and slave trader. Gadsden, in 1853, engaged the Swedish architect, P.H. Hammarskold, to remodel the house, adding terra cotta window cornices similar to those on the Mills House Hotel, and the iron balcony, posts, curving step rail and fence. The two-story brick kitchen with Gothic arched windows is also by Hammarskold. The ironwork is attributed to Christopher Werner, as it incorporates two of his favorite motifs: the palmetto tree of South Carolina and the eagle of the United States. The ironwork is also a combination of wrought and cast iron work. The drawing room on the second floor is large and has a coved ceiling. In this room the United States Courts sat for a time after the Civil War, until the Federal Government bought the Charleston Club House.

Arthur Barnwell, who acquired the property from Gadsden's family in 1885, re-modeled the interior, installing eight Italian marble mantelpieces from England and parquet floors of three kinds of wood, copied from European palaces. It is said the carpenter, Noisette, took eight years to put in the floors. Barnwell sold the property in 1902 to Robert Goodwyn Rhett, who was Mayor of Charleston, president of the Peoples Bank (which built the Peoples Building) and one of the developers of North Charleston. During Rhett's ownership, William Howard Taft, U.S. President and Chief Justice, was several times a weekend guest. Tradition says that it was during the Rhett's' residence here that their butler, William Deas, invented she crab soup.
FACT SHEET

ADDRESS: 116 Broad Street, Charleston, SC 29401

LOCATION: In the heart of Charleston’s historic district, the John Rutledge House Inn® is just steps away from local shops, restaurants, galleries and popular historical attractions.

PHONE NUMBER: 843.723.7999 · 800.476.9741

WEBSITE: www.johnrutledgehouseinn.com

GUEST ROOMS: 19 rooms: 11 spacious and elegant rooms in the main residence and 8 private rooms in the home’s 2 carriage houses

SERVICE & AMENITIES: Deluxe continental breakfast or daily cooked Southern breakfast served in your room, the ballroom or courtyard; Afternoon tea reception in the ballroom or piazza overlooking historic Broad Street; Port, sherry, and brandy in the afternoon and evening. Daily delivery of USA Today to room. Irons/ironing boards, hairdryers, waffle robes, in room refrigerator with bottled water; Flat screen TV and DVD players; Tempur-Pedic beds with luxurious linens; Evening turndown service with fine chocolates; Complimentary wireless internet access in all guest rooms and common areas; 24 hour concierge service; Access to a nearby health club for a minimal charge. Valet laundry service Monday-Saturday.

MEETING SPACES: Two meeting rooms, accommodating groups of up to 48 people, are available for weddings, business gatherings or special events.

OWNER: Rick Widman

INNKEEPER: Kathleen Leslie

INTERIOR DESIGNER: Pam Plowden, Pulliam Morris Interiors, Columbia, SC

DISTINCTIONS:
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250th Anniversary Calendar of Events

For more information on any of the calendar listings or to speak with a concierge from the AAA Four Diamond John Rutledge House Inn®, call 800.476.9741 or visit www.johnrutledgehouseinn.com.

For high-resolution photography of the Inn, please contact ByrdHouse Public Relations at 843.367.0327 or info@byrdhousepr.com.

Running All Year

“Birth of a Nation” Package

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Package Rates: Two nights in a Standard Room from $619 (two people). All packages also include afternoon tea, deluxe continental or cooked breakfast, evening sherry and brandy, daily newspaper, wireless Internet, and evening turndown service.
JANUARY 2013
Reunion for Graduates of the Gaud School for Boys

Friday, January 25
What is now the John Rutledge House Inn® was once the site of an esteemed all-boys preparatory school, the Gaud School. From 1961 to 1964, then-headmaster Berkeley Grimball taught some 200 students at 116 Broad Street, adding fine art teachers and incorporating an athletic program. In 1964, Gaud School, Watt School, and Porter Military Academy merged to become Porter-Gaud School, one of Charleston’s leading college preparatory institutions.

John Rutledge House Inn® will host a cocktail reception for students who attended classes when the Gaud School was housed at 116 Broad Street. A special overnight rate of $235 will be offered for those attending the reunion.

JULY 2013
Fireworks and Fun Family Weekend

July 4–6, 2013
This special three-night package will offer families a fun and unique way to observe Independence Day in Charleston. To celebrate the 4th of July, John Rutledge House Inn® will provide everything you need to watch the fireworks display over the Charleston Harbor from Waterfront Park, including chairs, blankets and a gourmet picnic for the family.

The package also includes a one-of-a-kind Scavenger Hunt, where families will explore the best attractions and iconic Charleston places. As with any good scavenger hunt, a prize will be waiting at the end!

The weekend caps off with something special for both parents and kids — a special date night for parents, who will be treated to a three-course romantic dinner for two at our award-winning sister restaurant, Circa 1886; and Movie + Pizza in the ballroom for the kids, a truly unique setting for a night of fun.

Package Rates: Three nights in a Standard Room from $999 (two adults, one child; additional children are $25). All packages also include afternoon tea, deluxe continental or cooked breakfast, evening sherry and brandy, daily newspaper, wireless Internet access, and evening turndown service.

AUGUST 2013
Summer Finale for the Family Weekend

Labor Day Weekend: August 31–September 2, 2013
Celebrate Labor Day weekend with the family with this fun and kid-friendly package. The whole family will enjoy spending a night cheering on Charleston’s hometown minor league baseball team, the RiverDogs, at their home stadium, “The Joe,” located on the banks of the Ashley River.

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**SEPTEMBER 2013**

**Semiquincentennial Celebration Weekend**

**September 20-22, 2013**

The John Rutledge House Inn® kicks off this ultimate weekend of revelry with an antebellum party in honor of the Inn’s namesake, John Rutledge. Guests will be treated to heavy hors d’oeuvres, cocktails, live music and servers in period costumes. This special event is also open to non-hotel guests and tickets are $100/person. 50% of the proceeds from ticket sales will benefit Historic Charleston Foundation, a local organization that has been dedicated to preserving and protecting the architectural, historical and cultural character of Charleston since 1947.

On Saturday, guests will be treated to the exclusive “Birth of a Nation” tour in honor of John Rutledge and the 250th anniversary. During this two-hour tour, guests will feel as if they knew John Rutledge personally as they hear tales of his home life, his political role in Charleston, and his prominent place in American history. Get a behind-the-scenes glance at the John Rutledge House Inn®, the Old Exchange Building, the Heyward-Washington House, and St. Michael’s Church and graveyard, where John Rutledge is buried.

Saturday night concludes with a three-course dinner for two at our award-winning sister restaurant, Circa 1886.

Package Rates: Two nights in a Standard Room from $1055 (two adults). Includes two tickets to the Semiquincentennial Party; three-course dinner for two at Circa 1886; and two tickets to the Birth of a Nation walking tour. All packages also include afternoon tea, deluxe continental or cooked breakfast, evening sherry and brandy, daily newspaper, wireless Internet access, and evening turndown service.

**NOVEMBER 2013**

**“Steeping in History” Weekend Package**

**November 15-17, 2013**

We have created this special weekend as a way for families and friends alike to build memories from one generation to the next. Guests are invited to commemorate the beauty of a bygone era at a formal tea, served on Saturday afternoon in the Ballroom. Enjoy an English-inspired tea menu, as well as Charleston’s beloved She Crab Soup, which tradition says was created at the John Rutledge House by butler William Deas in the early 1900s.

Guests will be treated during the weekend to the exclusive “Birth of a Nation” tour in honor of John Rutledge and the 250th anniversary. During this two-hour tour, guests will feel as if they knew John (continued)
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