



CITY OF **CHARLESTON** SC

TOUR GUIDE EXAM



VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The City of Charleston offers a comprehensive Tour Guide certification program. An individual can become a certified guide by passing a written exam with a score of 70. This exam tests a guide's knowledge of Charleston, its history, architecture, and culture. A Tour Guide Training Manual is available to assist in studying for the exam.

Upon studying and completing the exam, guides should have the knowledge to comfortably provide a tour throughout the historic districts of Charleston. After passing the 200-question exam you will receive a city issued photo ID which most of the tour companies require.

2026 EXAM DATES

Testing begins at 9:00am and applicants are given two hours to complete the exam.

***January 13 & 27**
***February 10 & 24**
***March 10 & 24**
April 7 & 21
May 12 & 26
June 9 & 23
July 14 & 28
August 11 & 25
September 8 & 22
October 13 & 27
November 3 & 17
December 1 & 15

*Due to ongoing construction in our office building the testing location may change. Please call to register and confirm testing location.

Registration fee:

\$50.00

Tour Guide Training Manual:

\$45.00 (\$49.05 with tax)

Manual on Flash Drive:

\$25.00 (\$27.25 with tax)