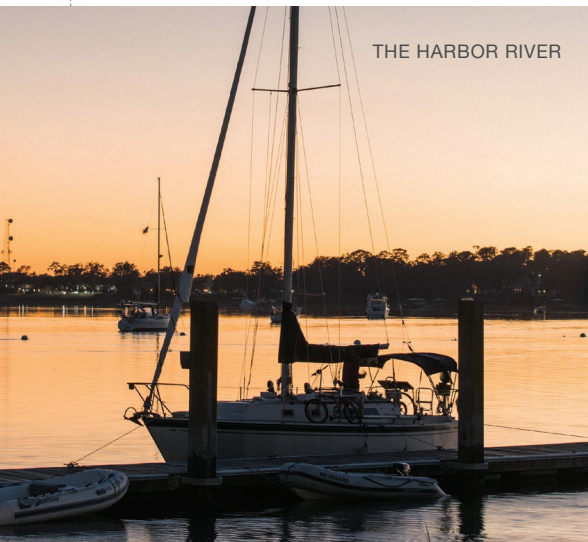


THE GETAWAY: **THE ANCHORAGE 1770**

Beaufort's Stately Gem

Explore the Lowcountry from this historic retreat

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THE HARBOR RIVER

THE NEIGHBORHOOD: Steeped in small-town charm, Beaufort, South Carolina, is home to lush landscapes and a historic district filled with Federal architecture. Located on Port Royal Island off the southeast coast of the state, Beaufort is most known for its military bases. But this second-oldest city in the state also has a vibrant literary scene—novelist Pat Conroy called Beaufort home—and plenty of activities to keep any adventurer occupied.

THE VIBE: Walking into the Anchorage 1770 is like coming home, if home is an antebellum mansion. After buying the vacant William Elliott House property in 2014, Frank and Amy Lesesne restored the thirteen-room inn to its former charm and welcome guests like family.

THE DIGS: Each guestroom features bright views of the Harbor River or the inn's gardens. Homemade cookies each evening provide a cozy touch. Arrange a historic downtown tour or a stand-up paddleboarding trip with Higher Ground Outfitters—both leave from the marina just across the street.

Ribaut Social Club

Named after the Ribaut Club, a literary club-turned-community-gathering-space established in 1891, the Anchorage 1770's restaurant is located in the historic home's former dining space. Helmed by Executive Chef Byron Landis, formerly of Hilton Head Island's Long Cove Club, the restaurant's carefully curated menu with two starters, three entrées, and two desserts changes every month depending on what's available and in season. Think starters like beef tartare or corn and coconut chowder, and mains like apple and brie-stuffed pork loin or local fish with balsamic butter sauce. Don't miss any dessert that includes homemade ice cream—the lightly sweet vanilla bean provides a creamy cool finish to a

INSIDER'S SCOOP
 Novelist Pat Conroy celebrated his last birthday on the Anchorage 1770's balcony in October 2015.

decadent meal. With seating for only about twenty guests, reservations are required in the dining room, but if you're in the mood for lighter fare, small plates and beverages are served on the inn's two balconies when the weather permits. For those ready to step out and explore, preorder a picnic lunch and take a walk along the Harbor River waterfront, or rent a bike to traverse the Spanish Moss Trail, a ten-mile greenway that connects Beaufort and Port Royal, ideal for cyclists, walkers, and joggers.



BREAKFAST ON THE ANCHORAGE 1770'S PORCH

DINING AROUND

BREAKFAST

Swing by **City Java & News** for a morning boost—ask for coffee ice cubes to keep your iced latte full of flavor as you set out to explore the city.

LUNCH

Located in a former post office, **Lowcountry Produce Market & Cafe** is centrally located for a quick bite between the sights of the historic district.

DINNER

Get reservations at **Old Bull Tavern**, a local favorite with expertly crafted cocktails and an eclectic urban vibe—a vintage phone booth bridges the two sides of the space.

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