



**HISTORIC CHARLESTON HOUSES TOUR**

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**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2004**

10:30am Depart The Embassy Suites.

10:30-12:30p Enjoy a privately guided two-hour overview tour with emphasis on Charleston Interiors. You will tour two of Charleston's finest house museums, filled with 18th and 19th century antiques, china and fine silver, The Nathaniel Russell House and The Edmondston-Alston House.

The Nathaniel Russell House is a handsome example of Federal architecture, completed in 1808 by Nathaniel Russell, one of Charleston's wealthiest merchants. The astonishing flying staircase spirals unsupported from floor to floor, and the tier of beautiful south rooms have elliptical shapes. This home is complemented by gleaming old silver, fine china and fine examples of Charleston crafted period furniture.

The Edmondston-Alston House (circa 1828-1838), was built by Charles Edmondston in 1828 with an uninterrupted view across Charleston Harbor. In 1838 the home was bought by Colonel William Alston, for his son, Charles, who redecorated it in the fashionable Greek Revival style. Here, since the days of Charles Alston, are documents, portraits, engravings, an outstanding library, silver, china and a treasure chest of family furnishings.

12:30-2:30p Enjoy shopping in downtown Charleston.

2:45pm Arrive at The Embassy Suites.



Cost: \$33.50