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**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CRUISE SHIPS IN HISTORIC PORTS  
TO BE HELD IN CHARLESTON, S.C., FEBRUARY 6–8, 2013**

*New York, NY, December 5, 2012*—World Monuments Fund, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Preservation Society of Charleston are hosting an international symposium on the impacts of cruise tourism in historic port communities. Called “Harboring Tourism: A Symposium on Cruise Ships in Historic Port Communities,” it will be held Charleston, South Carolina, from February 6–8, 2013.

The symposium will examine various approaches to cruise tourism in historic port communities around the world, exploring best practices as well as challenging issues. The aim of the symposium is to advocate for policies and practices that benefit local communities by ensuring an effective balance between cruise tourism and heritage management. Participants from around the world are invited to attend and contribute ideas.

Charleston has been at the center of an ongoing debate over the impact of the cruise industry on historic ports due to a recent rise in cruise ship traffic in the city. Concerns over the effects of increased cruise tourism led the National Trust to put Charleston on “watch status” in 2011 and World Monuments Fund to include the city on the 2012 World Monuments Watch.

**Conference Details**

The conference will be headquartered at the historic Francis Marion Hotel. The registration fee for the conference is \$350. Current members of the Preservation Society of Charleston, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and students will be eligible for a discounted registration fee of \$300. Registration includes: Wednesday evening reception; breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Thursday; and breakfast on Friday. For more information and hotel directions, visit [preservationsociety.org](http://preservationsociety.org).

**World Monuments Fund**

World Monuments Fund is the leading independent organization devoted to saving the world’s most treasured places. Since 1965, working in more than ninety countries, its highly skilled experts have applied effective techniques to preserve important architectural and cultural heritage sites around the globe. Through partnerships with local communities, funders, and

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governments, WMF inspires an enduring commitment to stewardship for future generations. Headquartered in New York, WMF has offices and affiliates worldwide. [wmf.org](http://wmf.org), [twitter.com/worldmonuments](https://twitter.com/worldmonuments), and [facebook.com/worldmonuments](https://facebook.com/worldmonuments).

### **National Trust for Historic Preservation**

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, a privately funded nonprofit organization, works to save America's historic places. [PreservationNation.org](http://PreservationNation.org).

### **Preservation Society of Charleston**

Founded in 1920, the Preservation Society of Charleston is the oldest community-based membership historic preservation organization in the United States of America. Our mission is to inspire the involvement of all who dwell in the Lowcountry to honor and respect our material and cultural heritage. [preservationsociety.org](http://preservationsociety.org).

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