

## **Studying Photography in Charleston, South Carolina**

The city of Charleston, South Carolina dates back to 1670 (when it was originally called *Charles Towne*), making it the oldest city in the state. The city has grown substantially since its humble beginnings alongside the Ashley River and is currently the second largest city in the state, after Columbia – the state capital.

Local history is reflected in many well-preserved buildings along the Battery and in other parts of the city. Numerous museums also bear testament to the past. One interesting example is the Powder Magazine, the oldest public building in the city that having started out its life as a gunpowder magazine in 1713.

Charleston has a thriving art scene, hosting the 17 day annual Spoleto Festival USA, the MOJA Arts Festival and the Cooper River Bridge Run among others. The combination of a tangible sense of history and lively artistic community makes Charleston an ideal location for students looking for arts academies and photography schools.

With so many inspiring sights and events in the surrounding area aspirant photographers especially will find a wealth of interesting subject matter within easy reach of their photography schools.

Photographing the many local features for tourism and general purposes can provide many work opportunities. The arts festivals also provide scope for plentiful and interesting work, likewise local minor league baseball, soccer, rugby, hockey and other sporting events. The regions popularity as a filming location movies and television, especially those with historical or southern themes creates further opportunities for students at photography schools during their training and after they graduate.