

## **DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO CRUISE SHIP PASSENGER TERMINAL PORT OF CHARLESTON**

**Thank you for choosing a cruise from Charleston.**

The Cruise Ship Passenger Terminal is located in downtown Charleston in the heart of the historic district. It is easily reached via several major routes into the City.

The major routes into Charleston are via Interstate 26, Highway 17-South, Highway 17-North and I-526.

The cruise ship facilities are part of Union Pier Terminal.

**Union Pier Gate 2 – at the intersection of Concord and Laurens Streets - is the general entry point for passengers starting the embarkation process at the Port of Charleston.**

**Union Pier Main Gate – 32 Washington Street – is the designated entry point for taxis, hotel limo/vans, and charter bus groups only.**

There are permanent **highway signs posted along the travel route** that will help direct you to Union Pier and the cruise ship facilities.

Some signs are the standard green highway signs posted along major routes and exit ramps. Others are **smaller sized brown** signs with the **international cruise ship symbol and arrows** showing the direction to travel in the downtown area.

Please note there are yellow A-frame signs also referred to in the directions. Those yellow A-frame signs are temporary units displayed at approximately 11:00 a.m. on embarkation days.

**Directions to the Cruise Ship Passenger Terminal – Charleston, South Carolina (from various routes into the city):**

### **A. Coming into Charleston via I-26 East:**

- Once you are in the Charleston area –
- Take Exit 219 – B (Morrison Drive & East Bay Street).
- Turn left at the foot of the exit ramp.
- Cross over King Street, then cross over Meeting Street.
- Once you cross over Meeting Street, you are on Morrison Drive.
- Stay on Morrison Drive.
- The street name will change from Morrison Drive to East Bay Street, after you go under an overpass.

- Follow the large green highway signs and the smaller brown highway signs to Union Pier Terminal.
- Stay on East Bay Street, until you pass a U.S. Post Office on the right.
- From East Bay Street, turn left on to Chapel Street at the traffic light.
  
- Continue to follow the green highway signs and the brown highway signs to the Cruise Ship Terminal / Union Pier Terminal.
- Chapel Street will change name to Washington Street along the route.
  
- Turn left and Chapel/Washington Street onto Charlotte Street
  
- At the intersection of Chapel/Washington and Charlotte Streets, there will be yellow A-frame signs in the roadway with directions for "Cruise Traffic". Follow the yellow signs. These will be in addition to the permanent street signs already noted.
  
- The yellow A-frame signs will direct you to Union Pier Entry Gate # 2.
- Union Pier – Entry Gate # 2 - is at the intersection of Concord & Laurens
- The Passenger Terminal is part of Union Pier.
- All general cruise traffic enters the area via Union Pier – Entry Gate # 2.

**Again, please note:**

Entry Gate # 2 – is at the intersection of Concord & Laurens Streets.  
 Entry Gate # 2 – is the general entry point for all cruise passengers' vehicles.

Union Pier Main Gate street address is 32 Washington Street.  
 Union Pier Main Gate is the entry only for taxi, hotel limos/vans & charter buses.

The Passenger Terminal address is 196 Concord Street.  
 It is the same street, but also with a name change during the route.  
 There is no entry for individual vehicles at the Passenger Terminal address.

**B. Coming into Charleston from 17-South (North Carolina side of S C):**

- Enter the Charleston area via the City of Mt. Pleasant.
- Follow 17-South signs to Ravenel Bridge (across Cooper River).
- Go across the bridge.
- Take Morrison Drive / East Bay Street exit from bridge (first exit).
- Turn left on to East Bay Street from the exit ramp at the foot of the bridge.
- Follow the green highway signs and smaller brown highway signs to Union Pier Terminal.
- Stay on East Bay Street until you pass a U.S. Post Office on the right.
- Turn left at Chapel Street from East Bay Street, at the traffic light.
- Continue to follow the green highway signs and smaller brown highway signs to the Cruise Ship Terminal / Union Pier Terminal.
- Follow directions from section A above.

**C. Coming into Charleston from 17-North (Georgia side of SC):**

- Enter the Charleston area via Highway 17- North.
- Follow signs to East I-526.
- Once on E-I-526, take #17 to I-26 East – towards Charleston.
- From I-26, take exit 219 – B (Morrison Drive & East Bay Street ramp).
- Turn left at the foot of the exit ramp.
- Cross over King Street & Meeting Street.
- After the crossovers, you will be on Morrison Drive / East Bay Street route.
- Stay on Morrison Drive / East Bay Street.
- Follow green highway signs and smaller brown highway signs to Union Pier Terminal.
- Follow directions noted in section A above.

**HAVE A SAFE TRIP AND A BON VOYAGE!**

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