

Mary Lynn, Mike, and Mary Dana aboard the ship taking us from Charleston to Fort Sumter. This was part of a trip that we took to Charleston for Thanksgiving. We were very lucky with the weather on the boat trip. It was the only time when the weather was warm, sunny, and pleasant. Otherwise it rained practically the entire time.



Mary Lynn is standing on the tour boat landing with Fort Sumter in the background. Mary Lynn was a great sport on the trip. We stayed at the Meeting Street Inn and ate our Thanksgiving meal at the Mills House. Mary Lynn and I ate the first night at a reasonable seafood restaurant named Hanks. They had a interesting concept called a "community table." A random group of people sat at a long table. We had an enjoyable chat with a couple from the Raleigh area.



This is Mike standing in the parade ground of what is left of Fort Sumter. Robert Anderson and about 120 men occupied the Fort on the night of December 26, 1860. The Confederate Army began the bombardment of Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861, thereby starting the Civil War.



Originally, Fort Sumter stood about as high as the lower set of flagpoles in this picture. Federal artillery destroyed much of the Fort during the last two years of the Civil War. The following flags fly above Fort Sumter -- the United States of America, the three official flags of the Confederate States of America, and the South Carolina flag.

