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DRIVING CHAPTER

South Carolina Lowcountry and Grand Strand Handoff Planner

Charleston depth, Georgetown reset, a deliberate Grand Strand choice, and a clean Cape Fear finish.

USE THIS FOR

Set the entry decision, driving rhythm, anchor order, backup stops, route distinctions, and exit decision for this canonical Route 17 chapter.

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Florida > Georgia > South Carolina > North Carolina > Virginia

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Entry decision and driving rhythm

Charleston: leave only after the city has had enough time to work as the major southern bookend.

Rhythm to protect

- [] Charleston -> marsh-country middle -> Georgetown -> Grand Strand / Little River -> Wilmington.
- [] Use Georgetown as the calm middle.
- [] Choose one Myrtle Beach / North Myrtle Beach / Little River decision instead of stacking every beach stop.
- [] Use the segment in reverse with Wilmington as the first major anchor and Charleston as the payoff.

SOUTH BOOKEND Charleston Stay-and-walk anchor.	MIDDLE Georgetown River-town reset.
NORTH BOOKEND Wilmington Cape Fear finish.	

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Backup anchors and route distinctions

Keep backups useful and selective; do not turn the segment into a stop-everywhere checklist.

Backup / support choices

- [] Mount Pleasant / Awendaw - harbor and nature transition.
- [] McClellanville - quiet Lowcountry texture.
- [] Pawleys Island / Murrells Inlet - optional beach/marsh hinge.
- [] Atlantic Beach / North Myrtle Beach / Little River - heritage, beach-city, and state-line context.

Exit / next-chapter decision

Arrive in Wilmington with enough margin to orient or overnight; if northbound, the next chapter is the North Carolina river-and-sound sequence.

Current-condition checks

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PLANNING SHEET

Build the chapter on paper

Choose the route roles first, then write the minimum stops needed to keep the drive legible.

Entry anchor / time	
Primary middle reset	
Backup pause	
Overnight / finish	
Exit / next chapter	
What must be checked live	

Notes