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Charleston getaway

Looking for a place for a romantic weekend? The John Rutledge House Inn in Charleston is a good choice, according to a new book.

The Broad Street inn is named in "Bed and Champagne - Top Romantic Getaways."

"The John Rutledge House Inn was selected as one of the nation's most romantic destinations based on its charm and beauty ... it is truly special for romantics of all ages," said Bradley S. O'Leary, who authored the book with travel writer Laura McKenzie.

John Rutledge, a framer of the U.S. Constitution, built the home in 1763 as a wedding gift to his bride, Elizabeth Grimke. The inn is owned by Richard Widman's company, Charming Inns of Charleston Inc., which also owns three other downtown inns. Widman is converting the former Rodgers mansion at Wentworth and Smith streets into an upscale 21-room inn.

