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Hilton Head Where to Stay Guide

Hilton Head, 7 Days

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Guide Description

AUTHOR NOTE: A little bit off the beaten path, Hilton Head features luxurious accommodations that you can find at few islands on the east coast. You'll find few bed and breakfasts and inns on the island, but what you find is a variety of resort hotels with amenities to please all the senses. Although the island is known for its rising luxurious hotels and resorts, Hilton Head also includes a couple quaint options. If you're looking for the typical southern accommodations, you may consider a couple inns that are in the area, including the Rose Hill Plantation in Bluffton or Hilton Head's Main Street Inn. Although they both are bed and breakfast style accommodations, they offer some of the same amenities you would have at a resort, including swimming and golf.

Choosing the right Hilton Head hotel often comes down to price and amenities. Many of the rising hotels offer many of the same features, including easy beach access and plenty of activities, but it's just a matter of which one appeals to your taste. You'll find many of the big name hotels on Hilton Head Island, including the Westin and Hilton hotels, as well as ones that are privately owned. Of course most of the resorts include plenty of golf, since that is what the island has built a reputation for. Other amenities at the many Hilton Head Island resort hotels range from restaurants to shopping to spas and even equestrian centers. There's something for everyone.

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location:
2200 Main St
Hilton Head Island SC
29926-1667

1 Main Street Inn

DESCRIPTION: Don't expect cozy Americana from this small, luxurious inn, as it's grander and more European in its motifs than its name would imply. Designed like a small-scale villa that you might expect to see in the south of France, it was built in 1996 in a format that combines design elements from both New Orleans and Charleston, including cast-iron balustrades and a formal semitropical garden where guests are encouraged to indulge in afternoon tea. Inside, you'll find artfully clipped topiary, French Provincial furnishings, and accommodations that are more luxurious and more richly appointed than those of any other hotel in Hilton Head. Overall, despite a location that requires a drive to the nearest beach, the hotel provides a luxe alternative to the less-personalized megahotels that lie nearby. © Frommer's

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contact:
http://www.bedandbreakfast.com/sc-bluffton-rose-hill-plantation.html

location:
199 Rose Hill Way
Bluffton SC 29910

2 Rose Hill Plantation

DESCRIPTION: Rose Hill Mansion, Hilton Head, SC National Register of Historic Places Civil War History, Priceless Collections, Every conceivable amenity. Recently completed 10 year "ground up" restoration. Considered the "most beautiful southern plantation home in the south" Gothic architectural masterpiece, Centuries Old Live Oaks, Colleton River Views. Abundant wildlife, scenic views, 18 whole golf course, pools, equestrian stables 24 hour security, gated, fenced but only ten minutes to Atlantic Beaches. In a word, "Breathtakingly Beautiful".

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http://www.starwoodhotels.com/westin/property/overview/index.html

location:
2 Grasslawn Ave
Hilton Head Island SC
29928-5583

3 Westin Resort - Hilton Head Island

DESCRIPTION: Set near the relatively isolated northern end of Hilton Head Island on 24 landscaped acres, this hotel stands out as the most child- and pet-friendly blockbuster hotel on the island. Its Disney-esque design, including cupolas and postmodern ornamentation that looks vaguely Moorish, evokes fanciful Palm Beach hotels. If there's a drawback, it's the fact that its so obviously geared to families with children that romantically inclined couples without children in tow might not necessarily thrill to the family-friendly sweep of it all. Fortunately, there's an active and much-respected children's camp on-site for the care and attention of young'uns. Most of the guest rooms have ocean views, and are outfitted in modernized interpretations of the Low Country plantation style. The hotel is also home to the new Heavenly Spa by Westin, a full-service spa. © Frommer's

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contact:
tel: +1 866 861 8802
http://www.seapines.com/

location:
32 GREENWOOD DRIVE
Hilton Head Island SC 29928

4 Sea Pines Resort

Hotels.com

DESCRIPTION: As a staple of Hilton Head for over 50 years, Sea Pines Resort has dazzled guests with the sheer enormity of pleasures offered. Sea Pines boasts large beaches, a grand forest preserve, a stately lighthouse and more activities than you can shake a fist at. Whether it be the golf, the tennis, the kayaking, the horse riding, the luxurious accommodations or one of the many other indulgences on display, Sea Pines stands out as a vacation spot you won't soon forget. In April, the Resort's Harbour Town Golf Links holds the annual Verizon Heritage PGA Tournament. © wcities.com

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http://www.hiltongardeninn.com/en/gi/hotels/index.jhtml

location:
1575 Fording Island Rd
Hilton Head Island SC
29926-1104

5 Hilton Garden Inn Hilton Head

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DESCRIPTION: The Hilton Garden Inn Hilton Head hotel is located on the beautiful inter-coastal waterway just before entering Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, home to world class golf courses, shopping, beaches and dining. Enjoy close proximity to Savannah International Airport, only 40 miles away, and Hilton Head Airport, just 7 miles from the hotel. Each guestroom features in-room hospitality centers with microwave, refrigerator, coffee maker, 32" LCD High-Definition television, and fully-adjustable Garden Sleep System™ beds. Guests will enjoy our outdoor pool, heated whirlpool, an expanded fitness center, and 24-hour complimentary business center. © wcities.com

contact:
tel: +1 843 837 8111
fax: 843/785-8463
http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/cp/1/en/hotel/hbicr

location:
130 Shipyard Drive
Hilton Head Island SC 29928

6 Crowne Plaza Hilton Head Island Beach Resort

Hotels.com

DESCRIPTION: Tucked away in the Shipyard Plantation and designed as the centerpiece of that plantation's 800 acres, this five-story inn gives the Westin stiff competition. The golf course associated with the hotel has been praised by the National Audubon Society for its respect for local wildlife. Guest rooms are simple, yet the sheer beauty of the landscaping, the attentive service, and the well-trained staff (dressed in nautically inspired uniforms) go a long way toward making your stay memorable. The most glamorous restaurant is **Portz,** and a good middle-bracket choice is **Brella's,** serving both lunch and dinner. Certain nights in the premier bar, **Signals,** feature line dancing and shag dancing. © Frommer's

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tel: +1 800 648 6778
fax: +1 843 686 3755
http://daufuskieislandresort.com/

location:
421 Squire Pope Road

7 Daufuskie Island Resort & Breathe Spa

DESCRIPTION: Enjoy the best Hilton Head has to offer in sport and leisure at Daufuskie Island Resort & Breathe Spa. With two championship golf courses, two tennis facilities, an equestrian center, spa, and five pools there really is something for everyone. An extensive list of activities ensure fun for the whole family - from bike, boat, and fishing gear rentals to water sports such as kayaking and parasailing, there is always something to do. Accommodations range from single

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Hilton Head SC 29926

and double rooms to secluded cottages and private luxury villas. Five bedroom, private vacation home rentals are also available. Multiple dining and drinking options and the luxurious Breathe Spa provide the perfect combination of adventure and relaxation for an incredible vacation. © wcities.com

contact:
tel: +1 843 842 8000
http://www.hiltonheadhilton.com/resort/

location:
23 Ocean Lane
Hilton Head Island SC
29928-5121

8 Hilton Oceanfront Resort Hilton Head

DESCRIPTION: Whether it's a family vacation, romantic getaway or business trip, the Hilton Oceanfront Resort offers a relaxing tropical experience with all the charm and hospitality of Southern Low Country. This oceanfront Hilton luxury resort boasts oversized guest rooms and suites, miles of beachfront property, 3 championship golf courses, 25 tennis courts, adult and family pools, spa and fitness center, as well as a kid's "adventure" program. Six dining and drinking options are on site, while the best of Hilton Head shopping and dining is just minutes away. Special golf and romance packages are available. © wcities.com

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http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/hhhgr-hilton-head-mar

location:
1 Hotel Circle
Hilton Head Island SC
29928-5146

9 Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa

DESCRIPTION: The Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa offers exceptional service and stunning views from a variety of rooms and suites, each with private balcony. Five restaurants and lounges, including a poolside bar with ocean views, cater to your every mood. Complimentary shuttle service throughout Palmetto Dunes and Shelter Cove lets you enjoy the array of island activities, or stay and relax in the spa and health club while the kids are out for a day of fun at "Kids Camp." Ask the friendly staff about bicycle rentals and tours, walking tours, fishing or sailing excursions as well as golf packages. © wcities.com

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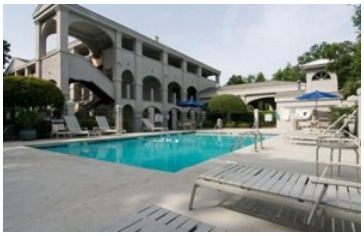
tel: +1 843 842 8888
http://www.hiltonheadbeachwalkhotel.com/

location:
40 Waterside Drive
Hilton Head Island SC
29928-4735

10 Beachwalk Hilton Head Hotel

DESCRIPTION: Host to the nationally known Heritage Golf Classic, the Beachwalk Hilton Head hotel is only a short walk from the beach and over 60 restaurants and shops. The Beachwalk features single and double rooms with all the amenities needed to make your stay a comfortable one -- this includes perks such as refrigerators, coffee makers, irons and ironing boards, microwaves and cable TV with HBO. The hotel also offers guests use of an outdoor pool, complimentary parking, free wireless internet access, and complimentary continental breakfast. Be sure to check their website about special promotions and sailing/cruise packages. © wcities.com



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Hilton Head Snapshot

Local Info

Hilton Head Island is one of the most popular vacation spots on the East Coast, mostly because the place maintains its natural island scenery(and golf courses) and pristine white-sand beaches. Visitors can relax while enjoying the many island activities, which include biking, kayaking, parasailing and trails for leisurely hikes. Many travelers also appreciate tours of Hilton Head's many historic landmarks, particularly its old homes and its scenic harbor.

Sights

A good way to get an overview of the island is aboard a Red Trolley Tour, which wends around the historic sites and nature spots. Or hit the water on one of the many cruises that embark regularly from various marinas around the island. If you have kids along, they'll be kept busy at the Sandbox interactive museum, which features a lot of fun stuff to do, like the airport terminal area, where they can fly their own plane. Or check out the Coastal Discovery Museum and learn about the natural history and cultural heritage of the Lowcountry. Another interesting destination is Harbour Town, where you can stroll around the marina and see the yachts at anchor-- or rent your own jet ski, if you're in an energetic mood. This is also where you'll find the historic lighthouse and its accompanying museum. Coligny Circle has a nice beach. Shelter Cove Harbour has fireworks on Tuesday nights and Old Town Bluffton has a lot of historic buildings and many art galleries.

Dining and Nightlife

Hilton Head is well stocked with restaurants, both upscale and casual. Try to find a place that specializes in Lowcounty cuisine, which focuses on seafood with a Southern spin. Harbour Town has a broad selection of restaurants, as does Shelter Cove. Like any tourist destination, the island has a lively nightlife scene, with a busy bunch of clubs and live music venues. The vibe here tends to be on the low-key side. The southern end of the island around Park Plaza is known as the"Barmuda Triangle." Harbour Town has regular outdoor performances that are often family-friendly.

Shopping

The upscale Mall at Shelter Cove is the only indoor mall on Hilton Head. It's not huge but it offers a wide selection of high-end brands and specialty shops, as well as Belk, which is the only department store on the island. Coligny Plaza is another good retail location, with a variety of trendy boutiques, specialty and gift stores and its own theater. Harbour Town has a lot of galleries and gift shops within a short and scenic walk of each other. The Beach Market in"downtown" Hilton Head has a lot of tourist-centric shops where you can pick up a souvenir of your stay.
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History

The history of Hilton Head reads like a thumbnail of the history of the United States. Originally inhabited by Native Americans, it was"discovered" by Europeans who quickly began exploiting its natural resources. Slaves were brought in to work the land, which was fertile and promising. After the Civil War, racial inequality remained troubling for generations, until modernization gave way to new ways of thinking and new hope for the future.

Early History: Explorations& Plantations

Though the Spanish had made previous inroads toward negotiating with native tribes and moving into the area, it was not until Captain William Hilton of Great Britain ventured into the region in 1663 that true settlement would begin. And begin it did, with a vengeance. Over the next century, the whole region became a hotbed of shipbuilding and agriculture. The island's dense live oak forests were turned into ships, while slaves worked the nearly two-dozen plantations.

Revolution& War: Strategic Stronghold

With production skyrocketing, it was only natural that Hilton Head's strategic importance gained notice. During the American Revolution, the island was but the first stop on England's furious house-burning rampage toward the more metropolitan Charleston. A similar course of events transpired during the War of 1812. Come the Civil War era, Hilton Head's value was not lost on the Union either. A 13,000-troop force was deployed onto the island to subdue the Confederate defenses and free the slaves.

Reconstruction& the Rise of the Gullah

Like elsewhere throughout the Americas, it became apparent that the freeing of a formerly enslaved workforce came with a number of headaches. Racial and economic inequality plagued the island and its inhabitants for most of the next century. That said, a silver lining did emerge. Due to the region's(and, in particular, the island's) relative geographic and climatic isolation, the former slaves maintained a much stronger connection to their African roots than any other black population in the country. This truth persists to the present day, both linguistically and culturally.

The Modern Era: Building Bridges

Hilton Head, as it exists today, continues to exemplify the American experience. In the 1940s, some cunning entrepreneur recognized that Hilton Head was being wasted as an agricultural community. 1956 saw the construction of the first bridge to the island, extending Highway 278 from the mainland onto Hilton Head and ushering in the age of the resort. Over the course of the next few decades, the island's plantations were transformed into ultra-luxurious playgrounds for the well heeled. Golf courses replaced the rice fields and shopping districts took over the shipping centers. Just as Native Americans inhabited Hilton Head seasonally 10 millennia ago, modern Americans(some as noteworthy

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as Michael Jordan and John Mellencamp) summer here to this day, basking in the comfort and amenities. Hilton Head is truly the poshest of the posh.
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Hotel Insights

With all the charm of a tropical island, hospitality of the south, and just a short drive from Savannah choices are endless here. It's no wonder Hilton Head Island has become a leading destination vacation for families, couples, and business travelers alike. Whether it's a relaxing stay at an oceanfront resort spa, family reunion at a furnished vacation villa or a weekend of golf, accommodation options run the gamut from family affordable to the ultimate in luxury. For more reasonably priced options try the area around the town of Hilton Head, where popular beaches, attractions, shopping and dining are just a short stroll away. A number of the more luxury resorts are located within gated communities and offer world class golf, tennis, private beaches, and gourmet dining onsite. As Hilton Head is also a popular conference and wedding destination, most hotels offer extensive outdoor and indoor meeting space, catering services, and event planners.

Palmetto Dunes Resort offers luxury fully furnished vacation homes and villas ranging from one to eight bedrooms as well as an inn with single and double rooms. Many of the villas come with private pools and hot tubs, a perfect option for families and groups. Located on the beach in Palmetto Dunes, the Hilton Head Marriott Beach& Golf Resort is an award winning golf destination and features large, comfortable rooms and suites on the beach. For over fifty years The Sea Pines Resort offers an incredible range of accommodation and recreation options. From elegant rooms to furnished luxury villas, Sea Pines boasts stretches of pristine beach, a forest preserve, world-class golf, tennis and equestrian centers, and luxury that is well worth the price.

The Metropolitan Hotel, is affordably elegant and conveniently located across the street from some of the Islands most popular beaches. Close by is The Player's Club which, as its name suggests, is geared towards golfers, offering packages and clinics as well as a variety of other activities for the active vacationer. Just inland and only a short distance from the town of Hilton Head is the Beachwalk Hilton Head Hotel offering comfortable rooms at affordable prices. Down the road, Park Lane Hotel& Suites, the Island's only all suite hotel and provides reasonably priced rooms each with a furnished kitchen and many with fireplaces.

On the Beach in Port Royal Plantation, the Westin Resort Hilton Head Island brings all the luxury and service the chain is known for with onsite golfing, tennis, gourmet dining, and a friendly concierge desk that will help make the most of all the activities and recreation the island has to offer.

The ultimate in luxury and relaxation can be found at Daufuskie Island Resort& Breathe Spa located on Daufuskie Island just across the southern tip of Hilton Head Island offers tropical charm and Southern hospitality. On the Island itself, try the Hilton Oceanfront Resort where guests can receive spa treatments in oceanfront cabanas.

The Charlestonian gardens and Italianate fireplaces of the Main Street Inn bring old world charm to the Northern part of the Island, a perfect destination for couples offering romance packages featuring champagne and chocolate covered strawberries upon arrival.

For the budget traveler, the Holiday Inn Oceanfront is centrally located just steps away from the popular Coligny Beach and a short way from all dining and shopping options of the town of Hilton Head. On the northern side of the Island, the Hampton Inn offers quality, value priced rooms and is a great option for the business traveler as it is just a mile from the airport.
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Restaurants Insights

Hilton Head's dazzling beaches and famous golf courses make an excellent backdrop for the island's diverse menu of restaurants. Although the island is small in size, there are numerous dining possibilities that are sure to whet the appetites that come from far and wide.

A Taste of the South

If you're looking for a taste of Southern hospitality, Hilton Head's Southern influenced restaurants have plenty to offer. What better way to sample the South's culinary style than with classic barbecued plates at Jim'N Nicks? Often frequented by locals, they aim to give its guests a taste of Southern culture in its finest fashion.

For Seafood Lovers

Fresh and readily accessible seafood is one of the island's most staple cuisine items. Whether you're a local or a visitor, a stop at some of Hilton Head's fine seafood serving restaurants should be a part of your agenda. At Blake's, their seafood entrees and expansive wine selection are not to be missed. For an informal, yet ultimate, fisherman's joint, Captain Woody's serves all the typical seafood over cold beers and good conversation that's often about the day's biggest catch. Catch 22 faithfully attracts its guests by creating a relaxed and artistic vibe and offering a martini menu with assorted dinner plates.

Sea Views

For those that like to dine with a view, many of Hilton Head's restaurants offer tables with views of the pristine beaches and nightly sunsets. Situated at the base of the Harbour Town Lighthouse,The Waterfront Cafe allows its guests to experience the true beauty of the sea at any time of the day by serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. It's hard to beat the Old Fort Pub's historic appeal and seafood and steak plates all while taking in the unmatched scenery. For a more relaxed environment, try Market Street Cafe, just across the street from the beach, where they serve an innovative

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fusion of American and Mediterranean cuisine.
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Nightlife Insights

Many tourists flock to this veritable paradise simply to soak up the sun or improve their golf swing, but the residents of Hilton Head would have you know that there is more to the island than that. From art galleries to jazz clubs, the city is brimming with the Eastern Seaboard's Low Country culture.

Get Your Groove On

Hilton Head is home to a vibrant music scene, as each night many of the bars and restaurants feature live performances in a variety of genres, from jazz to classic rock. The stage at The Jazz Corner draws some of the top names in the industry, providing guests with unforgettable entertainment while they dine. When you feel like rocking out to your old favorites, head to Montego Bay for lively dancing and tunes performed by the restaurant's house band. Antonio's laid-back lounge is home to a range of talented local jazz artists, and its intimate setting make it an ideal spot for a romantic date.

After Hours

Though the streets of downtown Hilton Head are lined with boutiques and specialty shops, the nightlife scene there is by no means lacking. Murphy's Irish Pub is a local favorite because of its quality brews, appetizing pub-grub, and authentic atmosphere. All you cigar aficionados will enjoy the stogie socials at Crane's Tavern after 9:30p. When sports, steaks, and beer are on the mind, head to Callahan's Sports Bar and Grill to catch all the excitement. With pool tables, foosball, and multiple TV sets for your viewing pleasure, this bar is a haven for sports fans island-wide.

Art for Art's Sake

For the art-lovers out there, Hilton Head is brimming with small locally-owned galleries that celebrate the island spirit. The Hilton Head Art League features the work of both prominent and up-and-coming artists, as well as offering workshops and seminars to the aspiring artist in everyone. If this does not sate your appetite, Arts Center of Coastal Carolina showcases the work of local artists, while also offering a full season of theater performances and cultural events that are not to be missed. After checking out these exhibits, head to Smith Galleries to pick up a reasonably-pricedobject d'art for yourself. From prints to paperweights, this colorful shop is a tour through the world of contemporary American art, and a great spot to buy that last-minute gift.

Hit the Streets

When the crowds on the beaches near the downtown shopping district of Coligny Plaza become too oppressive, head north to Fish Haul Creek Park, where you can walk among the Spanish moss and ancient live oaks. If you are in the mood for a bike ride, Hilton Head is covered with an extensive network of paths, providing easy access to hot spots like Coligny Beach and Jarvis Creek Park. The natural beauty of Hilton Head can be seen across the island as long as you don't mind sidestepping a few manicured lawns here and there.

Tee Off

If golf is your game, Hilton Head is the name of the game. Tee up, tee off, and tee-lightful is the order of your Hilton Head day on the more than a dozen world-class courses. Many large clubs, like Golden Bear Golf Club at Indigo Run and Port Royal Golf and Racquet Club, offer lessons and workshops to help visitors improve their game(under the tutelage of famous professionals, nonetheless). If you do not take the illustrious game so seriously as that, forget the big resorts and head to Pirate's Adventure Island Golf for a swashbuckling good time with the family. Decked out in pirate's garb, you can put the other scurvy dogs in your party to shame with your mad"adventure golf" skills.
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Things to Do Insights

Ocean Excursions

At Hilton Head, it's all about the water. So lovers of surf, sand and sun will find their passion met. Whether you're into cruises, snorkeling, deep-sea fishing, shark hunting, or all of the above, the island jewel of South Carolina has tours for anyone and everyone. At Broad Creek Marina, check out the S.S. Pelican Dolphin& Nature Cruise, where sea-animal lovers can regularly spot a veritable menagerie of their favorite critters. Ready your camera for the likes of sea turtles, brown pelicans, egrets of all kinds, otters, minks, and, of course, dolphins. Those eager for more excitement would want to sign up with Triple Threat Sport Fishing& Thrill Rides. Patrons here can book a speedboat and race along the waves, leaving leisure cruisers all wet. They also provide kite fishing, fly-fishing, shark fishing and more.

For those with kids and who want more of a nature theme to their fun, head to South Beach Village and join Commander Zodiac! Zodiac provides nature excursions where the whole family can get up close to Hilton Head's local fauna. With Kid's Waterfun Day, parents can drop off the kids for a fully supervised morning of boat rides, crabbing, swimming and more.

Nature Outings

Speaking of nature themes, Hilton Head loves its delicate ecosystem and invites visitors to feel the same. Commune with nature at Pinckney Island's national wildlife refuge by signing up for the Pinckney Island Walking Tour. Available each Thursday, participants can view the lush forest and marshes while learning about the area's fascinating history.

Much of Hilton Head's stunning nature is best appreciated paddling down a river in a kayak. Paddlers can feast their eyes on the dense and lively landscape while tour guides describe the delicacy and diversity of the local coastal waterways. Nearby Bluffton offers a fowl-filled extravaganza with the Eco-Birding Kayak Tour while paddling up the May River. The Coastal Creatures of Bull Creek Kayak Tour offers a six-hour educational trip down Bull Creek, and Live OAC(Outdoor Adventure

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Company) offers a plethora of nature-filled and educational boating tours. **Plantation Haven**

This being the South, what vacation would be complete without a plantation tour? Though plantations may have once been thriving institutions, most have fallen into disrepair. Take the Fish Haul Tabby Ruins, now a shadow of its former glory. The Sea Island Plantation Overview takes visitors to the ruins and describes in detail the economy that once flourished and the crops grown. The Honey Horn Plantation, on the other hand, has the distinction of being the only intact plantation on the island. Attend a tour of the home and grounds and learn about its lengthy past. For more of an overview of Hilton Head's heritage, Low Country Adventures, provides bus tours that show off the local ruins and abandoned rice fields, ending at the Harbour Town Lighthouse landmark.
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Travel Tips

Hilton Head

Getting There/Around

Getting There:

By Air:

Hilton Head Airport(HHH) (+1 843 681 6744/ http://www.hiltonheadairport.com) is accessed by Charlotte Douglas International Airport(CLT) (+1 704 359 4910/ http://www.charmeck.org/Departments/Airport/Home.htm). Savannah/ Hilton Head International Airport(SAV) (+1 912 964 0514/ http://www.savannahairport.com) is a more affordable and frequent option, located only forty-five miles from Hilton Head.

US Airways Express(operated by Piedmont Airlines) flies daily from CLT to HHH(+1 866 523 5333 http:// www.usair.com)

The following are some of the major airlines at SAV: AirTran Airways(+1 800 247 8726/ http://www.airtran.com)

American(+1 800 433 7300/ http://www.aa.com)

British Airways(+1 800 247 9297/ http://www.british-airways.com)

Continental(+1 800 525 0280/ http://www.continental.com)

Delta(+1 800 221 1212/ http://www.delta.com)

Northwest(+1 800 225 2525/ http://www.nwa.com)

United(+1 800 241 6522/ http://www.ual.com)

US Airways(+1 800 428 4322/ http://www.usairways.com) Austin Aviation(based out of Charleston) provides charter services to and from Hilton Head Airport. Phone: (843) 412 1999

Rental car companies include: Rental car agencies are within walking distance of arrival terminal; however, aided assistance is available as needed

Alamo(+1 800 462 5266/ www.alamo.com)

Avis(+1 800 831 2847/ http://www.avis.com)

Budget(+1 800 527 0700/ http://www.budget.com)

Dollar(+1 800 4000/ http://www.dollar.com)

Enterprise(+1 800 325 8007/ http://www.enterprise.com)

Hertz(+1 800 654 3131/ http://www.hertz.com)

National(+1 800 227 7368/http://www.nationalcar.com)

Thrifty(+1 922 966 2277/ www.thrifty.com)

Airport Shuttles include:

Grayline Airport Express(+1 800 845 5582/ http://www.lowcountryadventures.com) around$30 to Hilton Head.

Public transportation includes:

Catham Area Transit(CAT) serves the greater Savannah area from the airport.(+1 912 233 5767/ http://www.catchacat.org). The CAT Teleride is available for eligible disabled persons, and offers door-to-door transportation(+1 912 354 6900).

By Train:

Amtrak(+1 800 872 7245/ http://www.amtrak.com) services Savannah from nationwide locations. Amtrak has teamed up with Hertz Rental Car(+1 800 654 3131/ http://www.hertz.com) to accomadate passengers destined for Hilton Head. Be sure to make arrangements with Amtrak ahead of time and Hertz will transport passengers from the train station to the rental agency.

By Bus:

Greyhound(+1 800 231 2222/ +1 512 458 4463/ http://www.greyhound.com) accesses Hilton Head Island daily.

By Car:

To reach Hilton head via car, take I-95 to exit 8, which then becomes I-278 also known as Fording Island Road or William Hilton Parkway. After about 18 miles you will reach the bridge to Hilton Head, at which point if you are heading to the Southern end of the Island(Shipyard, Coligny, Forest Beach, Sea Pines) stay to the left and use the expressway to save time and gas($1 toll). For all other destinations continue on I-278.

By Boat:

Because Hilton Head is on the Intracostal Waterway, it is easily accessible by boat; however, make docking reservations well in advance.

Getting Around:

Hilton Head is only 12 x 5 miles in size, so the island's options are a bit limited. I-278 North leads back to the mainland, and I-278 South ends at the infamous Sea Pines traffic circle. From there, traffic is directed either to Sea Pines, Pope Avenue, or Palmetto Bay.

Taxi Companies:

The phone number for the taxi stand at the airport is+1 912 964 8016.

Adam Cab Company(+1 912 927 7466)

Affiliated Taxi Service(+1 912 220 1908)

Bay City Cab Company(+1 912 232 7668)

Beta Cab Company(+1 912 323 7478)

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Dependable Taxi(+1 912 596 9127)

Executive Taxi(+1 912 660 5840)

Historic City Cab(+1 912 631 0043)

Just Whistle, LLC(+1 912 313 1166)

Moon River Taxi(+1 912 224 2202)

Professional Taxi(+1 912 695 2288)

Scott's Taxi(+1 912 659 1719)

Shamrock Cab(+1 912 272 2255)

Sunshine Cab(+1 912 272 0971)

Taxi Service of Savannah(+1 912 656 1005)

Taxi World(+1 912 655 5407)

Yellow Taxi Cab is a most popular cab service(+1 912 236 1133)

Giddyup Taxi Inc- Provides good taxi services in an around Hilton Head(+1 843 682 4887)

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Fun Facts

Hilton Head

State: South Carolina

Country: United States

Hilton Head By The Numbers:

Population: 33,862

Elevation: 10 feet/ 3 meters

Average Annual Rainfall: 51.4 inches/ 130 centimeters

Average January Temperature: 60 degrees F/ 15 degrees C

Average July Temperature: 90 degrees F/ 22 degrees C

Quick Facts:

Major Industries: Tourism, Real Estate, Health Care Providers, Textiles

Ethnic Mix: Caucasian(85.33%), African American(8.26%), Hispanic or Latino of any race(11.48%), Asian(0.55%), Others(5.85%)

Electricity: 110 volts, 60Hz, standard two pin plugs

Time Zone: EST(UTC)

Country Dialing Code: 1

Area Code: 843

Did You Know?

Hilton Head draws more than 2.5 million yearly visitors. One major attraction is the Island's annual PGA golf tournament, which brings in a number of the sport's biggest names(tournament runs during the second week of April).

Orientation:

Located on South Carolina's southeastern coast, Hilton Head is twenty miles north of Savannah, Georgia and ninety-five miles south of Charleston, South Carolina. The eastern seaboard's second largest barrier island sports twelve miles of beaches along the Atlantic Ocean. Broad Creek separates the northern and southern halves of the island.
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