Pristine beaches, flexible accommodation options and endless recreation have made Hilton Head Island a first choice for family vacations. Both day and evening entertainment for the entire family is far reaching.

Budget friendly activities are available day and night on the Island. Families can venture to the top of the Harbour Town Lighthouse in Sea Pines for only a dollar each person. This activity offers a clear view of the Island's south end as well as the eye pleasing Harbour Town Marina. Also available in Sea Pines is shopping, waterfront dining and horse back riding. Families could spend at entire day in Sea Pines alone.

Other family friendly spots include Shelter Cover Harbour, Adventure Cove and the Coastal Discovery Museum. Shelter Cove Harbour offers a variety of experiences such as shopping, kayaking, sailing and cruise excursions, fireworks and concerts. All Shelter Cove Community Park events are free and open to the public.

Activities at Adventure Cove include laser tag, bumper cars, video arcade, an indoor play room, miniature golf and more. Other miniature golf courses include Legendary Golf and Pirate’s Island Adventure Golf.

The Coastal Discovery Museum offers programs, activities, and exhibits to make learning about Hilton Head and other sea islands an enjoyable experience. The museum is a great place to visit any time of the year. With indoor and outdoor exhibits, activity centers in the Sea Island Classroom, the History Time-line Exhibit and museum store, plus 11 different tours and cruises around the island, the museum is a fantastic way to become familiar with the Island's unique history and ecology.
For a more relaxing adventure, two multi-screened movie theaters and one independent film theater allow families to catch the latest on the silver screen. In addition, the stage is always set at the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina, the South Carolina Repertory Company and the May River Theatre Company.

**Kids Leave Parents Behind to Explore the Island**

Sometimes kids want to strike out on their own and take advantage of all the Island has to offer. When the simple pleasure of sandcastles is not enough, the Island offers myriad options for kids to pursue their own interests. From supervised recreation at the Island’s resorts to specialized sports camps, there is a program that will satisfy every kid’s personality and parent’s peace of mind. Children of every age will have fun exploring the diverse activities of Hilton Head Island with these programs:

- **Westin Resort Hilton Head Island** – This casually elegant seaside resort offers "Camp Wackatoo" for ages 4-12, a full- or half-day program of activities including karate, arts & crafts, safety swimming and “Earthlings,” an Eco-program. The bright yellow bird in tennis shoes is the camp mascot, Westy, who helps keep watch over all the children. Cost for Camp Wackatoo is $50 per day ($35 for each additional child in the same family) or $200 per week ($100 per week for each additional child in the same family). Half-day programs are $35 per child. Price includes lunch and snacks as well as activities. Older children ages 9-16 will enjoy "Awesome Adventures," a sailing, kayaking, windsurfing and boogie-boarding bonanza. Parents and kids love “Kids Night Out,” an evening of pizza, make-your-own-sundaes, and movies. Summer programs run from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Call (843) 681-4000 for information.

- **Crowne Plaza Resort** – This AAA four-diamond resort offers “Camp Castaway” and “Evening Adventures” from mid-March through April and from Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend, Monday through Saturday, with an open-door policy for residents and visitors staying elsewhere. Families can come together in the afternoon for the “Kids Play Free Golf” program. Kids also can enjoy a free in-room movie and pizzas delivered to the room. Plus, a family of four can take advantage of three complimentary hours of bicycle rentals to explore the Island’s miles of scenic bike paths and beaches. Call (800) 334-1881 for information.

- **Sea Pines Resort** – This resort, situated on Harbour Town Golf Links, offers “Fun for Kids!” – a summer day camp for ages 4-12. Handpicked counselors entertain kids with bowling, putt-putt golf, beach games and a cruise every Friday to see dolphins in Calibogue Sound. Half and full-day programs are available from Memorial Day to Labor Day. For information, call (843) SEA-PINE.
For kids who want a sports experience, Sea Pines offers a "Future Stars" Junior Golf Program for a fun introduction to the game by PGA Golf Professionals. Children also can benefit from the expertise of former U.S. Open and Wimbledon champion, Stan Smith, at Sea Pines Racquet Club, ranked number one in the nation for tennis programs by Tennis Magazine. For information, call (843) SEA-PINE.

- The International Junior Golf Academy offers monthly and weekly boarding camps from mid-June through mid-August for ages 12 and up. Young golfers from around the world come for intensive instruction by PGA teaching professionals, a low student-instructor ratio and fun activities such as pool parties and picnics. Skip Malek, a “PGA Teacher of the Year,” directs the school. For information, call (800) 925-0467.

- For kids who want to indulge their creative side, the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina offers half- and full-day workshops in dance and theater with artists-in-residence, such as the cast of the summer’s feature production. Call (843) 842-ARTS for more information.

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