



HILTON HEAD ISLAND-BLUFFTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

SHOPPING, DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT ABOUND

Interspersed among the salt marshes, forests, sandy beaches and lush green fairways of Hilton Head Island reside upscale shops, fine restaurants and world-class entertainment. In fact, visitors to the Island will delight to find big-city shopping, gourmet dining and entertaining in this friendly, quaint setting.

Shopping

From chic boutiques to exclusive outlet shops, Hilton Head Island offers fashionable, fine-quality products in a pleasant shopping atmosphere. More than 200 on-Island shops are located in intimate plazas, quaint marinas, elegant harbors and full-service shopping centers, which compliment the Island's environment, architecture and history. Shoppers will also find several upscale, recently renovated outlet centers that offer designer name brands at significant savings, including: J.Crew, Ralph Lauren, Donna Buchman, Coach, Nike, Waterford/Wedgewood, The Gap, Eddie Bauer and Brooks Brothers. A wide selection of distinct art galleries, antique stores, specialty gift shops, gourmet stores, sporting goods shops and jewelers complete the Hilton Head Island shopping experience.

Dining

Hilton Head Island boasts more than 250 restaurants representing a wide variety of cultures and tastes. In addition to fine continental, family style and home-style Southern cooking, the Island offers all types of ethnic cuisine including French, German, Italian, Caribbean, Japanese, Greek, Chinese, Thai and Mexican. Those wishing to sample the local fare should visit an Island restaurant specializing in Lowcountry cuisine, where dishes such as She-Crab Soup and Frogmore Stew - a savory South Carolina blend of shrimp, hot sausage, potatoes and corn on the cob - capture the flavor of the region. A visit to Hilton Head Island also would not be complete without sampling the famous local seafood, including shrimp, sweet blue crab and briny oysters.

Hilton Head Island offers a variety of restaurant settings including spectacular seaside restaurants, elegant hotel dining rooms, casual cafés, pastry shops and friendly bistros. Fast food restaurants also are available for those who want food on the go, but they may not look as familiar as those from home. All Island restaurants must conform to a strict building code requiring construction to blend with the local environment.

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Evening Entertainment

The Island also is home to a thriving arts and cultural community showcasing jazz, rock and country music concerts, as well as comedy, cabaret and family-friendly shows. The

multi-million dollar Arts Center of Coastal Carolina presents a calendar of events that includes classes, arts exhibits, and outstanding dance, orchestra and theatrical performances. In addition to scores of art galleries featuring the works of Island artists, Hilton Head Island has its own local symphony and chamber orchestra and hosts modern dance and ballet troupes throughout the year. The Hilton Head Playhouse Theater, three cinemas and nightclubs provide additional evening-out options.

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