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Patriots Point Naval Maritime Museum

Open daily 9am-6:30pm. Adults \$15, Seniors and military with ID \$13, Children 6-11 \$8. The 888-foot aircraft carrier Yorktown is the flagship of the Patriots Point battle group. Destroyer Laffey, the Coast Guard cutter Ingham and the submarine Clamagore are also on display along with 25 aircraft, Congressional Medal of Honor Museum and Cold War Submarine memorial.

Address:

40 Patriots Point Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

Phone: 843-884-2727 or 866-831-1720

Email: jmcelroy@infoave.net

Website: <http://www.patriotspoint.org>

Comments:

ships and planes

South Carolina Aquarium

Journey through South Carolina, from the mountains to the sea, under one roof at the South Carolina Aquarium. New exhibit opening spring 2008: Camp Carolina at the Aquarium! Enjoy a camping adventure filled with brand new play areas and fun activities for the whole family.

Address:

100 Aquarium Wharf
Charleston , SC 29401

Phone: 843-720-1990

Website: <http://www.scaquarium.org>

Comments:

aquarium

Angel Oak

Open daily 9am - 5pm. Owned and operated by the City of Charleston Department of Parks. The Angel Oak is a Live Oak tree, estimated to be 1,400 years old. Live oaks are not particularly tall, but have wide spreading canopies. Only in the very oldest of specimens do you find massive limbs resting on the ground, as do the limbs of the Angel Oak. It stands 65ft. high and provides a 17,000 square foot area of shade. No admission charge.

Address:

Angel Oak Rd. (off of Bohicket Rd.)
Johns Island , SC

Phone: 843-559-3496

Comments:

Oak Tree

Isle of Palms

Beginning in the latter part of the 19th century, the Isle of Palms began welcoming visitors. At that time, the island was accessible only by water or the trolley line that connected it to Sullivans Island. Today, visitors can receive complete information on the Isle of Palms at the Mount Pleasant/Isle of Palms Visitor Center, conveniently located in Mount Pleasant at the corner of US Highway 17 and Magrath Darby Boulevard.

As the years have passed, the Isle of Palms has become increasingly popular, with its appeal spreading far beyond the boundaries of the Lowcountry. Ease of access to this resort island has played an important role in its popularity. I-26 intersects with I-526, which leads directly to the island via the Isle of Palms Connector (SC 517). While becoming an ever more popular vacation destination, the Isle of Palms has lost none of the charm for which it is famous! Moderate year-round temperatures and seven miles of wide, sparkling beach combine to make the Isle of Palms the perfect vacation destination throughout the year. Many visitors are discovering the islands special charm during the spring, fall and winter months.

The Isle of Palms offers every activity imaginable. Whether you are the adventurous type, or prefer to relax under the warm South Carolina sun, youre sure to find your own special kind of fun. If salt water is your passion, you will love the Isle of Palms! Great surfing, swimming, windsurfing, surfcasting and offshore fishing are yours for the asking. Youll also enjoy crabbing and shrimping in the beautiful creeks and deep green marshes that separate this semi-tropical island from the mainland. There is also a beautiful family-oriented park located directly on the beach!

Although separated from the mainland, the Isle of Palms is in no way isolated! It is both a residential and vacation island, featuring numerous shops offering a full complement of goods and services. Youll find a complete selection of retail and specialty shops, as well as real estate offices, a grocery store, numerous restaurants, ATMs, day care facilities and churches. The Isle of Palms hosts several annual events such as the Isle of Palms Connector Run/Walk and the Beach Run.

The Isle of Palms offers a wide range of accommodations that stretch from one end of the island to the other. Choices include hotels, condominiums, villas and private homes available through rental agencies.

Nestled on the northeast end of the island is the world-renowned Wild Dunes Resort. Wild Dunes is home to two-and-a-half miles of wide, sandy beach, luxurious ocean front accommodations, a Top 50 tennis center, 20 swimming pools, great restaurants, a fitness center, full-service conference facilities, a magnificent oceanfront Grand Pavilion, and two 18-hole championship golf courses designed by Tom Fazio. The Links Course features two finishing holes that hug the Atlantic Ocean and was ranked among the Worlds Greatest 100 by Golf Magazine. The Harbor Course is a challenging test of target golf that actually takes you island-hopping. Accommodations at Wild Dunes include one- to four-bedroom villas and homes, as well as the Boardwalk Inn and Boardwalk Villas. All offer spectacular views of the ocean, golf courses, tennis courts, lagoons or marshlands. The nationally-acclaimed Wild Dunes Family Recreation Program is complimentary to guests of the resort.

The Isle of Palms Marina is one of the finest marinas on the eastern seaboard and is one of the few which offers 3-phase power. The marina also offers a full-service restaurant on-site.

Visitors to the Isle of Palms may enjoy the historic charm of neighboring Sullivans Island, which includes Fort Moultrie, originally built during the Revolutionary War. Edgar Allen Poe wrote his famous story The Gold Bug while stationed here, and it is the burial site of Seminole Indian Chief Osceola. Other historic sites include the Sullivans Island lighthouse and numerous shore batteries that provided defense until the end of World War II.

The Isle of Palms offers the seclusion and charm of a sea island with the comforts and amenities of a great vacation beach. Best of all, its conveniently located just 12 miles from historic Charleston. For an unforgettable vacation, come to the Isle of Palms... you wont want your first visit to be your last.

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Kiawah Island

Walking along this 10-mile (16 km) stretch of undisturbed Atlantic beach, guests find it hard to believe that the City of Charleston is a mere 21 miles (34 km) away. The island abounds in natural beauty, from endless acres of marsh to thick forests of pines, magnolias and massive live oaks. Whether you stay at the oceanfront Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort or a privately owned home, villa or cottage, you'll be a short distance from the challenge of championship golf, award-winning tennis, an assortment of specialty shops and one of the finest stretches of white sand beach on the East Coast! You'll enjoy especially memorable dining, from a Lowcountry oyster roast and barbecue to an opulent Sunday brunch at the Inns Jasmine Porch restaurant. Like the beach itself, the opportunities to enjoy this beautiful island seem endless. In fact, the Travel Channel called Kiawah's beach one of the nation's "Top Ten."

Kiawah Island Golf Resort has achieved the lofty designation of top golf resort in the United States. The top resort ranking was announced in the cover story of Travel + Leisure Golf magazine's September 2006 issue. The magazine's comprehensive reader's poll for 2006 asked readers to rate hundreds of properties throughout the world.

In addition to Travel + Leisure Golf's top resort ranking, The Ocean Course, site of the 1991 Ryder Cup Matches, the 2007 Senior PGA Championship and 2012 PGA Championship, moved up to number three in GOLF magazine's 2006 list of the "Top 100 You Can Play." The prestigious compilation of the finest public-access courses in the U.S is published every two years. Kiawah's renowned links-style course moved up from the eighth position in 2004 and is now behind only Pacific Dunes and Pebble Beach.

If you're a golfer, you'll have an unequalled selection of award-winning courses on which to test your skill: Oak Point by Clyde Johnston, Turtle Point by Jack Nicklaus, Cougar Point by Gary Player, Osprey Point by Tom Fazio, and the famed Ocean Course by Pete Dye. The Ocean Course was the site of the 1991 Ryder Cup Matches, 1997 World Cup of Golf, and most recently, the inaugural UBS Warburg Cup in November 2001. These three prestigious events rank among golfers premier international competitions. The 2007 Senior PGA Championship and 2012 PGA Championship, moved up to number three in GOLF magazine's 2006 list of the "Top 100 You Can Play." The prestigious compilation of the finest public-access courses in the U.S is published every two years. Kiawah's renowned links-style course moved up from the eighth position in 2004 and is now behind only Pacific Dunes and Pebble Beach. Kiawah's tennis facilities were recently ranked 5 by Tennis Magazine in its ratings of the Greatest U.S. Tennis Resorts.

Night Heron Park is home to Kiawah Island Resorts highly-acclaimed recreation program. Along with 21 acres (8.5 ha) of playing fields, picnic areas, and a pool complex, a number of supervised and nature-oriented participatory activities are planned throughout the summer months and holidays for children of all ages, teens and families.

Throughout the island you'll find that the staff is friendly and the accommodations are outstanding. Along with room service, there are many advantages to staying at the Inn. You'll have superb access to the restaurants, lounges, shopping, a pool complex and sports facilities. Others may prefer the privacy of furnished villas, which are conveniently located throughout the island. These villas feature all the comforts of home, such as fully equipped kitchens, a washer/dryer, living/dining area and offer one to four bedrooms. Come discover Kiawah Island during your stay in the Lowcountry. You'll find it to be the perfect vacation spot for a day, a week, or a lifetime.

Kiawah Island is a private community with access limited to property owners and guests of the resort or rental agencies. Public access to the beach is available at Beachwalker County Park, located on the west end of the island.

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Website: <http://www.kiawahisland.org>

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Seabrook Island

Seabrook Island, located on the Atlantic shore just 22 miles south of historic Charleston, is unique among South Carolinas many attractive resort and residential communities. It is distinctive in that it is more private and less busy by choice and completely owned by its property owners. Entry to the island is controlled by a security gate that insures privacy for stay and play resort guests and residents. Seabrook Island resort guests staying in member owned villas have full member privileges and access to all facilities.

The natural beauty of the island is striking as you enter under a canopy of great oaks and the myriad number of trees and flora native to the sea islands. There are three miles of pristine beach along the Atlantic shore and the banks of the Edisto River, which empties into the ocean at Seabrook. Marshes teeming with wildlife and changing vistas with the tides captivate visitors and residents who enjoy this idyllic setting.

The Club at Seabrook Island, which is owned by a number of the property owners, offers two championship golf courses: Crooked Oaks designed by the great Robert Trent Jones, Sr. (which offers the only bentgrass greens in the entire Charleston area) and Ocean Winds along the ocean designed by Willard Byrd; a beach club with two pools; 15 clay composition tennis courts in a racquet club setting; fitness center; and a beautiful Island House club facility housing restaurants, a lounge, and the golf pro shop. Other restaurant facilities located in the Beach Club area offer casual fare and libations seasonally for swimmers and sun enthusiasts. A complete program of supervised childrens fun and family activities is in full swing from Memorial Day to Labor Day and during the holidays. Also unique to Seabrook Island is its equestrian center, which offers both trail and beach rides.

The Clubs rental program has more than 200 villas and 15 private homes available for rental, situated along the beach, marshes, golf courses, and Racquet Club.

Splendidly equipped conference facilities operated by The Club offer exceptional service and convenience to executive conferences, corporate meetings, and incentive programs. Oceanfront meeting rooms, restaurants, and private function areas offer the intangible advantage of an expansive Atlantic Ocean view.

Bohicket Marina, located just outside the gate of Seabrook Island, is a superb boat marina and attractive shopping area on Bohicket Creek. Three hundred slips are available for all sizes of motor cruisers and sailboats. Boat rentals and charters for deep sea fishing, crabbing, shrimping, cocktail cruises, or exploring the miles of ocean creeks are available for your marine pleasures.

A visit to Seabrook Island will be an experience you will recall with fond memories. It may even bring you back for permanent enjoyment of a quality of life that is rare and special.

Seabrook Island is a private community with access limited to property owners and guests of the resort or rental agencies.

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Website: <http://www.townofseabrookisland.org>

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Folly Beach

The moon is shining over the ocean, the palm trees are lightly blowing in the breeze, there are no malls, or big commercial ventures, only a tropical paradise. Where are you? You are not in Hawaii, Bermuda or the tropics you are on a beautiful barrier island only 15 minutes from downtown historic Charleston, South Carolina. You are in Folly Beach, South Carolina, where you can have the best of both worlds.

This island abounds with natural beauty, rare birds, history, fishing, surfing and unparalleled climate. If you are a bird watcher, you are more than likely to see painted bunting, Indigo bunting, Prothonotary warblers, Woodstock, Bald Eagles, Ospreys, the Brown Pelican and many, many more. If you are a history buff, you may want to wander to the east end of the island and view Morris Island, where the lighthouse still stands and the spirit of the Civil War can still be felt. If you love fishing, you will find some of the best in-shore and off-shore fishing on the East Coast. Folly Beach also boasts one of the longest piers on the East Coast where you can fish or dance to a band in the moonlight. And, if you are a surfer, nowhere will you find better surfing on the East Coast than at the Wash Out on Folly, where many surfing associations hold their tournaments. Last, but certainly not least, if you are looking for climate that is pleasant year- round, then you will certainly want to visit Folly.

Whether you stay in a hotel, a bed and breakfast or rent a beach house, you will find true Southern hospitality on Folly. And, whether you want to dine on gourmet food, fresh seafood, a good steak or just a hamburger or pizza, people in the area will tell you that Folly has some of the finest food around. If you are looking for entertainment, you will find a variety of talent music of every persuasion, including the much loved beach music indigenous to this area; comedy; and even a local band which has one of the town officials playing the tub base. You may even be fortunate enough to be visiting at a time when you will have the opportunity to enjoy some music on the pier while looking at a moonlit ocean. While visiting you will also have the opportunity to view the works of some of the most talented artists in the area.

All of this can be yours for the asking a beautiful tropical island with all the nuances of the South and only a short 15 minutes from downtown Charleston. Folly Beach where you will enjoy the best of all worlds.

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Website: <http://www.cityoffollybeach.com>

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Sullivan's Island

Casual, unhurried Sullivans Island is one of the most relaxing and family-friendly beaches on South Carolinas coast. Year-round, visitors enjoy the islands inviting beaches, charming seaside neighborhoods and laid-back dining venues.

While every town has a history, the history of easy-going Sullivans Island is one that is significant not only to South Carolinians, but to all Americans and to the founding of our nation. During the Revolutionary War, on June 28, 1776, the battle of Sullivans Island became the first Patriot victory over the British. During the battle, a substantial British fleet and army were decisively defeated, seriously wounding British pride.

Positioned at the mouth of Charlestons Harbor, with Ft. Moultrie at its tip, Sullivans Island has always served as the citys first line of defense against its historical foes. In addition to the British, Sullivans Island has protected and been used to defend the city against Union Forces, pirates and hurricanes.

The islands literary history is noteworthy as well. Several distinguished authors have written of the islands history, rustic beauty and relationship to neighboring Charleston. Edgar Allen Poes The Gold Bug is one of the most well-known works, but artists and authors still delight in telling the islands story today.

To be sure, Sullivans Island is treasured by visitors and residents alike for its rich history, friendly atmosphere, and simple beauty.

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Phone:**Website:** <http://www.sullivansisland-sc.com>**Comments:**

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Courtyard by Marriott Charleston North

Centrally located to all of Charlestons attractions and entertainment venues: North Charleston Coliseum, Tanger Shopping Center, historic Charleston, former Charleston Naval base, plantations and gardens. Between Interstates 26 and 526. Offering guests convenience and Marriotts signature service whether traveling for business or pleasure.

Address:

2415 Mall Dr.
North Charleston, SC 29406

Phone: 843-747-9122

Website: <http://www.marriott.com/chscn>

Comments:

hotel

Fort Sumter National Monument

Correspondences should be sent to park headquarters at 1214 Middle St., Sullivans Island, SC 29482. Open daily except New Years Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Hours vary according to the season. Concessionaire ferries depart from Liberty Square in Charleston and from Patriots Point in Mt. Pleasant. Americas most tragic conflict ignited at Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861, when a chain reaction of social, economic and political events exploded into civil war. A powerful symbol to both the South and the North, Fort Sumter remains a memorial to all who fought to hold it. The fort may be visited by private boat or by ferry boat.

Address:

Charleston Harbor
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Phone: 843-883-3123**Website:** <http://www.nps.gov/fosu>**Comments:**

Fort

Fort Moultrie

The Visitor Center is open daily from 9:00am to 5:00pm, closed New Years Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. The first American victory over the British Navy on June 28, 1776 at a palmetto log fort on the shores of Charleston Harbor galvanized the patriots cause for independence. The National Park Service interprets 171 years of American seacoast defenses from 1776 to 1947. The Visitor Center houses exhibits on Fort Moultries history and a 20-minute orientation film. Adults \$3; Seniors (62+) \$1; Children (16 and under) free; Families \$5.

Address:

1214 Middle St
Sullivans Island , SC 29482

Phone: 843-883-3123**Website:** <http://www.nps.gov/fomo>**Comments:**

Fort

Boone Hall Plantation

M-Sa 9am - 5pm and Su 1pm - 4pm. Boone Hall reflects Southern heritage spanning 300 years on one magnificent still working plantation. Gardens, slave cabins, dining, gift shop plus one of the worlds longest oak-lined avenues. Adults \$17.50; children 6-12 \$7.50; seniors-military-AAA \$15; under 6 yrs of age are free with adult.

Address:

1235 Long Point Road
Mt. Pleasant , SC 29465

Phone: 843-884-4371

Email: rickb@boonehallplantation.com

Website: <http://www.boonehallplantation.com>

Comments:

Plantation

Historic Charleston Battery

No trip to Charleston is complete without a stop at White Point Gardens, known popularly as Battery Park. This peaceful park offers unprecedented views of Charleston Harbor and Fort Sumter, while a look back across the street promises fantastic images of beautiful Charleston mansions. Enormous oak trees provide serene shade to the park, and a display of weapons and cannons used in the Civil War make for a unique play area for children. You'll see a Columbiad used to shell Fort Sumter in 1861, two seacoast mortars, and more - be sure to bring a camera to snap photos of your family clamoring and playing on the cannons! During the early 18th century, the park was used as the home of the gallows, where Stede Bonnet - the "gentleman pirate" - and dozens of others were hanged. By 1837, the land was in use as a public garden. Weddings and other special events are frequently held at the beautiful, massive white gazebo in the center of the park, but on off-days it makes for a beautiful place to sit and take in the beauty and charm of Charleston!

Address:

Murray Blvd and East Battery
Charleston, SC

Phone: 843-724-7327

Comments:

Historic Park

The International Center for Birds of Prey

Not open to general public at this time. For school or meeting groups - please call.

Experience more than 80 species of eagles, hawks, falcons, owls, and other birds of prey from all parts of the world in this 152-acre campus dedicated to education, avian medicine, research, and conservation. Featured are display aviaries housing more than 250 raptors, indoor and outdoor educational programs, and daily demonstrations of birds in free flight. Refreshments and gift shop. 12 miles from Downtown Charleston.

Address:

4719 Hwy 17 North
Awendaw, SC

Phone: 843-928-3494

Website: <http://www.internationalbirdsofprey.org>

Comments:

Bird Museum

A. W. Shuck's Seafood Restaurant and Oyster Bar

Su-Th 11 am-10 pm; F-Sa. 11 am-11 pm. Newly remodeled! Charlestons original raw bar and restaurant on historic Market Street. A selection of the best seafood dishes in Charleston, including award-winning stuffed shrimp entre, she-crab soup, and a seafood casserole thats something of a legend among locals! Fresh-off-the-boat fish specials.

Address:

35 S. Market St
Charleston, SC 29401

Phone: 843-723-1151

Website: <http://www.a-w-shucks.com>

Comments:

Food

Cafe Cafe

Cafe Cafe serves homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts to die for, says USA Today, and thats only half the story! Cafe is reminiscent of a European shop with lovely murals of Tuscany, outrageously delicious food and pleasant friendly service right in the heart of historic Charleston. Known for its freshness, quality and innovations, Cafes menu is tempting and offers selections to suit every palate. We always serve professionally made coffees. Low fat and vegetarian dished served.

Address:

177 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC 29401

Phone: 843-723-3622**Website:** <http://www.cuisineatcharleston.com>**Comments:**

Food

Charleston Crab House - Roof Top Dining

M - Su 11:30am- Until. Voted 1 Seafood Restaurant by the Locals! Steamed Snow Crabs, Lowcountry Crab Cakes, "World Famous" Steamed Crab Pot, seafood platters, pastas dishes, Wasabi Encrusted Ahi Tuna, kids menu, ice cold beer, cocktails, and great wines. "It's fun to be crabby!" Three locations in Charleston: 41 South Market Street - Roof Top Dining / James Island -Water Front Dining / Mt. Pleasant Hwy 17 N.

Address:

41 South Market St.
Charleston, SC

Phone: 843-853-2900**Website:** <http://www.charlestoncrabhouse.com>**Comments:**

Food

Cupcake

Don't miss Charleston's first and only cupcake bakery on King Street. Baked fresh daily, there are 9 rotating flavors to choose from. Indulge in their home-baked goodness. Great for parties, weddings, office events, or any occasion you want a little sweeter.

Address:

433 King St.
Charleston, SC 29403

Phone: 843-853-8181**Website:** <http://www.freshcupcakes.com>**Comments:**

Cupcake Bakery

Yo Burrito

Second location at 675 Johnnie Dodds Blvd., Mt. Pleasant. Famous for the Mason Jar margarita, and homemade salsa bar. Menu includes mahi mahi tacos, slow cooked carnitas burrito, and grilled tofu salads. Enjoy great local Mexican food in a casual and upbeat atmosphere. Catering available.

Address:

77 Wentworth Street
Charleston, SC 29401

Phone: 843-853-3287**Website:** <http://www.yoburrito.com>**Comments:**

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