

HOST & HOME · LUXURY VACATION RENTALS

One Island. Every Generation. Unforgettable Memories.

Events, beaches, experiences, and curated stays for the whole family

Hilton Head Island is built for a full house. Summer mornings start with bikes on shaded trails through Sea Pines and sand still cool underfoot, afternoons stretch across the wide, low-tide beaches of Palmetto Dunes, and evenings end with salt air, a sky going pink over the marsh, and everyone gathered around one table in Forest Beach. There's a pace here for grandparents, parents, and grandkids alike, and plenty of room for all three to share the same day.

> **THE QUICK ANSWER**
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> Hilton Head Island makes it easy to bring three generations together, with flat bike trails, gentle surf, and evenings that plan themselves — from free Tuesday-night HarbourFest fireworks at Shelter Cove to a Salty Dog sunset cruise on Calibogue Sound. Whether it's a long weekend or a full week, there's something here for every age, from toddlers to grandparents.

Our Host & Home "One Island. Every Generation. Unforgettable Memories." Area Guide connects your whole family with the island's best events, beaches, experiences, and local favorites. Host & Home handles every detail before you arrive — offering a higher standard of care and a better way to stay on Hilton Head Island.

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ACTIVITIES

Explore

What to see and do around the island as a family.



01

Pirate’s Island Adventure Golf

Two 18-hole courses add up to 36 holes of pirate-themed mini golf at Pirate’s Island Adventure Golf, a multi-year TripAdvisor Travelers’ Choice winner. You’ll putt over wooden bridges, alongside flowing streams, and beneath cascading waterfalls while following clues to hidden treasure inside a pirate’s cave. A friendly crew of swashbucklers shares legends of the high seas along the way, which keeps the youngest players hooked through the final hole. It’s a flat, easy walk, so grandparents can play every hole right alongside the kids.



02

Kayak & Paddleboard Tours

Guided kayak and paddleboard tours take your family onto Broad Creek and the island’s tidal salt marshes, where the water stays calm and the pace stays easy. Local outfitters like Outside Hilton Head lead tours for every skill level, and tandem kayaks let a grandparent and grandchild share a boat. Watch for Atlantic bottlenose dolphins, wading birds, and, in the warmer months, the occasional manatee. It’s a quiet way to see the Lowcountry together, and it tends to become the story everyone tells at dinner.



03

Lawton Stables

Lawton Stables sits inside the Sea Pines Forest Preserve, where trail rides wind past lakes, forest, and open paths across more than 600 acres of protected Lowcountry land. Every horse is cared for with pride, and the guides match each rider with a horse that fits their experience. Little ones who aren’t ready for the trail can walk through the on-site petting zoo to meet pigs, llamas, donkeys, sheep, and more. Trail rides fill quickly in summer, so book a few days ahead.



04

Biking Through Sea Pines

Sea Pines’ network of leisure trails makes biking the easiest way to see the community together, with flat, shaded paths that suit training wheels and beach cruisers alike. Ride to Harbour Town and its red-and-white-striped lighthouse, roll out to South Beach for ice cream, or loop through the Sea Pines Forest Preserve to spot alligators sunning on the banks. Bikes are easy to rent across the island, and several Host & Home homes offer in-house bike service. Everyone sets their own pace and still ends up in the same place.

FEATURED FAMILY EVENT

Shelter Cove HarbourFest Fireworks

Tuesday nights during summer · Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina

Mark your calendars: every Tuesday night from early June through mid-August, Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina hosts HarbourFest, a summer tradition families have built their island weeks around for decades. Arrive early to stroll the waterfront promenade, take in the marina views, and settle in for live music by the water. Kids can line up for face painting, balloon artists, and bounce houses set up right by the docks, while parents and grandparents grab a bench and watch the boats come in.

Dinner is easy, with waterfront restaurants, quick bites, and ice cream all a short walk away. Once the sky turns dark over Broad Creek, the fireworks launch and their reflections double the show across the water. HarbourFest is free and open to the public, which makes it one of the simplest evenings to plan for a group of any size. Bring a blanket or a few beach chairs and claim your spot along the harbor before sunset. It's a natural way to close out a beach day, and for many families it becomes the night they come back for, summer after summer.

AT A GLANCE

WHEN	Tuesdays, early June to mid-August
SHOWTIME	Once the sky is fully dark
COST	Free and open to the public
WHERE	Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina



A SUMMER NIGHT FOR EVERY AGE

Toddlers on shoulders, teenagers along the seawall, and grandparents with the best seat on the bench: HarbourFest has a spot for everyone. The show starts once the sky is fully dark, so plan dinner at the harbor and let the evening build.

> *"We have gone for 30+ years... We went early, had dinner, and enjoyed Shannon Tanner. My kids are adults now and my grandchildren went for years... It is fun and quite an event... a great show and worth the effort."*
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> A HARBOURFEST REGULAR · SHELTER COVE

GATHER TOGETHER · ISLAND FAVORITES

Dining

A few local favorites for the whole family to enjoy, from classic diners to local seafood cuisine.



Big tables, shared plates, and something on the menu for every generation.

Hilton Head Diner

Hilton Head Diner pours thick, old-fashioned milkshakes and builds towering sundaes the way a classic American diner should. The shake list runs from straight vanilla to house favorites like the peanut butter cup, all made with premium ice cream and fresh ingredients. Roomy booths and a big menu make it an easy stop for three generations with three different appetites.

The Bank

The Bank pairs a main kitchen of crowd-pleasing favorites with a lineup of outdoor food trucks, so everyone at the table can order something different. Its in-house brewery keeps easy-drinking craft beers, rotating favorites, and seasonal releases on tap, with a full bar and wine list for everyone else. The string-lit patio gives kids room to roam while the adults linger over one more round.

The Crazy Crab

The Crazy Crab has been serving Lowcountry recipes on Hilton Head Island since 1986, with every entrée prepared to order. Its Alaskan snow crab legs have won local awards for years running, and they're the dish to come for. In summer, live music and wide water views turn dinner into the main event of the evening.

"Cool spot for a casual dinner, especially the outdoor patio with lights. Plenty of room for the kids to run around... A relaxed spot for a family meal."

ON THE BANK

FAMILY BEACH DAY · ISLAND FAVORITES

Beaches

Families cherish Hilton Head Island's coastal haven for its pristine, broad stretches of sun-drenched sand and calm, gentle Atlantic waters.



Wide, hard-packed sand and gentle surf make a beach day easy at every age.

Coligny Beach

Coligny Beach Park pairs hard-packed sand for beach bikes with calm Atlantic water that's easy for swimmers of every age. Rocking chairs, shaded gazebos, outdoor showers, and free Wi-Fi give grandparents a comfortable place to settle in for the day. Coligny Plaza sits right across the street with more than 60 local shops, beach bars, and casual restaurants, so lunch never means packing up the car.

Folly Field Beach

Folly Field Beach trades the crowds for wide stretches of soft sand, reached by a wooden boardwalk that winds through the dunes. Paved parking, outdoor showers, restrooms, and seasonal lifeguards make it an easy mid-island pick for families with little ones. Come early for sunrise, catch a few waves with the surfers, or walk the shoreline together at low tide.

South Beach

At the southern tip of Sea Pines, South Beach pairs a quiet stretch of sand with a New England–style fishing village built around the original Salty Dog Cafe. South Beach Marina rents kayaks and paddleboards, runs dolphin-watching cruises, and keeps boutique shopping and casual waterfront dining steps from the shore. Finish the afternoon on the boardwalk with an ice cream cone and a view across Calibogue Sound.

LOCAL TIP · PLAN AROUND THE TIDE

Hilton Head's tide can swing six to eight feet, and low tide leaves the widest, firmest sand of the day. Check the tide chart before you head out: low tide is the best time for bikes, tide pools, and long walks with the little ones.

SELECT EXPERIENCE

Salty Dog Sunset Cruise

Salty Dog Sunset Cruise · South Beach Marina

Sunset Cruise
CALIBOGUE SOUND AT GOLDEN HOUR

Food & Drink
ONBOARD KITCHEN AND FULL BAR

Double Decker
63-FOOT CATAMARAN, TWO LEVELS



THE ISLAND FROM THE WATER

A Salty Dog sunset cruise leaves South Beach Marina aboard a double-decker catamaran and heads out onto the calm water of Calibogue Sound. From either deck, the Lowcountry coastline opens up in every direction, from Harbour Town Lighthouse to the salt marshes and Daufuskie Island across the sound. Kids and grandparents alike can scan the waves for Atlantic bottlenose dolphins swimming alongside the boat, while pelicans and shorebirds glide over the marsh. Between island-style tunes, the crew shares stories about local marine life and the area's coastal ecosystem.

GOOD TO KNOW BEFORE YOU BOARD

The onboard kitchen serves Salty Dog favorites like steamed shrimp, crab cakes, and quesadillas, with a full bar for the adults and juices and soft drinks for the kids. As the sun drops, the water turns gold and pink, and you're back on shore in time for dinner. Tickets must be purchased in advance, prices vary by season, and summer sailings sell out quickly, so book as soon as your dates are set. Arrive early to walk South Beach Marina and grab an ice cream before you board.

"We love the sunset cruise! Perfect length, kind staff, always great views... I've been about 3-4 times, every time we saw dolphins and the sunsets are absolutely amazing as is the music on board..."

SALTY DOG CRUISES · SOUTH BEACH MARINA

BOOK DIRECT · NO PLATFORM FEES

Signature Generational Stays

A few of the homes we recommend for a family reunion island visit.



14 Juniper

6 Bed · 5.5 Bath · 14 Guests

Thoughtfully updated with bright interiors, inviting gathering spaces, and a private outdoor retreat, this home creates the perfect setting for family vacations, golf trips, and laid-back island getaways. Inside, the home feels warm, open, and naturally welcoming. Expansive windows fill the interiors with sunlight while vaulted ceilings and coastal-inspired finishes create an airy atmosphere throughout the space. Multiple living areas allow everyone to spread out comfortably while still staying connected, making the home ideal for larger groups and multi-generational stays.



3 Urchin Manor

6 Bed · 6 Bath + 2 Half Baths · 14 Guests

Escape to a luxury oasis just a few minutes' walk from Bradley Beach at this six en-suite retreat.



71 Dune Lane

6 Bed · 6.5 Bath · 14 Guests

One row off the beach, with an elevator, a bunk room, a pool and spa, and a ping pong game garage.



114 Sandcastle Court

6 Bed · 7 Bath · 16 Guests

Lagoon views from every floor and a game room built for endless fun set the tone at this retreat in Sandcastles By the Sea.

73 Dune Lane

5 Bed · 5.5 Bath · 13 Guests

Wake up to the sound of the Atlantic and step onto the sand in just 20 steps at this oceanfront escape in North Forest Beach. Breathtaking ocean views, a private pool and spa, and an outdoor kitchen set the stage for effortless coastal living, while spacious, beautifully designed interiors give every guest room to gather and unwind.



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING ELSE

Host & Home manages homes across Sea Pines, Palmetto Dunes, Forest Beach, Shipyard, Folly Field, Singleton Beach, and beyond — from cozy villas to oceanfront homes built for the whole family. Bringing a bigger crew? Neighbors 71 and 73 Dune Lane can be booked side by side for up to 27 guests. See page 9 to connect with our local team and find the stay that fits.

READY TO BOOK

Plan Your Next Stay

Host & Home offers a higher standard of stay: comfort, care, and craft; thoughtfully prepared for your arrival. Our team excels in providing high-end customer service and takes a proactive approach to ensure every detail is meticulously handled.

Drawing from hands-on experience in the 5-star hotel, real estate, and vacation rental industries, we've taken best practices to the next level, delivering a stay that feels effortless, local, and genuinely well cared for.

Everything Handled Before You Arrive

This is where a thoughtfully hosted stay makes the difference — more than just a place to sleep for the week. With Host & Home, the details are handled before you ever arrive: local support, a well-prepared home, and a Hilton Head experience that starts long before check-in.

LOCAL TEAM · 5-STAR EXPERIENCE · A BETTER WAY TO STAY



Find Your Family's Next Stay on Hilton Head Island

Ready for a better way to settle into the Lowcountry? Connect with us and book direct to start planning your coastal getaway.

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