

What's Great About Hilton Head Island

As of 12/14/2016

Things to Do

- ✓ 13 miles of a family-oriented pristine beach
- ✓ Over 100 miles of bike and walking pathways
- ✓ Boating, fishing, crabbing, kayaking, ziplining, ecotourism, historic sites, paddleboarding
- ✓ Internationally recognized golf courses and tennis facilities
- ✓ World class restaurants, hotels, and residential vacation rentals
- ✓ Outdoor entertainment

Non-Profits

Too numerous to list but allows residents to give back to their community

Local Events

61 Outdoor Events and Festivals on the Island, including:

- * Hilton Head Island Oyster Festival
- * St. Patrick's Day Parade
- * 4th of July Fireworks (3 Island locations)
- * Hilton Head Island Gullah Celebration
- * Wine and Food Fest
- * WingFest

Location, Location, Location

- 1 hour or less from Historic Savannah, GA and Beaufort, SC
- 2 hours from Historic Charleston, SC
- 30 minutes from I-95
- 45 minutes from Savannah-Hilton Head Island International Airport
- Local County airport with commercial/commuter service

Redevelopment

\$74 million Shelter Cove Towne Centre, includes an 87,000 square foot Kroger adjoined by single story retail and restaurants. \$4.5 million park opened April 1, 2015.

Positive Climate for Business Investment

Major Private Sector Reinvestment

- ★ Omni Hotel: \$17 million
- ★ Sonesta Resort: \$30 million
- ★ Westin Resort: \$30 million
- ★ Beach House: \$6.5 million
- ★ The Inn at Harbour Town: \$2 million
- ★ Harris Teeter Park Plaza: \$6 million
- ★ Shelter Cove Towne Center/Kroger: \$74 million
- ★ Sea Turtle Marketplace: \$30 million (Construction Underway)
- ★ Wal-Mart: \$5 million
- ★ Shelter Cove Plaza/Whole Foods ; \$4.7 million
- ★ Harbour Town Club House: \$20 million +
- ★ Sea Pines Resort - Plantation Club/Beach Club: \$37 million
- ★ Fresh Market Shoppes: \$2 million
- ★ Coligny Plaza: \$1 million
- ★ Marriott Resort and Spa: \$12 million

Total Value: \$303.2 million

Culture

Performing Arts Center
Coastal Discovery Museum
Mitchelville Freedmen's Village
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Native American Shell Rings
Art galleries and League
Symphony Orchestra
Public Art Program
Heritage Library

Schools

Award-winning public and private schools at all grade levels

International Events

RBC Heritage Golf presented by Boeing PGA tournament
Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival and Concours d' Elegance

Parks

- ❖ 8 Beach parks
- ❖ 12 Town passive and active parks for soccer, baseball, roller hockey, skate park, dog park, basketball, playgrounds, events, tennis, rugby, and more
- ❖ \$4.5 million 5 acre park along Broad Creek behind Shelter Cove Towne Centre
- ❖ Rowing and Sailing Center
- ❖ Security cameras at many parks

Future Improvements

- Coligny Redevelopment Project starting in 2017.
- Beach renourishment project underway - scheduled for completion in December.
- More cell phone coverage and expanded Wi-Fi
- Powerline burial project 75% accomplished beautifying Island
- Construction of USCB Hilton Head Island Campus

On the Horizon

- ⊗ Business license permits are increasing
- ⊗ Visits to the Island are increasing
- ⊗ Residential and commercial building permits are increasing
- ⊗ Revenues to the Town are increasing from accommodations, hospitality, and beach preservation fees
- ⊗ The Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce's web page traffic is increasing
- ⊗ More redevelopment is planned

Town Government

- Highest credit rating of all municipalities in the state
- Low taxes
- 1,307 acres of land purchased by the Town mostly left undeveloped
- Aggressive Capital Improvement Program publicly supported
- Awarded Budget and Financial Accounting awards
- Land management laws achieving greater flexibility
- Award-winning park designs

Awards

- 🏆 Island selected as the #3 top island in the U.S. by Conde Nast Traveler 2016 Readers' Choice Awards
- 🏆 Island named the #1 in the Continental U.S. by Travel and Leisure's 2016 World's Best Awards
- 🏆 Island ranked #8 out of 10 islands in the world by Travel and Leisure's 2016 World's Best Awards
- 🏆 Island named No. 6 on 2016 Trip Advisor Travelers' Choice Awards for Top 10 U.S. Islands
- 🏆 Coligny Beach Park named among 10Best and USA Today's 2016 Readers' Choice Awards for Best East Coast Beach
- 🏆 Google named the Town of HHI as the 2015 eCity of the State of South Carolina
- 🏆 Where to Retire magazine featured the Island as a top retirement destination
- 🏆 Sustainable Planning Award from Audubon International
- 🏆 American Heart Association Lifeline EMS Gold Award
- 🏆 Bicycle Friendly Community Gold Level Award
- 🏆 Conde Nast Traveler named Hilton Head Island No. 27 on its list of the world's top Islands
- 🏆 Island named one of its top 5 places to travel to by Forbes magazine