

A scenic view of a golf course and ocean from a wooden deck with two rocking chairs. The image is a promotional graphic for a guide to Kiawah Island. It features a white rectangular overlay with text in the center. The background is a photograph of a lush green golf course under a clear blue sky, with the ocean visible in the distance. In the foreground, two wooden rocking chairs with white cushions sit on a wooden deck, facing the view. The text is centered within the white overlay.

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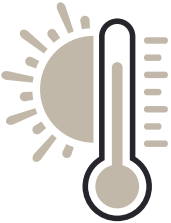
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KIAWAH ISLAND *at a glance*



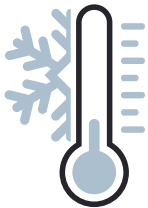
CLIMATE

Kiawah Island has a semi-tropical climate with typically mild winters & warm summers.



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AVERAGE SUMMER
DAILY HIGH



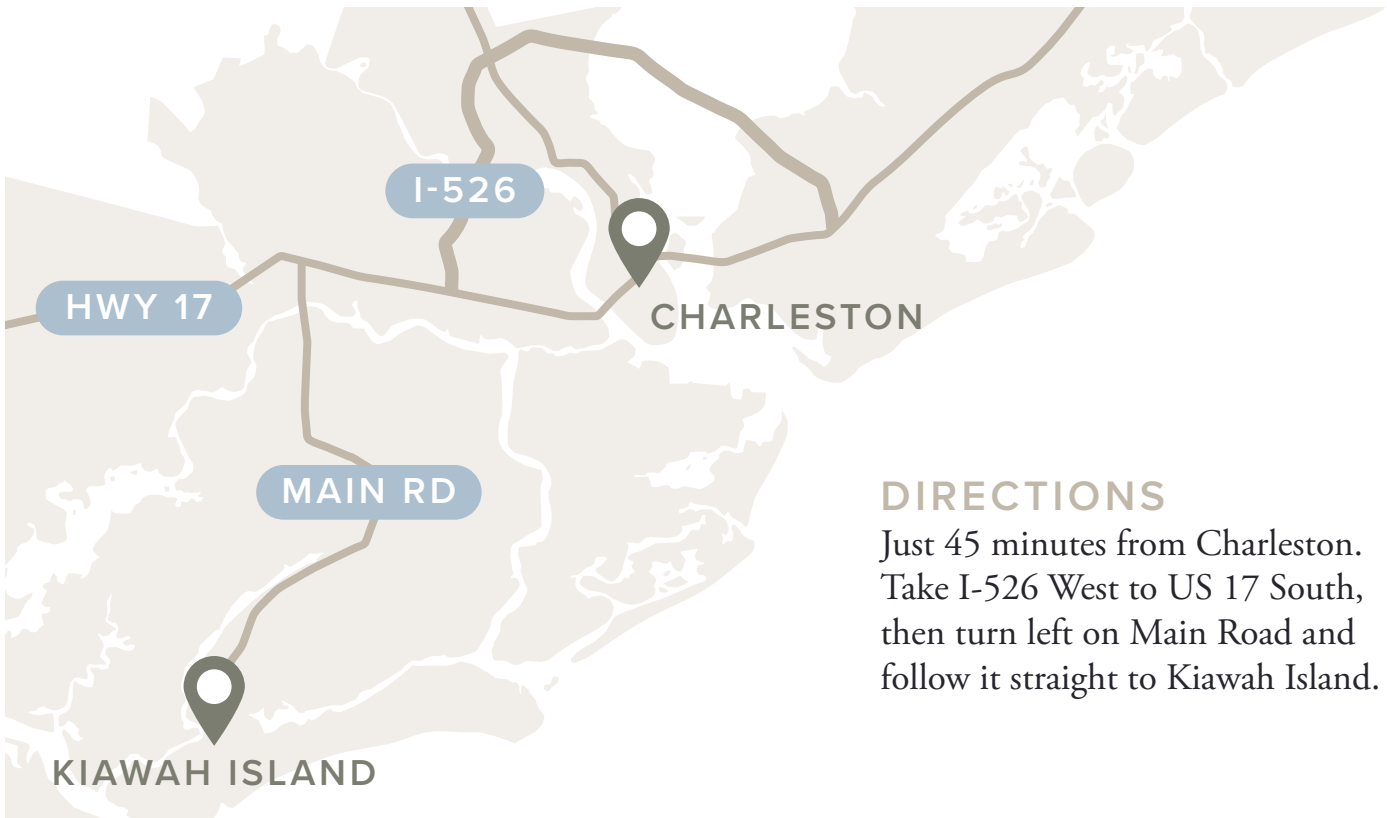
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AVERAGE WINTER
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WHAT IS KIAWAH ISLAND?

Located just 28 miles from historic downtown Charleston, Kiawah Island is a premier coastal destination known for its natural beauty, championship golf, and unspoiled beaches. Spanning 10,000 acres of maritime forest and shoreline, it's a luxurious escape for those seeking adventure and refined relaxation.



DIRECTIONS

Just 45 minutes from Charleston. Take I-526 West to US 17 South, then turn left on Main Road and follow it straight to Kiawah Island.



BEACHES

Kiawah Island is home to 10 miles of pristine, unspoiled beaches, where soft sands meet the Atlantic's gentle waves. Whether you're relaxing in the sun, walking along the shore, or enjoying water sports, the island's beaches offer a serene escape amidst breathtaking natural beauty.



GOLF

Kiawah Island boasts some of the finest golf courses in the world, including the famed *Ocean Course*, home to major championships. With stunning coastal views and challenging layouts, each course offers golfers a unique experience, blending natural beauty with world-class design for unforgettable rounds.



WHAT TO PACK WHEN

You're Heading to Kiawah Island

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Packing Your Golf Bag

CLOTHING NECESSITIES

Kiawah Island's coastal seasons range from mild, breezy winters to sun-filled summers. Whether beachcombing, biking, or dining post-golf, stay effortlessly comfortable and stylish with these year-round essentials:

WINTER / SPRING

- ✔ *Jacket or light coat*
- ✔ *Rain jacket*
- ✔ *Pants*
- ✔ *Sweaters*
- ✔ *Long-sleeve shirts*
- ✔ *Comfortable walking shoes*
- ✔ *Rain boots*

SUMMER / FALL

- ✔ *Shorts*
- ✔ *Skirts*
- ✔ *Sundresses*
- ✔ *Short-sleeve shirts*
- ✔ *Swimsuits & coverups*
- ✔ *Sandals & flip flops*
- ✔ *Light Jacket*

TRAVEL ACCESSORIES

With championship golf, serene beaches, and winding bike paths beneath lush canopies, Kiawah Island invites refined relaxation and timeless coastal charm at every turn. Pack these essential accessories to elevate every moment of your stay:

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| ✔ <i>Sunglasses</i> | ✔ <i>Aloe vera</i> |
| ✔ <i>Sunscreen</i> | ✔ <i>Travel guide</i> |
| ✔ <i>Umbrella</i> | ✔ <i>Beach bag</i> |
| ✔ <i>Brimmed hat</i> | ✔ <i>Summer reading book</i> |
| ✔ <i>Bug spray</i> | ✔ <i>Devices & chargers</i> |

Heading to Kiawah Island for golf and traveling with your clubs? Here are some items to include in your golf bag for a perfect day of golfing:

GOLF BALLS

You can't play without them — and you'll want extras in case the course claims a few.

TEES

A handful of reliable tees (in different lengths) is crucial for every drive.

GLOVE(S)

A good glove improves your grip and prevents blisters, especially on hot or humid days.

RANGEFINDER OR GPS DEVICE

For dialing in distances accurately and confidently choosing the right club.

DIVOT REPAIR TOOL

Respect the course — a must-have for fixing ball marks on the greens.

BALL MARKERS

Useful for marking your ball on the green; coins or custom markers both work.

TOWEL(S)

For cleaning your clubs, balls, or hands before the important putt.

SUNSCREEN

Protection from the sun is non-negotiable during a long day outdoors.

WATER BOTTLE

Staying hydrated helps keep your focus sharp and energy levels up.

SNACKS (LIKE PROTEIN BARS OR NUTS)

Quick, portable energy boosts help maintain stamina through all 18 holes.



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PLACES OF INTEREST





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ACTIVITIES & RECREATION



TENNIS AT KIAWAH ISLAND

Recognized as the world's premier tennis destination by *TennisResortsOnline.com* for three consecutive years, Kiawah Island offers an elite tennis experience that's second to none. With world-class facilities thoughtfully located across the island's 10 miles of pristine landscape, guests are never far from a championship-level court. Whether you're perfecting your serve or engaging in a private lesson with top-tier instructors, every detail is crafted to deliver excellence, sophistication, and the joy of the game.



THE SPA AT THE SANCTUARY

Step into a sanctuary of indulgence and renewal at Kiawah's Forbes Five-Star Spa. Located within The Sanctuary Hotel, this serene haven offers an elevated menu of services—from luxurious massages to custom body treatments—all designed to restore and rejuvenate. Begin your day with a private training session in the state-of-the-art fitness center, then melt into tranquility with a tailored spa experience curated to your unique needs.



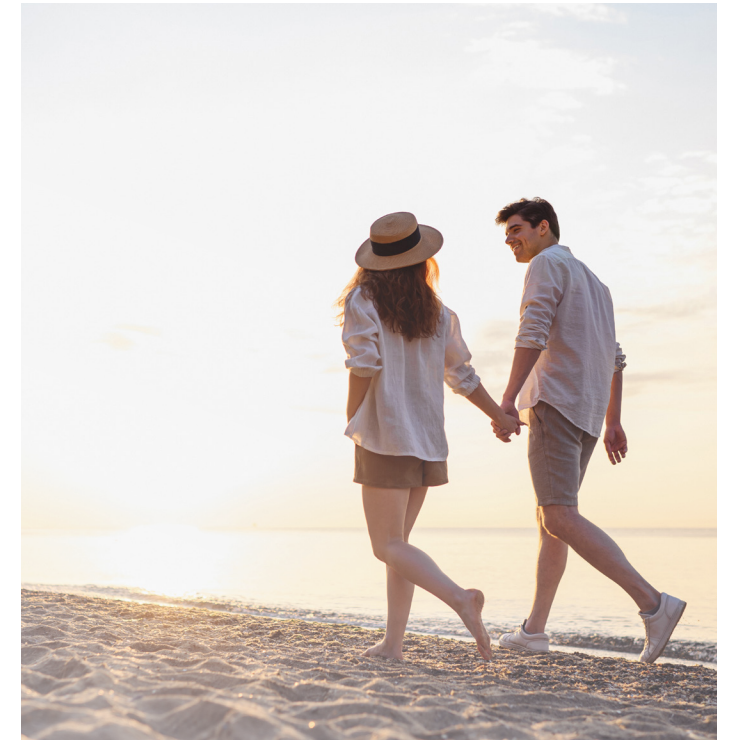
NIGHT HERON POOL COMPLEX

Surrounded by Kiawah's natural beauty, the Night Heron Pool Complex offers an elevated poolside experience. The junior Olympic-size pool is paired with a spacious aqua sundeck—ideal for soaking in the sun with a craft cocktail or frozen drink. The water is temperature-controlled for seasonal comfort, making it a serene spot year-round. *Insider tip: Arrive early for a peaceful morning swim—ask the pool team for lap swim times.* Access is exclusive to guests with a Kiawah Island Golf Resort keycard or Governor's Club membership.



WEST BEACH POOL

Designed with families in mind, the West Beach Pool offers a vibrant and interactive water experience. Featuring playful spray zones, a whimsical kiddie slide, and a spacious five-foot swimming area, it's the perfect place for younger guests to cool off and have fun. Please note that this pool is not heated. Access is reserved for guests with a Kiawah Island Golf Resort keycard or a valid Governor's Club membership.





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DINING OPTIONS

THE OCEAN ROOM *at The Sanctuary*

DINNER ONLY • TUESDAY – SATURDAY • 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Kiawah's premier steakhouse boasting Forbes Five-Star and AAA Four-Diamond ratings

JASMINE PORCH *at The Sanctuary*

BREAKFAST 6:30 AM – 11:00 AM • LUNCH 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM • DINNER 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Authentic Lowcountry cuisine and gracious southern charm on the menu daily

LOGGERHEAD GRILL *at The Sanctuary*

OPEN DAILY • 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Relaxed fare and tropical drinks overlooking The Sanctuary's pools and Atlantic Ocean

SIGNATURE GOURMET COFFEE SHOP *at The Sanctuary*

OPEN DAILY • 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Gourmet coffee selections as well as fresh pastries, breakfast and lunch sandwiches, and grab-and-go options

BEACHES & CREAM *at The Sanctuary*

OPEN DAILY • 2:00 PM – 9:00 PM

All-natural ice cream, sweets and coffee drinks

THE LOBBY BAR *at The Sanctuary*

OPEN DAILY • 2:00PM – 11:00PM

Extensive menu of specialty cocktails, wines and beers with live piano music on Friday and Saturday evenings

TOMASSO AT TURTLE POINT *at Turtle Point Clubhouse*

OPEN DAILY • 11:30 AM – 9:00 PM

Contemporary Italian dishes with a classic foundation, infused with local Lowcountry flavors

THE ATLANTIC ROOM *at The Ocean Course*

OPEN DAILY • 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Iconic seafood restaurant committed to using locally caught, sustainable fish and shellfish

THE RYDER CUP BAR *at The Ocean Course*

OPEN DAILY • 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Modern pub fare and creative cocktails with prime views of The Ocean Course

THE PLAYERS' PUB *at Cougar Point Clubhouse*

OPEN DAILY • 11:30 AM – 9:00 PM

Enjoy comfort food favorites at this classic American pub

CHERRYWOOD BBQ & ALE HOUSE *at Osprey Point Clubhouse*

OPEN DAILY • 11:30 AM – 9:00 PM

Genuine southern BBQ and house-made sauces plus over 60 local and imported beers

THE NEST MARKET | CAFÉ *at Night Heron Park*

OPEN DAILY • 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Grab-and-go meal selections for your active island days as well as grocery staples and must-have sundries

NIGHT HERON GRILL & BAR

HOURS SUBJECT TO SEASONAL CHANGE

Casual favorites and specialty beverages, served poolside in-season

WEST BEACH CANTINA

HOURS SUBJECT TO SEASONAL CHANGE

Kiawah Island's signature twist on fresh and zesty Mexican fare and margaritas



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1. OAK POINT

Oak Point pairs Lowcountry beauty with thoughtful design along the Kiawah River and Haulover Creek. Designed by Clyde Johnston and renovated in 2015, it features new Paspalum grass and strategic enhancements. Framed by maritime forest and tidal marsh, the course offers a refined, scenic experience that rewards smart strategy and skilled shot-making.

2. COUGAR POINT

*Crafted by golf legend Gary Player, Cougar Point is a scenic standout featuring sweeping vistas and engaging shot values. A former filming location for *The Legend of Bagger Vance*, the course earned 4.5 stars from *Golf Digest* and was named South Carolina's "Golf Course of the Year." With charm and challenge, it's a favorite among players of all levels.*

3. TURTLE POINT

Jack Nicklaus brought his signature strategic design to life at Turtle Point, where precision and thoughtful play are rewarded. A nine-month renovation completed in 2016—led by Nicklaus and his team—elevated both aesthetics and course conditions. Turtle Point now enjoys a reputation for its refined, shot-maker's layout and exceptional conditioning, ideal for discerning players.

4. OSPREY POINT

Osprey Point offers a championship-caliber experience on a beautifully crafted Tom Fazio layout. Fully renovated in 2014, the course blends natural lagoons, maritime forests, and stunning landscaping into a refined, rewarding round. Known for its playability and elegance, Osprey Point is a favorite among guests seeking both beauty and challenge in a world-class golf setting.

5. OCEAN COURSE

A crown jewel of American golf, The Ocean Course features ten holes along the Atlantic and eight more running beside them—more seaside holes than any course in the Northern Hemisphere. It's one of only four courses to host every major PGA of America event, including the legendary 1991 Ryder Cup and the celebrated 2012 and 2021 PGA Championships.

