

# What's Great About Hilton Head Island

As of 3/29/2017

## 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

65 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.
- More cell phone coverage and expanded Wi-Fi
- Powerline burial project 75% accomplished beautifying Island
- Construction of USCB Hilton Head Island Campus to begin Spring 2017

## 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