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Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort Features Innovative 11-Mile Saltwater Lagoon System

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. – For more than 30 years, Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort has been home to one of the world's most innovative saltwater lagoon networks, which provides a controlled, scenic environment for kayaking, canoeing and other outdoor activities.

"Our lagoon system offers a remarkably creative approach to environmentally-friendly development," said Bret Martin, vice president of resort operations at Palmetto Dunes. "Because of our lagoons, we have beautiful waterfront properties throughout the resort, as well as a gorgeous beach for our residents and guests. Palmetto Dunes has the distinction of being one of the only resorts in the Southeast that is completely surrounded by water, from the Atlantic Ocean to Shelter Cove Harbour, which gives the resort a unique waterfront atmosphere."

Designed by Dr. Per Bruun, a world-renowned pioneer in the field of coastal engineering, the resort's 11-mile lagoon system was originally created to address two problems: shallow waterways and a rapidly eroding beachfront. Before the ambitious engineering project began in the 1970s, the 3-mile long beach at Palmetto Dunes would almost disappear at high tide. At low tide, the 150-foot wide beach was too wet to enjoy, both because of receding tides and ground seepage of water through the narrow dune zone.

Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort hired Bruun, a Danish engineer who founded the University of Florida's Department of Coastal Engineering, to solve the resort's dilemma by dredging huge quantities of sand to create the lagoon system and subsequently transporting the sand to the beachfront, where it was sculpted into majestic dunes measuring 11 feet in height.

Massive pipes fed nearly 2 million cubic yards of sand from a 100-ton dredge out to the beach where bulldozers shaped the rapidly growing dunes. The result was a beautiful new beach that was 4 to 5 feet higher and 120 to 150 feet wider than before.

The project not only preserved and protected the beach, but the lagoon system provided the ideal template for the neighborhoods at Palmetto Dunes. Tidal gates that were installed 30 years ago still control the tides and flush the lagoons to keep the water clean and pristine.

Lined with semi-tropical vegetation, the lagoon system provides for eight miles of scenic boat tours, and serves as the backdrop for the resort's three championship golf courses. Hilton Head Outfitters Center also operates a full-service facility on the lagoon network, offering kayaking and canoeing lessons on the resort's calm, controlled waterways.

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Repeatedly recognized as one of the world's leading resorts, Palmetto Dunes is a premier vacation destination on Hilton Head Island and has been named the No. 1 Family Resort in the U.S. and Canada by *Travel + Leisure Family*.

The resort is renowned for its world-class golf and tennis as well as for outstanding boating and water sports, nature tours, sightseeing adventures, shopping and dining. For more information, please visit www.palmettodunes.com or call 877-567-6513.

About Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort

Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort is a 2,000+ acre vacation community ideally located in the middle of Hilton Head Island, S.C. bounded by three miles of prime Atlantic Ocean beach on one side and a beautiful sheltered Intracoastal Waterway marina on the other. The resort features three world-class golf courses, an award-winning tennis center, an 11 mile inland salt-water lagoon system for kayaking and fishing, the impressive Mediterranean-style Shelter Cove Harbour deep-water marina with shopping and dining, and an outdoor adventure center for bike rentals, canoes, kayaks, fishing and much more. The marina is also home to a wide variety of charters including nature cruises, dolphin tours, sport crabbing and fishing. For information about activities or reservations, please call 877-567-6513 or visit www.palmettodunes.com.

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