

## Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort – Fact Sheet

**HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA** — Located in the heart of Hilton Head Island, S.C., Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort has been a favorite of visitors to the island for decades, providing one of the richest vacation experiences in the country with more award-winning amenities than any other resort in the Southeast. For thousands of vacationers, groups, golfers, tennis and pickleball players, and beach and nature lovers, Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort stands proudly as an idyllic island getaway.

Owned by Greenwood Communities and Resorts, Palmetto Dunes has been honored as one of the top resorts in the United States. This more than 2,000-acre jewel is bounded by 3 miles of beautiful Atlantic Ocean beach on one side and a beautiful Intracoastal Waterway marina on the other.

Named No. 3 “Best Resort in the South” in Condé Nast Traveler’s 2019 Readers’ Choice Awards and to the top 25 World’s Best Family Getaways by Travel + Leisure, the resort features three world-class golf courses, an 11-mile inland salt-water lagoon system for kayaking and fishing, an award-winning tennis and pickleball center, an outdoor adventure center for bike rentals, canoes, kayaks, fishing and much more. Neighboring Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina is a Mediterranean-style marina featuring shopping and dining, and also home to a wide variety of charters including nature cruises, dolphin tours, sport crabbing and fishing.

You’ll likely not find a more accessible resort even before you get there. Palmetto Dunes has a variety of YouTube videos of resort activities and instruction, and Webcams with live feeds from the Jones Course, pickleball courts, the Dunes House, Hilton Head Outfitters and Shelter Cove Marina. You can also make accommodation inquiries, tee times and cruise reservations online at the award-winning, easy-to-navigate [www.palmettodunes.com](http://www.palmettodunes.com) or by speaking directly to a member of the Palmetto Dunes travel planning crew toll-free at 877-567-6512. They’re all ready to lay out all the options to make your family or golf group getaway the best choice you’ve made all year. Share your experiences on social media by using #PalmettoDunes.

### **GOLF**

For more than 50 years, Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort on Hilton Head Island, SC, has stood as one of the premier golfing destinations in the southeast. All three golf courses at Palmetto Dunes — each one distinctively different and uniquely appealing — have named the South Carolina Golf Course of the Year. The Robert Trent Jones Oceanfront Course has been designated a “Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary” for its commitment to providing a sanctuary for wildlife. The Arthur Hills Course at Palmetto Dunes was strategically constructed on a series of rolling dunes, with the recently renovated Hilton Head Rear Range Lighthouse serving as a focal point. The George Fazio Course is highlighted by a series of long par 4s guarded by bunkers and water hazards. Accomplished golfers regard the Fazio course as one of Hilton Head Island’s most challenging layouts.

In addition, the Palmetto Dunes Golf Academy provides a variety of programs throughout the year to help golfers improve their game and maximize their potential on the course. All golf instruction is under the direction of former PGA Tour player Doug Weaver, the resort’s highly regarded director of instruction. The golf school includes a video analysis sent by email, on-course instruction, rules and etiquette lessons, the school’s video lending library, take-home materials, free range privileges, plus nine holes of golf daily on a space-available basis.

### **TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL**

Tennis and pickleball lovers are able to book their ultimate tennis vacation at Palmetto Dunes, and enjoy tennis court time, lessons, clinics and more daily at the award-winning Palmetto Dunes Tennis & Pickleball Center. Palmetto Dunes offers 19 clay tennis courts and a beautifully well-stocked, 1,800-square-foot tennis pro shop — Hilton Head Island’s largest. The Palmetto Dunes Tennis and Pickleball Center has been named the island’s top tennis resort. Palmetto Dunes also offers 24 pickleball courts, all of which are lighted for night play.

With its unparalleled tennis facilities, world-class reputation for developing skilled tennis players and its association with Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort, the Palmetto Dunes Tennis and Pickleball Center is continually sought out as the host facility of choice for a wide range of events. Palmetto Dunes hosts weekly clinics and drill sessions for youth and adults, as well as daily round robin tournaments. Seasonal events are available from March through October such as: Tuesday Welcome Pro Exhibition and Happy Hour on Monday nights at 5:30 PM, and Demo Days on Tuesdays at 2:30 PM. There's plenty to keep tennis and pickleball enthusiasts busy.

### **LAGOON SYSTEM**

Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort is home to one of the world's most innovative saltwater lagoon networks, which provides a controlled, scenic environment for kayaking and canoeing. 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 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 allows for eight miles of scenic, battery-operated boat tours, and serves as the backdrop for the resort's three championship golf courses. Hilton Head Outfitters also operates a full-service facility on the lagoon network, offering catch-and-release fishing, kayaking and canoeing rentals on the resort's calm, controlled waterways.

### **SHELTER COVE HARBOUR AND MARINA**

Located just off the Intracoastal Waterway, picturesque Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina serves as a popular waterfront dining, shopping and entertainment destination. Patterned after a sunny Mediterranean villa, Shelter Cove Harbour and Marina is alive with activity day and night. Choose from more than 20 shops, boutiques, galleries, restaurants and cafés. In addition, Shelter Cove Marina boasts Hilton Head Island's largest deep-water yacht basin, with 178 boat slips. It can accommodate ships and boats up to 120 feet in length. Guests may arrange for deep-sea and inshore fishing charters, sport crabbing, boat rentals, nature cruises and more.

### **BOATING, FISHING, SAILING AND MORE**

Shelter Cove Marina is home to some of the area's best in-shore and offshore fishing charters, sailing expeditions, nature cruises, crabbing expeditions and a host of activities. In addition, guests can enjoy guided kayaking trips, dinner cruises or boat rentals. For a complete list of experiences available at Shelter Cove Marina, please visit [www.palmettodunes.com](http://www.palmettodunes.com) or call 877-567-6513.

### **ENTERTAINMENT**

From Memorial Day through Labor Day, Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina hosts HarbourFest, Hilton Head Island's most popular summertime entertainment events for more than three decades. HarbourFest features fireworks on select Tuesday nights from mid-June through mid-August, as well as street vendors, musicians, arts and crafts and more. Popular troubadour Shannon Tanner presents seasonal entertainment at Shelter Cove with his beanie hat and trademark blend of original music, popular ballads and kid favorites. Plus, many restaurants at Shelter Cove Harbour offer live music seven nights a week all summer long. HarbourFest is free and open to the public.

### **THE PALMETTO DUNES BUGGY**

Getting around Palmetto Dunes Resort and Shelter Cove Harbour and Marina is easy, thanks to the Palmetto Dunes Buggy. This free, seasonal, on-demand service enables guests to skip the traffic and visit the beach, golf

courses, Tennis and Pickleball Center, restaurants and shops at Shelter Cove Harbour from mid-April through mid-September, leaving their car behind.

### **THE DUNES HOUSE**

With the Atlantic Ocean in the background, the Dunes House Bar & Grill provides the perfect, casual beach setting to enjoy lunch, dinner, cocktails and more. There's simply no better place to enjoy a drink or a meal overlooking the ocean. The Dunes House is also available for special events, from weddings to holiday parties. Catered events at the Dunes House at Palmetto Dunes, whether for business or pleasure, can range from simple box lunches to formal, fine-dining experiences, all prepared under the direct supervision of the resort's executive chef.

### **BEACH FUN**

Palmetto Dunes features three miles of pristine beachfront, the ideal locale for surfing, boogie boarding, swimming, walking, lounging and collecting shells or just relaxing. The wide, sandy beaches that front the Atlantic Ocean were reinforced using tons of sand dredged from the resort's 11-mile lagoon system and Shelter Cove Marina. The sand was positioned to form the resort's characteristic dunes.

### **OUTDOOR ADVENTURE**

Hilton Head Outfitters is renowned for its premier bike rentals, beach chairs, as well as kayak and canoe rentals. Fishermen may select a fly rod or light tackle to go after large redfish, trout, bluefish, flounder and black drum. The calm waters of the 11-mile inland lagoon system that runs through Palmetto Dunes present countless opportunities for fishing, bird watching and enjoying the beauty of nature. Guided paddling trips led by trained interpretative naturalists provide an introduction to the habitat of herons, osprey, dolphins and fiddler crabs. Outfitters guides also provide kayak lessons for beginners. Visit [www.hiltonheadoutfitters.com](http://www.hiltonheadoutfitters.com) for additional information.

### **BIKING**

Palmetto Dunes and the surrounding area of Hilton Head Island offer more than 50 miles of paved bike paths that are ideal for exploring. There is even an underpass for crossing busy Highway 278 to access Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina from the resort. Guests may rent bikes, accessories and more at Hilton Head Outfitters to explore the island and to cycle along the beach. Hilton Head Outfitters delivers bikes for free for guests staying at the resort – or anywhere on the island – making bike rentals easy and convenient.

### **KAYAKING**

A one-of-a-kind 11-mile saltwater lagoon system winds throughout Palmetto Dunes, offering a leisurely waterway for kayakers of all skill levels to explore. Kayaking instruction is also available on site.

### **DOLPHIN TOURS/FISHING CHARTERS/NATURE CRUISES**

One of the best ways to experience Hilton Head Island is by boat. At Palmetto Dunes' Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina, visitors can enjoy dolphin-watching tours, nature cruises, fishing charters, crabbing expeditions and more. Fishing is also available on the resort's extensive lagoon system.

### **CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**

Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort provides a wide range of activities for children, including biking, fishing, canoeing and kayaking. There are also instructional programs for golf, tennis, boating, dolphin tours, nature cruises, sport crabbing, water skiing and surfing from Memorial Day until Labor Day.

### **RESORT ACCOMMODATIONS**

For short-term and long-term home-villa accommodations, Palmetto Dunes proudly offers the island's premier selection of vacation rental properties from oceanfront hotel rooms or oceanfront homes to spacious villas overlooking the harbour, lagoon, fairways or beach.

### **SHOPPING AND DINING**

Palmetto Dunes' Mediterranean-style Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina features premium waterfront shopping and dining with everything from upscale clothing boutiques to gifts and art galleries. There are also elegant restaurants and casual pubs overlooking the marina and waterfront. Dining and catering in Palmetto Dunes is also available at family-friendly Big Jim's BBQ, Burgers & Pizza located at the Robert Trent Jones golf course clubhouse, the oceanfront Dunes House (open to resort guests and property owners) and Alexander's Restaurant & Wine Bar. Additional shopping opportunities abound at the resort golf pro shops, the General Store, the Tennis and Pickleball Center and Hilton Head Outfitters.

#### **GROUP SALES, EVENTS AND CATERING**

Palmetto Dunes' award-winning catering and events team is waiting to help guide you, as you plan a wide variety of memorable events. The resort's event planning team meets the needs of any group from 16 to 250+ guests including business meetings, continental breakfasts, coffee breaks, box lunches, awards dinners, rehearsal dinners, weddings, celebration events and family reunions.

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#### **About Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort**

Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort is a 2,000-acre resort destination located in the middle of Hilton Head Island, S.C., bounded by 3 miles of Atlantic Ocean beach on one side and a sheltered Intracoastal Waterway marina on the other. Named No. 3 "Best Resort in the South" in Condé Nast Traveler's Readers' Choice Awards and to the top 25 World's Best Family Getaways by Travel + Leisure, the resort features vacation home and villa rentals, three world-class golf courses, an award-winning tennis and pickleball center, an 11-mile inland salt-water lagoon system for kayaking and fishing, and Hilton Head Outfitters for bike rentals, canoes, kayaks, fishing, beach rentals and retail shopping. The Mediterranean-style Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina, Hilton Head Island's largest deep-water marina, located right across from Palmetto Dunes, features waterfront shopping and dining and a wide variety of charters, including nature cruises, dolphin tours, fireworks tours and fishing. For information about activities or reservations, please call 877-567-6513 or visit [www.palmettodunes.com](http://www.palmettodunes.com).

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