

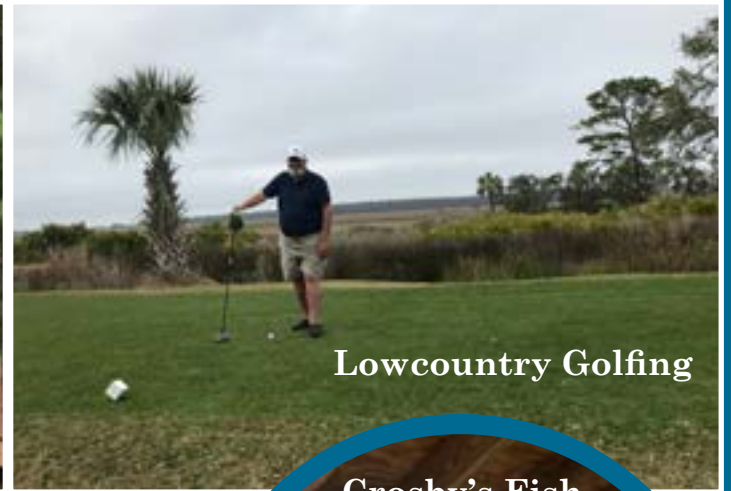
Carolinas Golf Escape

Sunday, March 1 – Sunday, March 8, 2020
Asheville, NC • Folly Beach, SC • Beaufort, SC

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Asheville Villas



Lowcountry Golfing



Folly Pier



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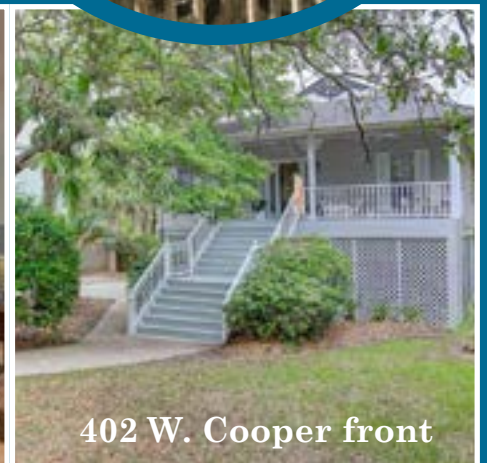
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Folly Beach 3-bedroom vacation rental homes near the Atlantic beachfront

General Information

6 full days, plus 2 days of travel

LODGING

- **Asheville, North Carolina 2 nights stay at the Villas at Crowne Plaza Resort.**

Each villa has 2 bedrooms, furnished living room, fully-equipped kitchen and outdoor deck with a view of the woods and nearby resort golf course.

- **Folly Beach, SC (5 nights)**

3 beautiful, furnished homes with towels, linens and kitchen equipment. All houses near the ocean with 6-mile sandy beach.

Dining: 8 total meals

Sun, March 1 - Dinner in downtown Asheville

Mon, March 2 - Breakfast at Crowne Plaza and dinner in downtown Asheville

Tues, March 3 - Dinner at Folly Beach restaurant

Wed, March 4 - Lunch at Vickery's, Shem Creek

Thurs, March 5 - Dinner in Folly Beach or Charleston

Fri, March 6 - Dinner in Beaufort

Sat, March 7 - Final dinner in Charleston at Oyster House or Fleet Landing

GOLF COURSES

All rounds are 18 holes with golf cart, with the exception of The Legends (9 holes).

Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC - Legendary course designed by Donald Ross framed by the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Patriots Point Links, Mt. Pleasant, SC, 30 minutes from Folly Beach, on the edge of Charleston Harbor.

Charleston National Golf Club, Mt. Pleasant, SC 45 minutes from Folly Beach. A Rees Jones designed championship course rated by Golf Digest as the best in Charleston.

The Legends on the Marine Base at Parris Island, Beaufort

Saturday final play

Choice of **Dunes West Golf & River Club**, designed by Arthur Hill, or the **City of Charleston Municipal Golf Course**.

Golf Trip Registration Form.

Organized by Aaron Leventhal, March 1-8 2020

Total cost per person: \$1,200. Open to the first 12 registered golfers with a deposit of \$250
Final Payment: \$950, due by December 15, 2019.

Name _____

Cell # _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I plan on sharing a room with: Name _____ Cell# _____

To register and hold a place for the Golf Trip, please return this form with payment to
Aaron Leventhal, 759 City Park, Columbus OH 43206. (614) 506-9666

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Everything below is included in the package. All other additional meals and attractions are the financial responsibility of the golfer. This itinerary subject to minor change.

Sunday, March 1

- Drive to Asheville, North Carolina (8 hours drive time). Transportation not provided.
- Check in to the Villas, Crowne Plaza Resort (2 nights)
- Dinner at downtown Asheville restaurant

Monday, March 2

- Breakfast at Crowne Plaza restaurant
- Golf at Grove Park Inn
- Dinner at Strada, (Italian in Downton Asheville)

Tuesday, March 3

- Drive to Folly Beach, South Carolina (5 hours drive time)
- Check in to 3-bedroom homes in Folly Beach (5 nights)
- Dinner at The Folly Beach Crab Shack on Center Street in Folly beach

Wednesday, March 4

- Golf at Patriot's Point Links
- Lunch at Vickery's, Shem Creek Marina
- Open evening (oyo)

Thursday, March 5

- Golf at Charleston National Golf Club
- Dinner at Bowen's Island Restaurant, Folly Beach



Bill Reynolds, Beaufort Tours guide at the grave of native son, writer Pat Conway

Friday, March 6

Bill Reynolds, of Beaufort Tours has organized a special day for our group:

- Pick up group in Folly Beach.
- Golf-The Legends, Parris Island (9 holes)
- Lunch at Fat Pattie's, Port Royal
- Tour of Sea Islands and Beaufort
- Dinner at The Q on the Bay, Beaufort waterfront restaurant.

Saturday, March 7

- Golf course options: Dunes West Golf & River Club or City of Charleston Municipal Golf Course
- Farewell dinner, restaurant TBD

Sunday, March 8

- Return home

For the Love of Travel



Aaron Leventhal

Folly Beach, SC

More than "Charleston's Beach Town"

As a teenager growing up in Cleveland in the late 1950s, summer days often were filled hanging out with buddies at funky Lake Erie beach towns such as Geneva-on-the-Lake. We dropped our towels, blasted out rock music on our radios, downed greasy hot dogs, fries and Cokes and gawked at bikini-clad girls.

So it's little wonder that more than a half-century later, I found myself drawn to Folly Beach, South Carolina. Known as "Charleston's Beach Town," this small island community of 2,500 residents, about a dozen miles south of Charleston, has a vibe similar to the beach towns of my youth.

While spending the past three years residing in and around Charleston to escape Ohio's cold, dreary winter days, I often made the short drive south to Folly. This past January, I shared a lovely apartment there with my wife Beth, our active three-year-old Lab Lily, and Nelson our mellow, orange cat. I experienced all the pleasures reminiscent of my beloved, historic beach towns. Folly Beach definitely has a similar funky feel and laid-back ambiance and also a hip vibe that lends to its brand as "The Edge of America."

Folly Beach residents take great pleasure in their six miles of wide, sandy public beaches; beautiful stretches of marshy wetlands; and charming homes dotting the coastline. In the town's center is a vibrant strip of shops, restaurants, cafes and pubs sans sterile fast food

and franchise stores. Since it was winter, the prices and crowds were down significantly. The residents and limited tourists seemed to enjoy the peace and tranquility before tens of thousands of visitors invade the island daily from May to August, backing up traffic for miles along the only road into and out of Folly Beach.

We spent our days strolling along the beach, enjoying sunny days with temperatures between 50-70 degrees, golfing at outstanding courses and dining at casual restaurants and pubs on fresh-caught fish and seafood.

In time, we discovered the passion and commitment the residents, businesses and government officials have to create a progressive and welcoming year-round community with the highest standards for Folly's quality of life, assuring it is much more than a summer beach town.

Dave and Kelly Miller, seniors originally from Charlotte, North Carolina, note that residents and visitors in recent years are often from the Northeast and Midwest, especially Ohio. They say the biggest attraction is that Folly Beach is laid-back with a diverse mix of young and old.

"We definitely are not a bedroom community of Charleston," Dave points out. "Our residents are very active in non-profits." The *Folly Current*, the island's monthly newspapers lists dozens of clubs and support groups, such as the Arts & Crafts Guild, Soup Ministry and Folly Beach Bird

Watchers. He is personally involved with a group of volunteers who guard turtle nests along the beach during breeding season.

I enjoyed my visits with Carl Halley, 78, formerly from Bexley and Galena and a long-time Folly Beach resident and community leader. He tells me, "Our politics are local. We are united in creating a fun and safe, family-centered community. Our volunteers, business community and government work diligently to protect and preserve the best quality of life possible for us and a legacy for future generations."

He points to efforts to prevent large commercial development companies from building high-rise structures and large-scale assisted living properties. "Our regulations limit construction height to a maximum of 35-feet high. We also encourage single-family, residential living by limiting large building construction to the first two blocks off Center Street, the only commercial strip on the island."

He smiles when he informs me, "We love our island, and it's nice to be only 30 minutes away from great dining, arts and entertainment in Charleston."

Attractions

Charleston Outdoor Adventures, on Bowen's Island Road, specializes in guided boat tours, fishing charters and kayaking and paddle board tours and rentals. Steps away is Bowen's Island Restaurant, a Lowcountry landmark famous for its local oysters, shrimp, fish and crabs. Open for dinner only.

Bert's Market, the only grocery on Folly Beach is open daily 24/7. (Their motto is, "We may doze, but we never close.") It's a popular gathering place with free coffee and a hodgepodge of food and merchandise, staffed by some of the nicest people you ever will meet.

Charleston Tea Plantation, the only tea planta-



Folly Pier is a great spot to fish, watch spectacular sunsets, enjoy a drink at the patio bar and dinner at BLU Beach Bar & Grill.

tion in North America, offers guided trolley tours, complimentary tea bar tastings and a well-stocked gift shop.

McLeod Plantation Historic Site has a guided tour along a one-kilometer trail that tells a fascinating story of the conflicted relationships between blacks and whites before, during and after the Civil War.

Johns Island features the Angel Oak, a magnificent 65-foot, 400-year-old live oak tree, and Johns Island Farmers Market where vendors sell local products on Saturdays.

Golf

Lowcountry courses are links-designed on flat land with many waterways, Palmetto trees and tall grasses. Bermuda grass sets balls up well on fairways. During the low seasons, green fees are reduced and tee times are easy to obtain. With the exception of the well-cared-for City of Charleston Municipal Golf Course, I played primarily at nearby Mt. Pleasant courses open to the public, including: Charleston National, designed by Reese Jones; Dunes West Golf and River Club; Patriot's Point Links at Charleston Harbor; and the Rivertowne Country Club course, designed by Arnold Palmer. It is worth a trip south to historic Beaufort to play Legends Golf Course on the Parris Island Marine base, once open exclusively to military officers. Be pre-

pared to share the courses with alligators!

Lowcountry cuisine developed with influences from Africa, the Caribbean, France and England. Primary ingredients include long-grain rice, seafood, sausage and local produce. Specialties include she-crab soup, okra gumbo, fried green tomatoes, shrimp and



Aaron and Lilly, visit with civic leader Carl Halley, formerly of Central Ohio.

grits, fresh and fried oysters, fried chicken and pecan pie.

The restaurants listed below are mostly small, independent restaurants, cafes and pubs that serve Lowcountry dishes. Many have outdoor dining when weather permits, and dogs are welcome. Many offer live music without a cover.

Folly Beach and James Island favorites include Jack of Cups Saloon, noted for global pub grub; Folly Beach Crab Shack; Snapper Jack's; Rita's Seaside Grille; Ellis Creek Fish Camp; and the Wash Out, a popu-

lar hang-out for burgers, roasted oysters and rockin' bands. Crosby's Seafood is a legendary market for local fish and seafood, much of it caught aboard the company's shrimp and fishing boats (a Jimmy Buffet favorite).

Where to Stay:

I rented our two-bedroom apartment three blocks from the ocean from Kevin in Edenborough, owner and manager of Seaside Property Management. A Folly Beach resident since 1998, following graduation from Purdue University in engineering and a distinguished career as a U.S. Air Force jet pilot and trainer. It was comfortably furnished with linens, kitchen ware, WiFi, washer and dryer, and free parking. Kevin manages four additional three-bedroom homes, all a short distance from the sea. He offers great savings for bookings out of the high season and can be reached at 843-696-4503.

Kevin also assisted me in developing a "Carolina Winter Golf Escape," March 1-8, 2020. I booked his properties and packaged them with golf, sightseeing and dining for up to 12 golfers. Check it out at leventhaltravel.com and call me if you're interested at 614-506-9666.

For more information: www.visitfolly.com

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