



**WILD DUNES OFFERS THE BEST OF TWO WORLDS:
BEACH RESORT MEETS THE CHARM AND HISTORY OF CHARLESTON, SC**

CHARLESTON, S.C. - Charleston is a true rarity, a historic city by the sea that has attracted international acclaim for its cuisine, architecture, culture and gentility.

A mere 30-minute ride from Wild Dunes Resort brings our guests to another place and time. In Charleston, winding cobblestone alleys lead one past secret gardens. The vibrant, buzzing life of a college campus mingles with the refinement of King Street antiquaries. The fragrance of millions of spring, summer and fall blooms drifts with the sound of music wafting from the city's abundant houses of worship. This is a city that routinely garners national media attention, high praise from visitors and many return trips. It becomes clear upon arrival why readers of *CondéNast Traveler* routinely name Charleston one of the top five visitor destinations in the country.

Something for Everyone

Each year, more than four million visitors discover the charms of Charleston.

Every season brings something worth celebrating. In the spring, the renowned Spoleto Festival USA infuses the city and surrounding areas with symphonies, dance, theatre, opera and the visual arts. Neighborhood celebrations, art walks, garden tours and much more honor this most glorious season in this semi-tropical paradise. Summer finds most of Charleston at the beach, or hosting friends and families on the wide, breezy porches that define this city. Fall brings the MOJA Festival, a celebration of African and Caribbean culture, downtown historic house tours and more artwalks. Winter is marked with oysters by the bushel, holiday celebrations at every turn, and a climate temperate enough to send residents and visitors alike outdoors.

But then, it never takes much bidding to get Charlestonians out enjoying themselves. And visitors are just as welcome to the many festivals, farmers markets, beach parties and other events that have helped make Charleston a consistent choice as America's Most Polite City.

History buffs enjoy touring Civil War sites, visiting the Hunley Submarine (recovered recently from the floor of Charleston Harbor), and touring the historic city that played a key role in both the Revolutionary and Civil wars. Visitors can even board the aircraft carrier and other modern military craft at the Patriots Point Naval Maritime Museum after they experience the only Congressional Medal of Honor Museum on the hangar deck of the USS Yorktown. The City is home to the nation's oldest museum, The Charleston Museum, and one of its newest: the South Carolina Aquarium, home to nearly 10,000 aquatic creatures.

Food-lovers will never tire of a visit to Charleston, which has earned high praise from the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Esquire* magazine and countless others for its sophisticated cuisine. In a city that supports dozens of classic, casual and ethnic restaurants, all palates are welcome and leave satisfied. In March of 2008, Charleston hosted its third annual Food and Wine Festival that attracted more than 13,000 visitors to sample the culinary mastery of more than 100 chefs that can be found throughout Charleston.

Sports enthusiasts can enjoy professional soccer, baseball, football and basketball in Charleston, as local teams combine family-fun and competitive play. Of course, those who prefer playing over watching can choose from world-class golf and tennis, hiking and birding the many local nature trails, kayaking or canoeing the estuaries and

off-shore waters, racing in the annual Cooper River Bridge Run or jogging solo around the historic Battery and other lovely downtown neighborhoods.

For more information on current events and visitor attractions visit charlestoncvb.com.

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