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Gentle beaches, nature adventures, and activities to wear everyone out: These are the themes across the 20 best U.S. islands for families, as chosen by our readers.
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Isle of Palms, South Carolina

A little more than a 15-minute drive from Charleston, the Isle of Palms is an easy escape for families who want loads of beach time, killer sunsets, and family-friendly competitions like the annual Piccolo Spoleto Sand Sculpting Contest. For something more exclusive, check out the 1,600-acre Wild Dunes Resort and its impressive recreation program.