

Welcome to the

ISLAND LIFE

DISCOVER THE SECRETS OF THE SOUTHERN ISLES

DOWN THE ATLANTIC COAST, FROM CHARLESTON TO JACKSONVILLE, ARE SOME OF THE COUNTRY'S BEST-KEPT SECRETS. THESE LITTLE ISLANDS BOAST THE PERFECT MIX OF LAID-BACK BEACH STYLE AND SOUTHERN CHARM. BY KELLY HEITZ

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One of the chicest new restaurants in Charleston. Anson hosts an elegant meal and a fantastic wine list.

CHIC EATS

Located at 12 Anson Street, Anson recently reopened after a kitchen fire shut down the restaurant in 2014. Now, fully redecorated and back with a splash, this elegant, two-story restaurant has lighting mastered, setting the mood for intimate dinners and parties, with an interior that has an equestrian tilt. With some of the freshest, most succulent shellfish and seafood in Charleston, Anson primarily sources from local purveyors, while mixing in more eclectic ingredients for an extra kick. ansonrestaurant.com

Inspired by the roaring 20s, The Spectator Hotel is an experience unlike any other in Charleston.

The Holy City

CHARLESTON HAS LONG BEEN A COLORFUL CITY OF INTRIGUE AND FRISSON. FOUNDED IN 1670, THIS SOUTHERN CITY IS DEFINED BY ITS COBBLESTONE STREETS, ITS PRE-CIVIL WAR PASTEL-COLORED HOMES, AND ITS ATMOSPHERIC HARBOR ALONGSIDE WATERFRONT PARK. **BY EVA FEDDERLY**

CHANNEL GATSBY

Inspired by the Roaring Twenties, The Spectator Hotel is nestled into the historic district of downtown. Upon arriving at The Spectator, guests receive a complimentary cocktail, as well as access to the hotel's bikes. The Spectator Hotel also has a bespoke butler service, where specialized professionals cater to your every need and serve as gatekeepers to the city of Charleston. The Bar is a trendy cocktail lounge inside of the hotel inspired by the Jazz Age, where mixologists craft the perfect drink for every set of taste buds. thespectatorhotel.com

WALK THROUGH HISTORY

Founded in 1773, The Charleston Museum is recognized as the first

museum in the United States. Tracing American history throughout the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, the museum blends "beauty and pain, grace and war, great storms and calm seas." The goal of the museum is to educate visitors about the cultural and natural history of the South Carolina Lowcountry. Tickets to the museum are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children (children under 2 are free). The Charleston Museum is open seven days a week. charlestonmuseum.org

THE ART GALLERY YOU WANT TO HANG OUT IN

Located on Charleston's east side, The George Gallery on Bogard Street features contemporary art and often has a trendy scene. Regularly hosting gallery openings with night crowds that spill onto the sidewalk,

The George Gallery is known for its abstractions and textures, with a fresh take on contemporary art. The April show will feature "Broad Spaces," a show by two female artists from Memphis, Tenn. For additional information on upcoming exhibits visit georgegalleryart.com.

RESTORING OLD CHARLESTON

Restoration on King is a boutique hotel that is located right on Charleston's famous King Street. Newly expanded and renovated, the Restoration is no doubt in a prime Charleston location. For an added special touch, the Restoration's staff delivers breakfast every morning in a charming picnic basket to every guest's room.



The George Gallery is a little corner gallery with a lot of personality. They have regular openings so check their website for events while you're in town!





Hampton is a unique shopping experience that caters to every individual customer

THE SOUTHERN SHOPPING MECCA

King Street is home to some of the best shopping in the world. Here are two you can't miss.

HAMPDEN

This 1800 square foot boutique offers a wonderful mix of vintage and contemporary clothing. The shop is already a find, and it's also offering an assortment of vintage, a key to being clear with history. Each season the store's team travels to New York City and Paris to bring back some of the most exclusive brands and latest designs in the world. The store has a lot of special styles, tanks and crystals. Check out the shop's shopping experience at Hampton.

hamptondesign.com

IBU

IBU is a local and global movement. Founded by Susan Gill White, a graduate of the University of Georgia, IBU is a non-profit organization that focuses on the health, education and empowerment of women and girls in developing countries. IBU is a 501(c)(3) organization and is a member of the United Way. For more information, visit www.ibumovement.com



WINOS UNITE!

The Grand Bohemian Hotel is a unique experience that caters to every individual customer. The hotel is a historic landmark and offers a variety of amenities and services. The hotel is a member of the Historic Hotels of America and is a part of the Historic Hotels of America. For more information, visit www.grandbohemian.com

Stay in the Grand Bohemian Hotel for an incredible wine blending and tasting experience

HISTORIC CHARLESTON

THE HOLY CITY'S HISTORY IS PART OF ITS BEAUTY. DON'T MISS THESE AMAZING HISTORICAL LANDMARKS.

DOCK STREET THEATRE
Known as 'America's First Theatre'
charlestonstage.com

CHARLESTON CITY MARKET
Built in 1841 and still going strong
thecharleston-citymarket.com

PATRIOTS POINT
Board the USS Yorktown and USS Lafferty
patriotpoint.org

OLD SLAVE MARY MUSEUM
The only known intact building used as a slave auction gallery in SC
oldslavemary-museum.com

MAGNOLIA PLANTATION
Stunning home with even better gardens
magnoliaplantation.com

ANGEL OAK
Believed to be over 1500 years old
angeloaktree.org

FORT SUMNER
The first battle of the Civil War
nps.gov/fosu

DRAYTON HALL
America's oldest un-restored plantation house still open to the public
draytonhall.org

FORT MOULTRIE
Learn about the evolution of seacoast defense from the Revolution to WW
nps.gov/fosu

MORRIS ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE
Located off Folly Beach on an ecologically and historically sensitive barrier island
savetheflight.org

BRUNCH SO HARD
Toast is a casual, seemingly non-descript restaurant located downtown that has one of the best breakfasts in Charleston. Arguably serving the best Eggs Benedict in the South, and perhaps the nation, Toast is also home of the Bottomless Mimosa brunch. Toast is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner and their ingredients are served fresh and local with homemade goodness. For dinner, be sure to try the Fried Sweet Tea Glazed Chicken for a Southern treat.
toastofcharleston.com

ASIAN FUSION
Located in a converted gas station on Rutledge Avenue, Xiao Bao Biscuit serves up innovative multicultural Asian cuisine and specialty cocktails. Selecting dishes from China, Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam, the menu changes seasonally with rotating daily specials and family style dinners. Can't decide? Try the Butter Curry, a braised lamb shoulder in a traditional butter curry sauce; it's one of Bao Biscuit's signature dishes.
xiaoebaobiscuit.com

COASTAL BEACH GUIDE

Your guide to the best beaches in the coastal South.

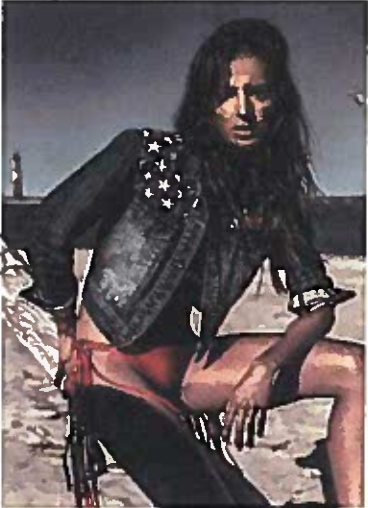
Folly Beach, South Carolina
Just south of Charleston, Folly Beach is an eclectic and fun coastal town. The style here is laid-back and fun, and the atmosphere is just what you need to relax and enjoy the sun. Folly is a great place to visit with family and friends.
www.follybeach.com

Wilton Head, South Carolina
Wilton Head is a beautiful and relaxing coastal town. The beach is perfect for family vacations and is a great place to visit with friends. The town is a mix of old and new, and the atmosphere is just what you need to relax and enjoy the sun.
www.wiltonhead.com

Isle of Palms, South Carolina
The Isle of Palms is a beautiful and relaxing coastal town. The beach is perfect for family vacations and is a great place to visit with friends. The town is a mix of old and new, and the atmosphere is just what you need to relax and enjoy the sun.
www.isleofpalms.com

Jekyll Island, Georgia
Jekyll Island is a beautiful and relaxing coastal town. The beach is perfect for family vacations and is a great place to visit with friends. The town is a mix of old and new, and the atmosphere is just what you need to relax and enjoy the sun.
www.jekyllisland.com

Kiawah Island, South Carolina
Kiawah Island is a beautiful and relaxing coastal town. The beach is perfect for family vacations and is a great place to visit with friends. The town is a mix of old and new, and the atmosphere is just what you need to relax and enjoy the sun.
www.kiawahisland.com



Tybee Island, Georgia
Just 20 minutes from downtown Savannah, Tybee Island is the perfect little getaway. The atmosphere is just what you need to relax and enjoy the sun. The town is a mix of old and new, and the atmosphere is just what you need to relax and enjoy the sun.
www.tybeeisland.com

Saint Simons Island, Georgia
Uniquely distinct, Saint Simons Island is a beautiful and relaxing coastal town. The beach is perfect for family vacations and is a great place to visit with friends. The town is a mix of old and new, and the atmosphere is just what you need to relax and enjoy the sun.
www.saintsimons.com



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