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Imagine cruising down South Carolina's spectacular Intracoastal Waterway in a luxury yacht, beverage in hand, watching the sun set amongst live oaks draped with Spanish moss from a 28-foot-high deck before dining on a five-course gourmet meal and retiring to a guest room with all the comforts of home. Choose the menu, plan the daily schedule if you want one, the crew is at your disposal. Or perhaps your dream is golf, golf and more golf. Maybe you see yourself on a world-famous resort course such as Kiawah Island's Ocean Course, Hilton Head Island's Harbour Town Golf Links, or any number of the other spectacular--and exclusive--courses in South Carolina. Your every play is anticipated by your personal scouting report on the course layout; your game improved by a lesson from your personal golf pro.

Either trip would be a dream come true. Believe it or not, golfers can experience both aboard the 93-foot Charlestonian, a luxurious yacht offering golf cruises between Charleston and Savannah. The yacht specializes in cruises of between four and six days for groups of between four and eight passengers. The small group size allows Charlestonian staffers to cater all aspects of the cruise to their passengers' unique tastes, on and off the course. "This is the best trip I've ever been involved with," said the Charlestonian's Bob Murray, a captain for more than 30 years. "This is the most customized trip ever done. People always walk off the boat with smiles on their faces."

For those who can afford the \$1,000 per day price there's no reason not to smile. Each day begins with a sumptuous breakfast on the second deck as the yacht sails down the tranquil Coastal waters toward the

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closest port to the afternoon's round. Arriving at the port, passengers board a custom van for a short ride to the course. During the ride, former golf pro Pete Wofford prepares the group for that day's golf experience then makes sure everything is ready for the round--each guest's favorite snacks and beverages, even cigars--and packed aboard the golf cart. If requested, Wofford often supplies a few last-minute swing tips and he sticks around with a camera to shoot pictures for a scrapbook the guests receive. Everything but tips for the Charlestonian crew is included in the daily fee.

Wofford's groups are treated to some of the world's greatest and most popular courses. Kiawah's Ocean Course and Hilton Head's Harbour Town Golf Links are the two most-frequent picks. Docking at Harbour Town Marina, only a short golf cart ride from the first tee, is a highlight of playing at the home of the PGA Tour's MCI Heritage. The harrowing challenge provides much of the appeal at the Ocean Course, site of the 1991 Ryder Cup matches. Wild Dunes Resort's Links Course is another seaside favorite. There are plenty of beautiful and challenging courses to dock at during this customized cruise.

Guests often return to the yacht to relive their round over drinks while taking in the views from the highest of the three decks. If they want to cool off, they can head inside and enjoy cable television in the air-conditioned cabin. The highlight of each night is the gourmet dinner prepared by Chef Randy Prater in a restaurant-sized galley and served on an oversized glass table. A trip on the Charlestonian combines a luxurious cruise and world-class golf into one dream package.

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