

The Sanctuary

at Kiawah Island

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Breathtaking natural beauty meets absolute luxury. Nestled among live oaks and miles of unspoiled beach, a grand seaside mansion majestically awaits. Named “The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island” this four-story 255-room hotel is Kiawah’s newest enhancement - and the state’s most lavish hotel ever to be built.

The ambiance is as timeless as the ocean itself. In addition to unparalleled views of the Atlantic, The Sanctuary possesses the Old World charm of Charleston’s great estates. A beautiful mix of Southern decor and island furnishings, the soft creak of walnut floors and stunning antiques creates the hotel’s genteel sensibility. Rolling waves afford an unforgettable backdrop for The Sanctuary experience.

The guestrooms and suites are some of the largest in America. Each features an elegant four-poster bed, luxurious bedding, handcrafted furnishings, and marble bathrooms—many with a paradisiacal glimpse of the surf. Depending on one’s preference, location is key. Club rooms feature private access to a communal retreat while others are just steps away from the spa.

Designed to complement the hotel’s Southern aesthetic, the luxury spa (the first public offering on the island) is as relaxing as sitting on a breezy porch or enjoying the serenity of a tranquil garden. And the experience? Ultra-therapeutic. With 12 spacious treatment rooms available, guests can choose from steam baths to nourishing facials, sea scrubs, massages, couple, half-, full-, and multi-day packages.

Dining options at the hotel abound. The Ocean Room, cloaked with beautiful mahogany and custom ironwork, overlooks the beach and offers New American cuisine. For a more casual Southern dining experience, guests can retreat to the Jasmine Porch, or dine al fresco at Loggerhead Grill. There’s even a small ice cream shop, Beaches and Cream, to satisfy the sweet tooth.

Other diversions include relaxing by one of two infinity pools, working out at the fitness center or teeing off from one of the island’s five world-class golf courses. For those wanting a little local flavor, historic Charleston is just a short drive away.

In every way, The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island has earned its name—and its reputation—as a refuge from the day to day. An escape from the ordinary.

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