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Three World-Class Golf Courses Offer Unparalleled Golf at Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA — Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort is one of the premier golfing destinations in the Southeast. Guests may choose from three superb courses, each one distinctively different, yet challenging. Palmetto Dunes offers a storied history of unparalleled golf experiences for guests from all corners of the globe. The resort is renowned for the excellent quality of its courses, challenging layouts and commitment to customer service.

The Robert Trent Jones Oceanfront Course has been rated by readers of Golfweek Magazine among the best courses in the Southeast. Its signature hole, the dramatic par-five 10th, which was named a South Carolina Dream Hole, offers sweeping views of the Atlantic Ocean and is widely considered one of the most spectacular holes in the United States. One of only two oceanfront holes on Hilton Head Island, the course's legendary 10th delights golfers of every skill level.

An extensive renovation of the Jones Oceanfront Course involved reshaping and restructuring tees, greens and bunkers. Workers also elevated and reshaped the fairways, and improved natural drainage with the addition of the unique, 11-mile lagoon system that weaves its way through and around all three golf courses. Adding a set of junior or "short course" tees to the Jones Oceanfront Course's layout enabled the resort to launch the Palmetto Dunes Junior Golf Academy and underscored Greenwood's commitment to the next generation of golfers.

When renovation work was completed, the South Carolina Board of Directors of the National Golf Course Owners Association named the Robert Trent Jones Oceanfront Course the South Carolina Golf Course of the Year. The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, an Audubon International program, has also designated the course a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" for its commitment to providing a sanctuary for wildlife.

The Arthur Hills Course at Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort takes full advantage of the natural beauty of this South Carolina sea island. Another prior South Carolina Course of the Year, this spectacular layout represents a careful blend of beauty and challenge. Stands of palmetto trees line the graceful fairways. Built on a series of rolling dunes, the Arthur Hills Course presents many opportunities for off-balance lies, while ocean breezes add to the challenge. Ten holes on the water further encourage precision play.

Fodor's Golf Digest ranks the Arthur Hills layout at 4.5 stars and the course again made the "Best You Can Play" select list from the South Carolina Golf Course Ratings Panel. Additionally, Arthur Hills was named a selected course by Golf Digest in its ranking of Hilton Head as No. 9 on the list of America's Best Buddies Trip Destinations for 2013. The course plays 6,651 yards from the back tees.

Many golfers regard the George Fazio Course at Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort, the island's only par-70 course, as Hilton Head Island's most challenging championship course. Designed by George Fazio, the Fazio Course has been ranked among America's Top 100 courses and has also been named the South Carolina Golf Course of the Year by the South Carolina Board of Directors of the National Golf Course Owners Association. The Fazio layout, which recently underwent a complete greens replacement, demands a combination of long play and precise golf shots. From its 432-yard opening hole to its 462-yard finisher, the Fazio Course plays 6,873 yards from the championship tees.

Palmetto Dunes does not cater to the advanced golfer only. Permanent junior tees at the Jones Course allow younger golfers and beginners to tackle a beautiful, 2,625-yard layout, while the Fazio Course also caters to juniors, with markings of 150 yards or less on the course.

Palmetto Dunes boasts a state-of-the-art fleet of golf carts produced by Club Car. The fleets at Palmetto Dunes include golf carts equipped with Global Positioning System (GPS), as well as USB ports to charge cell phones and play music devices — all designed to suit a golfer's enjoyment and functionality. In addition, Palmetto Dunes offers a dozen four-person golf carts that serve a host of capabilities: Family foursomes playing out of one cart, while also

getting in some walking, small corporate outings and scramble tournaments with all four players in the same golf cart, adding a sense of team and relationship building, and more.

Golfers playing Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort's trio of award-winning courses can pedal from hole to hole versus taking a golf cart or hoofing it. The first resort in the Carolinas and along the East Coast to offer the revolutionary Golf Bike, Palmetto Dunes visitors can boost their calorie-burning quotient while teeing it up on some of the south's most beautiful and challenging courses.

GOLF INSTRUCTION

In addition to its trio of outstanding golf courses, Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort operates one of the world's top golf academies — including TPI Fitness and 3D instruction with Gears Golf — offering a variety of instructional programs for golfers of all skill levels, all under the direction of former PGA Tour player Doug Weaver, Palmetto Dunes' highly respected Director of Instruction. Weaver heads a staff of outstanding PGA Class A professionals averaging 17 years of instruction, who provide hands-on instruction to golfers with proficiency and expertise.

Palmetto Dunes welcomes golfers of all ages and abilities. The Palmetto Dunes Golf Academy tees up lessons and daily clinics from PGA professionals designed for juniors, seniors and ladies alike, as well as Monday evening demonstrations and specialized programs. The golf school includes a video analysis sent by email, on-course instruction, rules and etiquette lessons, the school's video lending library, take-home materials, free range privileges, plus nine holes of golf daily on a space-available basis. Private lessons are available from PGA Professionals. With a student-instructor ratio of 6:1, the clinic offers nearly individual attention.

For more information about the three world-class golf courses at Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort or The Palmetto Dunes Golf Academy, please contact 877-567-6513.

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About Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort

Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort is a 2,000-acre resort destination located in the middle of Hilton Head Island, S.C., bounded by 3 miles of Atlantic Ocean beach on one side and a sheltered Intracoastal Waterway marina on the other. Named No. 3 "Best Resort in the South" in Condé Nast Traveler's Readers' Choice Awards and to the top 25 World's Best Family Getaways by Travel + Leisure, the resort features vacation home and villa rentals, three world-class golf courses, an award-winning tennis and pickleball center, an 11-mile inland salt-water lagoon system for kayaking and fishing, and Hilton Head Outfitters for bike rentals, canoes, kayaks, fishing, beach rentals and retail shopping. The Mediterranean-style Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina, Hilton Head Island's largest deep-water marina, located right across from Palmetto Dunes, features waterfront shopping and dining and a wide variety of charters, including nature cruises, dolphin tours, fireworks tours and fishing. For information about activities or reservations, please call 877-567-6513 or visit www.palmettodunes.com.

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