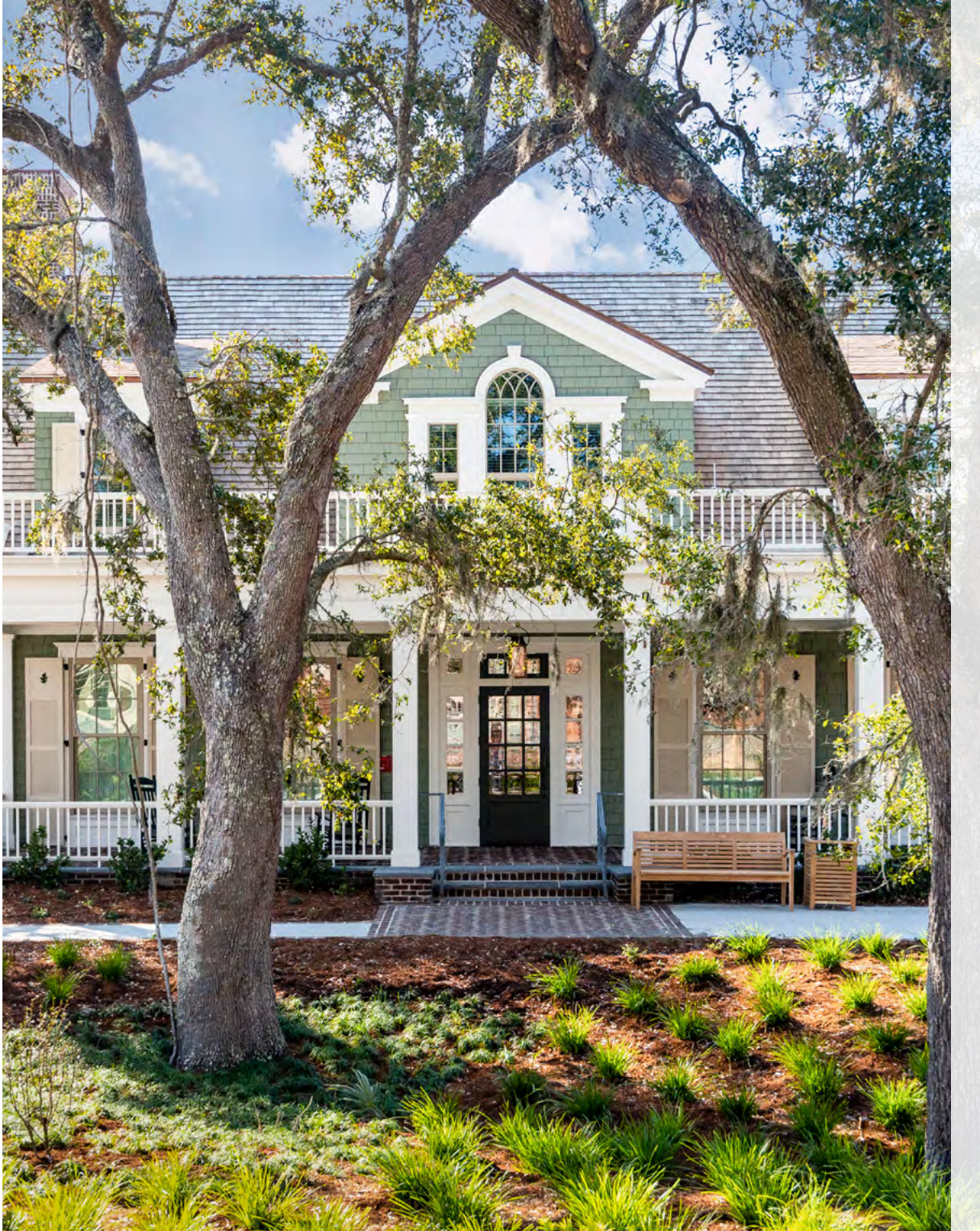


KIAWAH TRADITIONS

let the sun shine in

FALL | WINTER 2022





We all know Kiawah Island is a remarkable place. Sometimes it's good to hear it from an outside authority. This year, The Sanctuary achieved *Forbes Travel Guide* Five-Star status for the fourteenth consecutive year and Five Diamonds from AAA for the sixteenth consecutive year. *Travel + Leisure* readers voted us the number one resort in South Carolina and among the world's 25 best islands. These are just a few of the numerous recognitions we've earned.

Much of that is attributable to the island's natural beauty and the thoughtfully designed built environment. But it's also due to our team that takes such pride in providing the highest level of service. A prime example: Sanctuary Executive Pastry Chef Jordan Snider has honed his craft to such a high level that he has advanced, along with the other two members of Team USA, to represent the country at the world's most prestigious pastry competition held in France in January.

We also value our traditions, such as Mingo Point Oyster Roast and BBQ, but we don't rest on our laurels. We constantly strive to improve in order to bring you the very best experience. So this year we open The Nest Market | Café. Nestled under Night Heron Park's live oaks, The Nest Market | Café will be a gathering place to enjoy fresh-baked goods and a cup of coffee, or to pick up grocery staples and other sundries.

I close with this: the ultimate factor that defines the resort is you. Whether you've been returning for 46 years or you are a newcomer, you have been indispensable for making this place a world-class resort. Thank you, and we all can't wait to welcome you back.

Roger M. Warren, PGA
President, Kiawah Island Golf Resort

TEE UP YOUR GOLF GETAWAY

Golf is a four season sport in the Carolina Lowcountry, so our subtropical climate makes an ideal dream golf getaway. Our team of reservationists will work directly with you to customize every aspect of your visit.

For women golfers—whether experienced or novices—Kiawah Women’s Golf Workshops provide a bootcamp-style experience to promote rapid improvement. Led by the resort’s dedicated team of fun, friendly teaching professionals, the weekends are a blend of range instruction and hole-playing instruction that allows the pupil to apply what they’ve learned.

Golf groups of 12 or more can reenact one of the most storied moments in golf history, the 1991 Ryder Cup that played out dramatically on The Ocean Course.

Match-play occurs over three days on three separate courses (including The Ocean Course). In addition to golf rounds, the Ryder Cup Experience includes three-nights’ accommodations, opening and closing beer-and-wine receptions and daily breakfast.

For the ultimate destination golf adventure for adults, The Ocean Course Cottage Experience provides deluxe accommodations nestled beside the iconic clubhouse and overlooking the driving range with the Atlantic as a dramatic backdrop. Each guest enjoys a daily round of golf, unlimited range time at The Ocean Course, prearrival tee time booking, daily breakfast and a distinctive welcome amenity.

Learn more about all of Kiawah Island Golf Resort’s [special golf offerings](#).





FALL AND WINTER TENNIS WEEKENDS

A longstanding favorite, Fall and Winter Tennis Weekends offer an opportunity to improve your game and meet fellow enthusiasts. While instructional sessions are intense, covering play action, technical evaluation, conditioning and match play, there is still ample time allotted for socializing and relaxation. All tennis activities will be held at the Roy Barth Tennis Center, which was once again named the number one tennis resort in the world by TennisResortsOnline.

Once reserved solely for women, our Tennis Weekends are now open to men as well, provided they accompany a female playing partner. The program also welcomes couples' groups of four.

Learn more about our [Tennis Weekends](#) and view a sample agenda.

START A NEW TRADITION

We are pleased to introduce our inaugural Women's Pickleball Weekends. With the tremendously rapid growth of the sport, Kiawah Island Golf Resort welcomed a dedicated pickleball instructor last year. Much like our Tennis Weekends, Pickleball Weekends offer a chance for female players to improve their game in a social environment. The program includes nine hours of instruction as well as round-robin play with coaches.

Learn more about our [Women's Pickleball Weekends](#).



SANCTUARY PASTRY CHEF GOES FOR GOLD

If you have ever had the opportunity to visit The Sanctuary between Thanksgiving and New Year's, you've no doubt marveled at the enormous holiday-themed sculpture prominently displayed in the main lobby of the hotel. Crafted completely of chocolate, those annual creations are the brainchild of Executive Pastry Chef Jordan Snider and executed flawlessly by him and his pastry team.

Chef Snider's creative talents extend beyond The Sanctuary and Kiawah Island Golf Resort, though. In mid-January, he and three other members of Team USA will travel to Lyon, France to represent our country in the elite international competition Coupe du Monde de la Pâtisserie. There they will compete against other top national teams from the Americas, Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East for gold, silver and bronze medals.

Learn more about how Chef Snider and Team USA won the opportunity to advance to what is often referred to as "[The Olympics for Pastry Chefs.](#)"

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WELCOME TO THE NEST MARKET | CAFÉ

This season, Town Center Market closes its doors for a final time to make way for an exciting new addition. In its place, The Nest Market | Café, located in Night Heron Park (which itself has just undergone a significant refreshment), provides a centrally located gathering spot to pick up the morning paper and a cup of freshly brewed gourmet coffee. It also serves an enticing range of fresh baked goods from the ovens of the resort pastry team. Similar to its predecessor, The Nest Market | Café will provide a selection of grocery staples and fulfill the pre-arrival stock-the-pantry service for Villa and Home guests.

A delectable menu of both hot and cold items, including gourmet sandwiches and salads, can be enjoyed indoors, at tables situated on the wide veranda overlooking the park's Spanish moss-draped live oaks, or to go. In addition to a wide assortment of beer and wine, The Nest Market | Café also has guests covered with those beach or pool essentials that they forgot to pack, as well as a great selection of resort-branded casual wear, swimsuit cover-ups, tees and souvenirs.

Explore the resort's complete collection of [dining options](#).



COFFEE AND OTHER CRAVINGS

Directly across the passage from The Lobby Bar in The Sanctuary, the new Signature Gourmet Coffee Shop invites guests to savor flavorful coffee and baked delicacies prepared fresh daily by nationally recognized Executive Pastry Chef Jordan Snider. Signature Gourmet also serves an extensive menu of hot or cold breakfast and lunch items as well as grab-and-go options.





DRAGONFLIES, DOLPHINS AND BIRDS, OH MY!

While fall in the South Carolina Lowcountry does not feature the kaleidoscopic foliage found in more northerly climates, the season is not dull. Kiawah Island undergoes subtle changes, such as the tall sweetgrass that sprouts poofs of lavender flowers. Exploring the island's 30-plus miles of bike paths is an excellent way to slow down and witness the subtle changes.

Autumn is prime time to observe bottlenose dolphins strand feeding, a unique learned behavior passed from generation to generation. Adult dolphins form a line to herd fish onto the bank, then intentionally beach themselves to feast. Guests can observe this behavior from a respectful distance by booking a guided motorboat, kayak or stand-up paddleboard excursion.

Kiawah Island is located along the Atlantic Flyway, making it a temporary waystation for thousands of migratory bird species. September through November ushers in a

succession of sojourners, including grebes, flickers, phoebes and kinglets, plus the occasional peregrine falcon and merlin. By October, bluebirds and robins begin to flock to eat berry crops, and soaring great horned owls and bald eagles begin courting. An astonishing number of waterfowl species begin pouring in, particularly as Northern frigid snaps push them southward.

Another fascinating species that stops off on Kiawah Island during migration is a wide range of dragonflies. Typically occurring in early September, dragonfly migration can be so dense it has been detected as a cloud by radar. Typical varieties that can be observed include comet darter, common green darter and swamp darter.

Call the Heron Park Nature Center at 843.768.6001 to learn more about how you can plan your perfect fall nature excursions, and explore all of Kiawah Island Golf Resort's [nature programs](#).

A SEASON OF CELEBRATION AND TRADITION

A magical place any time of year, Kiawah Island becomes truly enchanting during the festive season. Starting the week of Thanksgiving and continuing through New Year's Day, guests can experience an abundance of holiday dining, breathtaking seasonal décor and special programming. The serious celebrations begin the day after Thanksgiving, with a grand tree-lighting ceremony, a parade culminating in a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus and a horde of family activities and friendly competitions, right through to the traditional polar bear plunge on New Year's Day.

Many beloved traditions (such as the Mingo Point Oyster Roast & BBQ, Tomasso's authentic Italian Feast of the Seven Fishes on Christmas Eve and the unveiling of the chocolate sculpture in The Sanctuary) will now mingle with new ones. Ornament-making and holiday craft workshops at Turtle's Nest Art Studio at Night Heron Park are offered throughout the season.

A highlight for young children is story time with Mrs. Claus on the Grand Lawn followed by the arrival of Santa at The Sanctuary, where he will visit with children in the Morning Room to hear their Christmas wishes. The Sanctuary lobby will also have a special letter-writing station and an express mailbox where children can post their wish lists.

Be sure to visit our [Christmas at Kiawah](#) page as more details emerge, and call Reservations at 800.654.2924 to plan your festive season getaway.



A CULINARY AFFAIR

Anticipation is mounting for the return of Gourmet & Grapes in early 2023. This weekend-long signature culinary event features the world's top wineries and distilleries as well as James Beard Award-winning chefs, tastings, demonstrations, a black-tie dinner and more. Since its inception in 2009, Gourmet & Grapes has raised more than five million dollars to fund lifesaving research and cancer care at MUSC Hollings Cancer Center in Charleston. Watch the [Gourmet & Grapes](#) page for details.

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