

HILTON HEAD ISLAND · LOCAL GUIDE

Hilton Head Island in April

Weather, crowds, events, and the best things to do

Thinking about visiting Hilton Head Island in April? You picked one of the absolute best months of the year! April is when the island fully steps into spring—warm sunshine, blooming landscapes, and that perfect coastal breeze that makes you want to stay outside all day.

> **The Quick Answer**
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> April on Hilton Head Island means highs near 75°, busier crowds (especially during RBC Heritage week), and the island's biggest event of the year: the PGA TOUR's RBC Heritage at Harbour Town Golf Links. Whether you're planning a couples getaway, spring break with the family, or a friends trip to recharge, April feels effortless and vibrant.

It's lively without feeling overwhelming, beautiful in every direction. Golf season is in full swing, patios are packed, and beach days officially return.

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75°
AVERAGE HIGH

58°
OVERNIGHT LOWS

Busy
CROWD LEVELS

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Weather in April

75°
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66°
OCEAN TEMPERATURE

58°
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Golden sunsets and comfortably warm afternoons.

April weather is one of the biggest reasons the island feels so alive this time of year—warm enough for beach days, but still mild enough to enjoy long bike rides and outdoor dining without the heat of summer. Here's what to expect:

- **Daytime highs** average around 72–78°F (22–26°C) — perfect beach weather
- **Evening lows** settle around 55–60°F (13–16°C) — light layers recommended
- **Ocean temperatures** hover near 64–68°F (18–20°C) — swimmable for many
- **Humidity** stays moderate and comfortable
- **Rainfall** is light to moderate with occasional brief spring showers
- **Longer daylight hours** mean more time outside

Compared to March, April feels warmer, brighter, and ready for summer.

TIMING YOUR TRIP

Crowd Levels



Sunny, lively, and full of energy!

April is one of Hilton Head's most popular months—spring breakers, golf groups, and event-goers all flock to the island to take advantage of ideal weather. Expect:

- Moderate to higher crowds during spring break weeks
- Busy beaches on warm weekends
- Reservations recommended for popular restaurants
- High demand for vacation rentals—book well in advance

Despite the increase in visitors, the island still feels relaxed and spread out. Early mornings and weekdays offer quieter moments, while afternoons bring vibrant coastal energy.

SIX IDEAS FOR THE MONTH

Top Things To Do

April is all about embracing the outdoors—water, golf, markets, and something happening everywhere you look.



01

Kayak or Paddleboard the Marshes

April's calm winds and warming water make it one of the best months to get out on Hilton Head's tidal creeks. Glide past herons and fiddler crabs on a guided kayak or paddleboard tour through the island's quiet saltwater marshes.



02

Play a Round at a Championship Course

With pristine spring conditions and 20+ courses to choose from, April is prime time to tee it up yourself—not just watch. Book early, since tee times fill up fast alongside tournament season.



03

Attend the RBC Heritage Tournament

April brings one of Hilton Head's most iconic events: the PGA TOUR's RBC Heritage at Harbour Town Golf Links. Even if you're not a golf fan, the atmosphere, waterfront setting, and community buzz are unmatched.

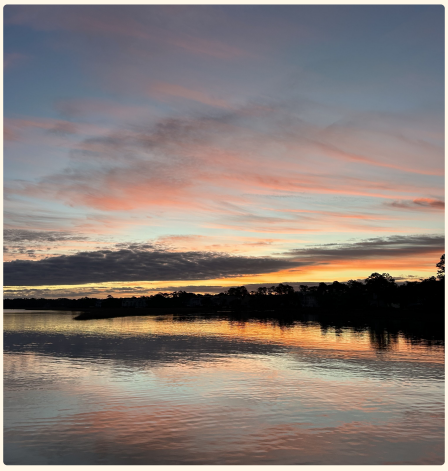
Markets, Museums, and Life on the Water



04

Browse the Hilton Head Farmers Market

Held every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., rain or shine, at the Coastal Discovery Museum at Honey Horn, this local market is packed with fresh produce, flowers, and island-made goods—a laid-back way to spend a spring morning.



05

Catch Sunset at Skull Creek

As the days grow longer, Skull Creek turns golden in the evening light. Grab a spot on a waterfront dock or patio and watch the sun drop behind the marsh—one of the island's most peaceful ways to end the day.



06

Go Inshore Fishing or Charter a Boat

Warmer waters bring redfish, trout, and flounder closer to shore, making April a favorite month for local anglers. Book a half-day charter or cast a line from the dock—either way, it's a relaxed way to spend a spring afternoon.

WORTH PLANNING AROUND

Events and Festivals

April is packed with some of the island's biggest events of the year—golf, music, and community gathered right on the water.



THE ISLAND'S BIGGEST WEEK

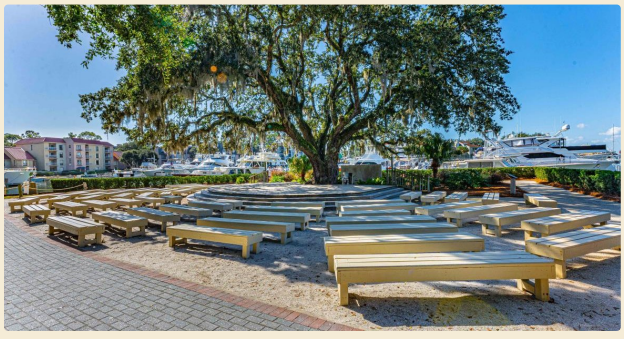
RBC Heritage Golf Tournament

This legendary PGA TOUR event draws top professional golfers and visitors from across the country. Hosted at Harbour Town Golf Links in Sea Pines, it's known for its iconic red-and-white lighthouse backdrop and electric spring atmosphere.



Music & Taste on the Harbour

A beloved seasonal outdoor concert series at Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina. This pet-friendly event combines live local music, food, wine, and beer in a lively waterfront setting, held on select Thursday evenings from 6–9 PM.



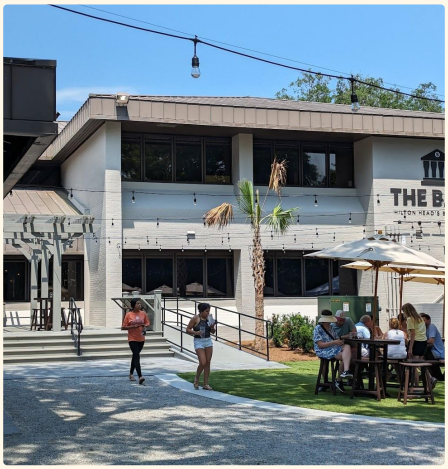
Gregg Russell Summer Concerts

A cherished Hilton Head tradition—generations of families gather under the massive Liberty Oak tree in Harbour Town for this beloved concert series. Worth marking your calendar for later in the season.

WHERE WE SEND OUR GUESTS

Where to Eat

Patio season is in full swing—outdoor dining is buzzing with visitors and island residents alike.



The Bank

Dubbed as Hilton Head Island's premier beer garden—and easily one of the coolest spots on the island. Housed in what feels like a former financial institution (hence the clever name), it's leaned all the way into the banking theme with playful puns and design details throughout, plus plenty of outdoor space and yard games.



Barnacle Bill's Food Trucks

A laid-back island hangout near the beach where bold flavors, casual vibes, and beach-day energy come together. Just steps from the sand, this local favorite brings together a rotating lineup of food trucks serving up global street food with a Hilton Head twist.



Tio's Latin American Kitchen

Bold Latin and Mexican-inspired flavors with a laid-back, festive atmosphere—perfect for lunches, dinners, and lively evenings out. The menu blends traditional Mexican favorites with Latin American touches, from fresh tortillas and house-made salsas to grilled proteins and creative small plates.

BOOK DIRECT · NO PLATFORM FEES

Where to Stay

April is one of the most sought-after months to visit, so securing accommodations early is essential.



BOOKING TIPS

Reserve Early

Especially during RBC Heritage week—this is one of the busiest, most in-demand weeks of the year on the island.

A WARM-WEATHER MUST

Outdoor Living

Choose homes with outdoor living spaces, pools, or beach access, and consider walkable locations for event weeks.

WHERE TO LOOK

Sea Pines

Iconic setting and home to Harbour Town.

Palmetto Dunes

Central and active with golf, tennis, and beach access.

Forest Beach

Walkable, lively, and close to Coligny.

A LOCAL TIP

Booking early matters most around RBC Heritage week—walkable locations near Harbour Town and Sea Pines go first, so lock in your stay as soon as your dates are set.

QUESTIONS, ANSWERED

Before You Book

Is April a good time to visit Hilton Head Island?

Yes—April is one of the best months of the year, with warm sunshine, blooming landscapes, and the excitement of the RBC Heritage Tournament.

Is the ocean warm enough to swim in April?

Getting there. Water temperatures reach the mid-to-upper 60s, swimmable for many, especially by late April.

Is Hilton Head Island crowded in April?

Crowds pick up, especially during spring break weeks and RBC Heritage week. Reservations are recommended for popular restaurants, and the island still feels relaxed outside peak event days.

What events happen on Hilton Head Island in April?

The biggest is the PGA TOUR's RBC Heritage at Harbour Town Golf Links, plus Music & Taste on the Harbour at Shelter Cove.

How far in advance should I book an April rental?

As early as possible—April is one of the most sought-after months, and demand is especially high during RBC Heritage week.

Find Your Hilton Head Stay This April

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