

HILTON HEAD ISLAND · LOCAL GUIDE

Hilton Head Island in February

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

Thinking about heading to Hilton Head Island in February? Surprisingly perfect choice. February is when the island feels calm, refreshed, and quietly charming. The holiday rush has faded, spring hasn't quite arrived, and the island settles into its most peaceful rhythm.

> **THE QUICK ANSWER**
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> February on Hilton Head Island means highs near 61 degrees, quiet off-season crowds, and a calendar filled with local favorites like the Seafood Festival and the Gullah Celebration. Whether you're planning a romantic getaway, a couples escape, or easing into snowbird life, February delivers a low-key, refreshing escape.

The beaches stay quiet, the golf courses stay open, and the whole island feels like it's holding its breath before spring. Whether you're planning a family trip, a couples getaway, or just craving a reset, February in Hilton Head is calm, easy, and worth the trip.

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LAST UPDATED FEBRUARY 11, 2026 · HOST & HOME, HILTON HEAD ISLAND

61°
AVERAGE HIGH

42°
OVERNIGHT LOWS

Quiet
CROWD LEVELS

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Weather in February



61°
AVERAGE HIGH

56°
OCEAN TEMPERATURE

42°
OVERNIGHT LOWS

Cool mornings, sunny afternoons, and plenty of fresh air. February weather is mild, comfortable, and ideal for outdoor activities, just without the heat or humidity. Daytime highs average around 61°F, perfect for biking, golf, and beach walks, while evening lows dip to about 42°F, so bring a jacket or cozy layer.

Ocean temperatures hover near 56°F, better for scenic strolls than swimming. Low humidity keeps the air crisp and comfortable, and rainfall is light to moderate with a few passing showers. Winter sunlight is clear and bright, especially over the marshes and waterways. Compared to peak summer heat, February feels clean, calm, and easy, perfect for being outside without breaking a sweat.

TIMING YOUR TRIP

Crowd Levels



Quiet, relaxed, and refreshingly uncrowded. February remains one of Hilton Head's least crowded months. Expect light crowds on beaches and trails, easy restaurant reservations, excellent rental deals, and stress free parking. If you love having Hilton Head mostly to yourself, February is your sweet spot.

EIGHT IDEAS FOR THE MONTH

Top Things To Do

This month is all about simple pleasures and enjoying the island at a relaxed pace.



01

Take a Scenic Bike Ride

With fewer visitors and lighter traffic, you can cruise comfortably along the island's trails and beach paths. Rent a bike and take your time soaking in the winter light.



02

Tee Off on World Class Golf Courses

Golf lovers are in paradise on Hilton Head Island. With 20+ championship courses to choose from, there's a round for every skill level. February is a prime time for golf thanks to cooler temperatures and increased tee time availability.



03

Enjoy the Benefits of Fewer Crowds

One of the biggest perks of visiting Hilton Head in February is the relaxed pace. Smaller crowds mean less planning and more flexibility to do what you want, when you want.



04

Plan a Romantic Valentine's Escape

February is the perfect month for a romantic getaway, and Hilton Head Island sets the stage beautifully. Treat your partner to an intimate dinner at one of the island's standout restaurants, or book a sunset cruise for unforgettable water views.

Tours, Racquets, and Sunset Views



05

Book a Guided Tour

Discover the beauty of the Lowcountry from the water with a guided boat tour. Dolphin cruises are especially popular, offering the chance to see these incredible animals swimming alongside the boat.



06

Enjoy Pickleball & Tennis

Winter is peak season for racquet sports on Hilton Head, with cool temperatures and open court times.



07

Go on a Shopping Spree

Hilton Head Island offers fantastic shopping for every style and taste, from upscale boutiques and outlet malls to local gift shops at Coligny Plaza. There's something for everyone.



08

Sunset Watching

Winter sunsets come earlier and feel extra peaceful, especially along Skull Creek or the marsh.

WORTH PLANNING AROUND

Events and Festivals

February keeps a quiet pace, but the island still knows how to throw a good celebration.



Hilton Head Island Seafood Festival

FEBRUARY 22–28, 2027

Step into a week long celebration that's about so much more than incredible seafood. The festival invites you to savor the heart of Southern culture, rich traditions, and the kind of vibrant gathering where food, drink, and Lowcountry spirit come together. Now in its 19th year, it's a beloved island tradition that keeps getting better with every bite.



Gullah Celebration

COASTAL DISCOVERY MUSEUM

A dynamic tribute to the rich history, traditions, and culture of the Gullah people, with a curated series of programs for locals and visitors alike. Honored by the Southeast Tourism Society as one of the Top 20 Events in the Southeast.



Cocktails and Camellias

COASTAL DISCOVERY MUSEUM

Sip cocktails and enjoy live music amid blooming camellias and the cozy glow of a crackling fire. Stroll the Manske Camellia Garden and experience the Lowcountry in peak winter bloom.

WHERE WE SEND OUR GUESTS

Places to Eat

Warm, welcoming spots are especially inviting this time of year.



The Bank

Dubbed as Hilton Head Island's premier beer garden, and easily one of the coolest spots on the island. The moment you walk in, you'll see this isn't your typical island restaurant, it's a full on experience that combines great food, craft beer, and a vibrant social atmosphere all under one roof.



Bistro 17

A charming French inspired restaurant that's become a local favorite on Hilton Head Island. With its cozy atmosphere and delectable cuisine, it's a spot worth recommending to anyone looking for a memorable dining experience.



Valentine's Day Dinner Cruise

A romantic way to celebrate Valentine's Day on Hilton Head. Aboard the Spirit of Harbour Town with Vagabond Cruise, this beloved experience combines scenic water views with a plated dinner from the award winning chefs of Sea Pines Resort, a special choice for couples looking for an unforgettable night on the water.

BOOK DIRECT · NO PLATFORM FEES

Places to Stay

February is one of the best months for long stays and snowbird rentals, with quiet crowds and some of the best rates of the year.



BOOKING TIPS

Monthly

DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

February offers some of the best rates of the year, especially for longer stays.

Heated Pools

A COOL WEATHER MUST

Choose rentals with heated pools or hot tubs for extra comfort. Villas and homes are often quieter, making extended stays extra relaxing.

WHERE TO LOOK

Sea Pines

Peaceful, scenic, and perfect for biking and nature lovers.

Palmetto Dunes

Central, walkable, and great for winter golf.

Forest Beach

Ideal if you want easy access to shops, restaurants, and Coligny.

A LOCAL TIP

Booking a couple of months ahead still gets you the best selection, especially if you want a home near Coligny Beach for Valentine's week.

QUESTIONS, ANSWERED

Before You Book

Is February a good time to visit Hilton Head Island?

Yes. February brings mild, comfortable weather, thin crowds, and some of the best rental rates of the year, making it a great time for a quiet getaway.

Is the ocean warm enough to swim in February?

Not really. Water temperatures hover around 56 degrees, better suited to scenic strolls than swimming.

Is Hilton Head Island crowded in February?

No, it's one of the quietest months of the year, with light crowds, easy restaurant reservations, and stress free parking, though things pick up slightly toward the end of the month.

What events happen on Hilton Head Island in February?

Highlights include the Hilton Head Island Seafood Festival, the Gullah Celebration at the Coastal Discovery Museum, and Cocktails and Camellias.

How far in advance should I book a February rental?

A couple of months ahead is ideal for the best selection, especially around Valentine's week, though last minute deals can often be found the rest of the month.

Find Your Hilton Head Stay This February

Let our local team match you with the property that fits. Book direct, and skip the platform fees.

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