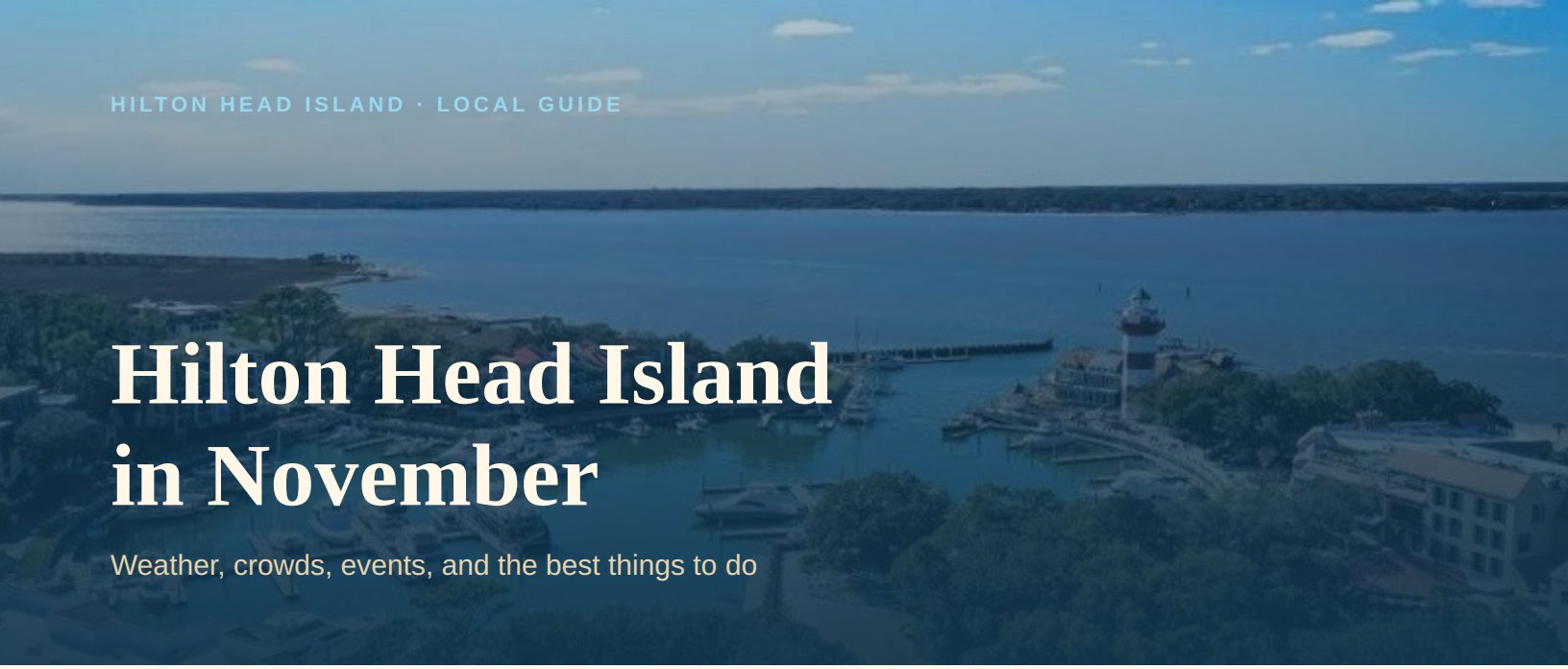


HILTON HEAD ISLAND · LOCAL GUIDE

Hilton Head Island in November

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

November on Hilton Head Island is a beautiful time of year, when things slow down, the crowds ease up, and all the local holiday spirit kicks in. If you're craving a chill getaway with comfy weather, quiet beaches, and a little holiday sparkle, you're gonna love it.

> **THE QUICK ANSWER**
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> November on Hilton Head Island means highs near 70 degrees, water still around 65 degrees, quiet off-season crowds, and a full calendar of holiday events, from the Oyster Festival to Santa's arrival at Shelter Cove. It's a relaxed, festive month to visit.

We've put together this guide to show you everything we enjoy doing here in November, from cozy spots to grab a bite, to festive local events, and fun outdoor adventures you'll want to try.

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Weather in November



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Hilton Head's November weather offers a gentle transition into winter without losing its sunny soul. Expect mild temperatures and plenty of reasons to enjoy the outdoors. Daytime highs typically stay around 70°F, while evenings cool down to a crisp 50°F, perfect for cozying up by fire pits after a beach walk.

Rainfall is relatively light, averaging about 2.5 inches throughout the month, and humidity levels are moderate, making it perfect for outdoor activities. The ocean water is around 65°F, still warm enough for kayaking or a quick dip if you're hot after a long bike ride.

TIMING YOUR TRIP

Crowd Levels



November is considered off-season, so expect quiet beaches and short restaurant waits, easier bookings for events and activities, and better deals with fewer tourists, ideal for couples, retirees, and small families. It's the kind of month where the island slows down just enough to enjoy it properly.

NINE IDEAS FOR THE MONTH

Top Things To Do

Just because it's fall doesn't mean the fun stops, here's what we recommend to anyone visiting Hilton Head Island this November.



01

Beachcombing & Sunset Walks

With fewer people around, enjoy the view on your nighttime walks on the beach. Add shells and maybe even a shark tooth to your collection when you go shelling. Mitchellville Beach is known for its shelling and is a great local spot to check out.



02

Hangout at The Bank

A big open beer garden with food trucks, TVs, music, fire pits, and plenty of craft beer from Side Hustle Brewing Co. Let the kids run around and enjoy the weather.



03

Visit the Coastal Discovery Museum

Great for all ages, this spot is packed with fascinating info about Lowcountry wildlife, history, and culture.



04

Kayak or Bike Through Pinckney Island

Book a guided tour for kayaking through the beautiful marshes on Pinckney Island, or explore 14 miles of trails for biking or walking.



05

Explore Old Town Bluffton

A short drive from the island, Bluffton is full of charm, shops, and that Southern small town feel. Grab a coffee at Corner Perk and make sure to swing by Wright Family Park for a great view of the May River, a dock on the water, and the famous tree swing.

From Custom Hats to Curtain Calls



06

Make a Custom Hat at Brims on the Bluff

Get creative and design your own one of a kind hat at this super fun spot in Bluffton, sizing, shaping, branding, and more. Great for a souvenir you'll actually want to wear.



07

Sea Pines Forest Preserve Wagon Rides

Hop on a wagon and enjoy a slow, scenic ride through the Sea Pines Forest Preserve, perfect for soaking in the fall beauty and learning a little along the way.



08

Play Putt-Putt Golf at Pirate's Island

A family friendly favorite, Legendary Golf has a landscaped course, snacks and drinks, and plenty of space to hang out and enjoy the weather. Bonus: fall weather makes it way more fun because there's less people.



09

Go to Comedy Magic Cabaret for Dinner and a Show

Dinner and laughs? Yes, please. This cozy comedy club is the perfect date night experience, or bring a group for fun.

WORTH PLANNING AROUND

Events and Festivals

Hilton Head may be relaxed in November, but it knows how to bring people together at events.



Hilton Head Island Lantern Parade

With an array of spectacular illuminated creations floating through the air, Hilton Head Island's night sky and Coligny Beach coastline glow every November for the Town's Lantern Parade. The parade showcases artist Chantelle Rytter's lantern creations alongside hundreds more crafted by residents, visitors, school groups, and local organizations, with four live bands along the route from Coligny Beach to Lowcountry Celebration Park.

Hilton Head Oyster Festival

Friday's all you can eat event at Shelter Cove Community Park ($60) features steamed oysters, a Lowcountry boil, and live music from 5 to 8 PM. Saturday's main festival at Lowcountry Celebration Park (11 AM to 5 PM, $10 at the gate) brings local seafood, entertainment, and artisan vendors.

Palmetto Dunes Turtle Trot 5K

A weekly beach fun run series held Wednesday mornings at Palmetto Dunes Resort, plus a special Thanksgiving morning race, 8:00 to 10:30 AM. $35 to register.

Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt

Travel through Sea Pines by bike or by car and try to uncover different locations by solving various clues and riddles.

Santa's Arrival at Shelter Cove

Kick off the holiday season as Santa makes his grand arrival at Shelter Cove, with festive fun for the whole family.

ASK US FIRST

Festival dates shift a little year to year. Our local team keeps track, so ask us what's on the week you're here.

WHERE WE SEND OUR GUESTS

Places to Eat

November is the perfect time to explore Hilton Head's cozy and flavorful food scene. Here are a few local favorites we love that hit just right this time of year:



Zunzibar

A laid back spot with yummy wings and a fun vibe. Great for casual bites, flavorful bowls, and tropical drinks, perfect after a day of exploring. You'll usually find sports on the TVs and live music outside on the back patio.



Nectar Farm Kitchen

A perfect brunch spot with yummy drinks and food options for couples or families.



The Lobster Bar

Upscale and elegant, The Lobster Bar is your go to for fresh seafood and a classy night out. Great for date nights or a special holiday dinner.



Coast (Sea Pines Beach Club)

Beachfront views and fresh seafood, what more could you want? Coast is a dreamy dinner spot inside Sea Pines, ideal for sunset meals and cocktails with ocean breezes.



Healthy Habit

Craving something light and fresh? Healthy Habit serves up smoothies, acai bowls, salads, and wraps that fuel your adventures without slowing you down.



Watusi Café

This cozy café is a local favorite for breakfast and brunch. Their coffee is fantastic, the atmosphere is welcoming, and the menu has something for everyone, including great gluten free and vegan options. The sand dollar latte is a must order.

BOOK DIRECT · NO PLATFORM FEES

Places to Stay

Whether you're after a cozy villa or a beachfront home, Hilton Head in November gives you plenty of rental property options for groups of all sizes.



LOCAL TEAM · A BETTER WAY TO STAY

PLAN AHEAD

Booking Tips

20–30%
OFF PEAK SEASON PRICES

Early Bird
DISCOUNTS FOR THANKSGIVING WEEK

November brings some of the best rental deals of the year, with prices typically running 20 to 30 percent below peak season. Keep an eye out for early bird discounts if you're planning around Thanksgiving week, which fills in faster than the rest of the month.

> A LOCAL TIP
> Look for homes with heated pools or hot tubs, a great way to stay warm and cozy on cooler November evenings.

QUESTIONS, ANSWERED

Before You Book

Is November a good time to visit Hilton Head Island?

Yes. November brings mild, comfortable weather, thinner crowds, and a festive holiday calendar without the peak season price tag.

Is the ocean still warm enough to swim in November?

It's on the cooler side, but still swimmable, water temperatures hover around 65 degrees, enough for kayaking or a quick dip after a bike ride.

Is Hilton Head Island crowded in November?

No, it's considered off season: quiet beaches, short restaurant waits, and easier bookings for events and activities.

What events happen on Hilton Head Island in November?

Highlights include the Hilton Head Island Lantern Parade, the Hilton Head Oyster Festival, the Palmetto Dunes Turtle Trot 5K, and a Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt in Sea Pines.

How far in advance should I book a November rental?

There's no strict rule, but it pays to book early around Thanksgiving week, when early bird discounts and the best availability go first.

Find Your Hilton Head Stay This November

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

Find your stay →

