

Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, USA

Twelve miles of Atlantic beach, a candy-striped lighthouse, and Lowcountry marshes teeming with dolphins — Hilton Head is a polished, bikeable island that rewards cruise day-trippers who move fast.

 Tender (no cruise pier)

 Typical call: 6–8 hrs

 USD

 English

 Bike-friendly island

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Harbour Town Marina — no dedicated cruise pier

Walk to beach: Coligny Beach ~5 mi from Harbour Town; bike or taxi required

Best For: Beaches, wildlife, cycling, Gullah heritage

Don't Miss: Harbour Town Lighthouse climb for 360° island views

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  \$10–\$35 ·  **Rideshare**  Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Harbour Town Lighthouse Climb** — Climb the 114-step red-and-white lighthouse (90 ft tall) for sweeping views over the Calibogue Sound, marina, and...
 - Coligny Beach Day** — Hilton Head's most popular public beach offers 12 miles of Atlantic shoreline, free parking, outdoor showers, a splash...
- Dolphin-Watching Cruise** — Atlantic bottlenose dolphins are resident in the Sound year-round.
 - Pinckney Island Wildlife Refuge Bike Ride** — Just off the island, this 4,000-acre refuge has 14 miles of unpaved trails through maritime forest and salt marsh.
 - Gullah Heritage Trail Tour** — The Gullah people — descendants of enslaved West Africans — maintained a distinct culture on the Sea Islands.

BEST WALKS

- Harbour Town Marina Loop** 0.5 mi · Easy · 15 min — Circle the marina from the tender dock past boutiques and restaurants to the base of the lighthouse, then along the waterfront back to...
- Coastal Discovery Museum Grounds** 1 mi · Easy · 30–45 min — The museum at Honey Horn Plantation (north end of island) has a self-guided outdoor trail through centuries-old live oaks, salt marsh...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	73°	61°	9d
Jun	85°	75°	14d
Aug	86°	77°	19d
Sep	83°	73°	15d
Oct	76°	66°	8d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:53AM–7:52PM · Jun 6:16AM–8:30PM · Aug 6:47AM–8:06PM · Sep 7:07AM–7:28PM · Oct 7:26AM–6:49PM

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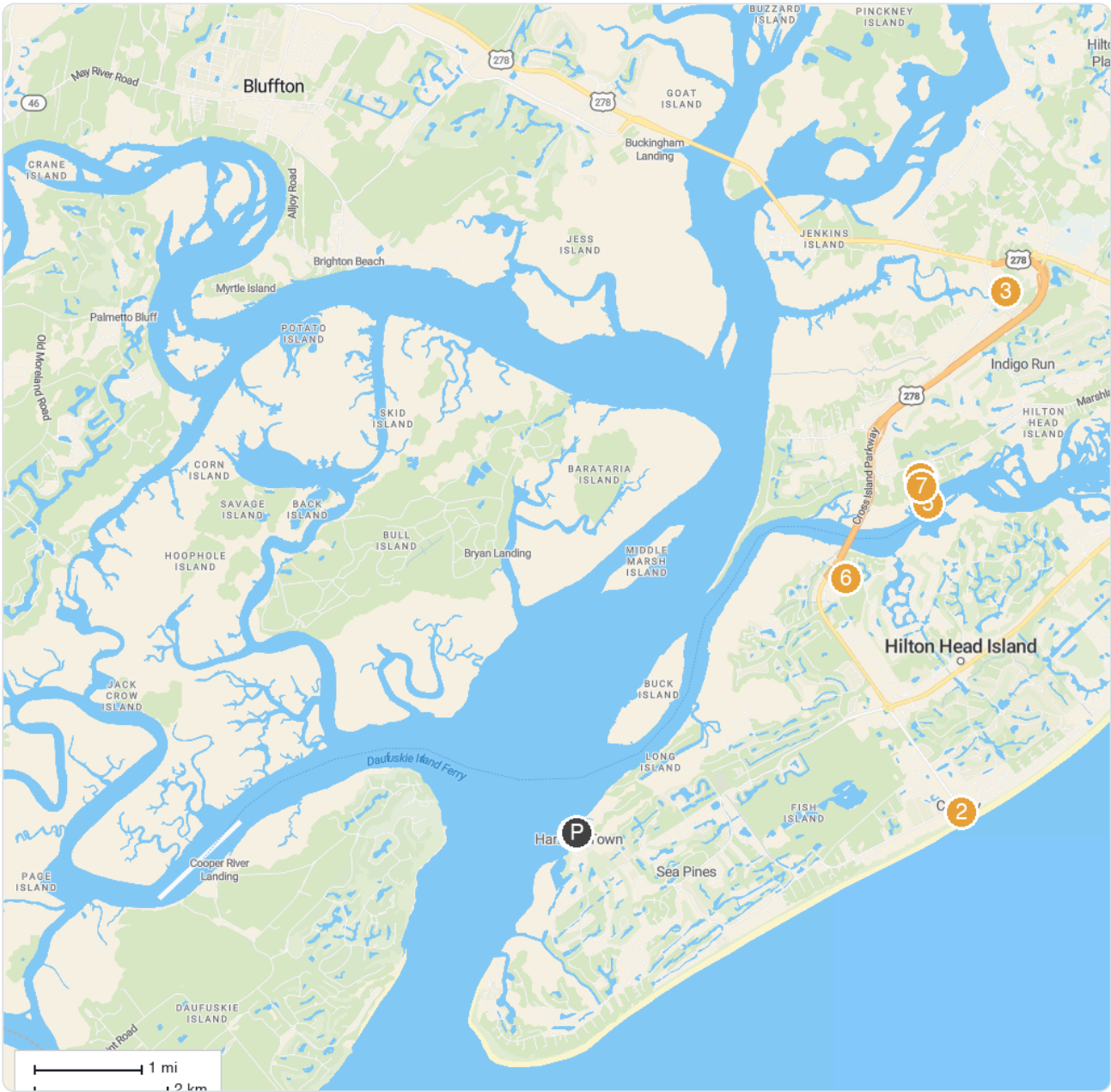
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender timing matters: American Cruise Lines ships are small, so tenders run quickly. Larger visiting ships may queue — get your tender ticket early on busy port days.
- Best a bike at the marina: Hilton Head has a world-class network of paved bike paths. A bike lets you reach Coligny Beach, Folly...

Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1	Harbour Town Lighthouse	Historic lighthouse with museum and panoramic views.	2	Coligny Beach Park	Public beach park with amenities, shops, and restaurants.
3	Coastal Discovery Museum	Museum showcasing Hilton Head's natural history and culture.	4	Kayak Hilton Head	Kayak rentals and guided tours of local waterways.
5	Dolphin & Nature Tour	Boat tour to see dolphins and local wildlife.	6	Crossings Park	Large community park with sports fields and playground.
7	Dolphin Discoveries Hilton Head	Guided boat tours for dolphin watching and nature exploration.	P	Cruise port / terminal	