

Lowcountry Weekend Itinerary

By Kiawah Island Getaways

We are Shawn and Jeanette Lawson, founders of Kiawah Island Getaways, a family-run boutique vacation rental company on the island. We moved to Kiawah back in 1990, where we started our family, and later relocated to Charleston as our kids began school. But, missing Kiawah so much, we soon returned and started our vacation rental business. We absolutely love both Kiawah Island and Charleston, and while a weekend isn't enough to see it all, we're confident that this itinerary will guide you through the key highlights of both places. So let's get started!

Day 1: Kiawah Island

On day one, you'll explore Kiawah Island the best way possible—by bicycle. With over 10 miles of bikeable beach and 30 miles of scenic bike trails, renting a bike is a must to experience everything Kiawah has to offer. We've mapped out a route that will take you through the island's rich history, wildlife, and forests, and you'll finish the day with a ride along the beach, giving you a well rounded view of everything Kiawah has to offer.

- **Tip:** To save money, rent your bikes in advance and have them delivered to your accommodations from BikeKiawah.com.

Day 2: Charleston

Day two takes you 45 minutes off the island to historic downtown Charleston, where you'll explore key landmarks and dive into its fascinating past. You'll see some of the city's iconic architecture, learn about its rich history, and maybe even enjoy some local southern cuisine while you're there.

We hope you have a wonderful trip! If you enjoy this itinerary or have suggestions, feel free to reach out to us at HaveFun@KiawahIslandGetaways.com. And if you're looking for a boutique vacation rental, check out our website, where we offer the cleanest, most comfortable, and beautifully decorated properties on the island. Enjoy your visit!

Stay at the Perfect Vacation Rental

As you plan your visit to the Lowcountry, consider staying with us at Kiawah Island Getaways. We are a boutique, family-run vacation rental business with a focus on "quality over quantity." Because we're small, we take extra care with every property. You'll arrive to a beautifully staged home, with the lights on and everything ready for you to enjoy your stay. It's the small touches that make us stand out. All of our properties are either oceanfront or just a short walk from the beach.

Day One: Biking Kiawah Island

Tips:

- Greet fellow bikers or walkers by saying “Passing on your left” when overtaking someone.
- Electric bikes and golf carts are not allowed on the path.

Morning: Explore Kiawah

- **The Shoolbred Cemetery** ([101 Shoolbred Ct](#))
Ride along the Kiawah Parkway using the island’s main bike path. Located in Rhett’s Bluff Area, this historic cemetery was owned by James Shoolbred, Esquire, the first British consul to the United States in 1790.
- **Marsh Island Tower** ([262 Governors Dr](#))
Off Governor’s Drive, this tower offers panoramic views of Kiawah’s marshes and the Kiawah River. Look out for crabs darting in and out of their burrows as you explore the surrounding nature path.
- **Eagle Point Landing** ([222 Eagle Point Rd](#))
Located just past the wooden bridge on your right, Eagle Point Landing provides a view of the Ravenel Bridge in the distance. Take a moment to soak in the peaceful sounds of nature.

Lunch: Ryder Cup Bar

- **Lunch at Ryder Cup Bar** ([1002 Ocean Course Dr](#))
Located at The Ocean Course clubhouse, the Ryder Cup Bar offers scenic views. Don’t miss the compass rose ceiling connected to the rooftop weathervane. If the weather is pleasant, sit outside to enjoy the ocean breeze.

Afternoon: Ride Along the Beach

- **Beach Ride Back** ([Take Boardwalk 40](#))
After lunch, take your bike boardwalk 40 to access the beach. Ride along the shore back to your accommodations with the wind at your back. Watch families and children playing in the sand as you enjoy the ride.

Evening: Shopping and Dinner

- **Freshfields Village** ([149 Village Green Ln](#))
Make a quick stop to browse local shops before dinner.
- **Dinner at Hege’s** ([275 Gardners Cir](#))
End your day with a delicious french meal at Hege’s. Be sure to make a reservation in advance by calling (843) 768-0035.

Day Two: Take a Day Trip to Charleston

Tips:

- Charleston is a 45 minute drive from Kiawah Island, so leave early to make the most of your day.

Morning: Shopping and Historic Sites

- **The Charleston City Market** ([188 Meeting St](#))
Start your Charleston adventure at the historic City Market, located at Meeting and Market Streets. This market offers a wide range of local goods, perfect for picking up souvenirs like Charleston Benne Wafers, antiques, and local crafts. Plan to spend about 1-2 hours browsing the stalls.
- **Washington Park** ([80 Broad St](#))
Take a peaceful stroll through Washington Park, located behind City Hall. This historic park features monuments to Confederate soldiers and Charleston's history. Relax under the shade of oak trees while reflecting on the city's past.

Lunch: Hyman's Seafood or Aaron's Deli

- **Lunch at Hyman's Seafood** ([215 Meeting St](#)) or **Aaron's Deli** ([213 Meeting St](#))
Hyman's is famous for affordable seafood, offering broiled to fried dishes. Aaron's Deli provides lighter deli sandwiches if you prefer something quick and casual. Avoid the midday rush by arriving early or late.

Afternoon: Historic Sights and Art Galleries

- **The Pink House** ([17 Chalmers St](#))
Stop by the Pink House, one of Charleston's most charming historic buildings, now housing a small art gallery showcasing local artists. Don't forget to visit the top floor for a unique view of the city.
- **The Old Slave Mart** ([6 Chalmers St](#))
Just across from the Pink House, you'll find The Old Slave Mart, an important site to reflect on Charleston's history.
- **Old Exchange and Provost Dungeon** ([122 East Bay St](#))
A must-visit for history enthusiasts, this site offers tours of the dungeon and exhibits on Charleston's colonial and Revolutionary War history.
- **Rainbow Row** ([83-107 East Bay St](#))
No visit to Charleston is complete without a stroll down Rainbow Row. These brightly colored homes are a symbol of Charleston's architectural charm. Take a few photos as this is one of the most iconic spots in the city.

Evening: Dinner and Sunset Walk

- **Dinner at Magnolia's** ([185 East Bay St](#))
Treat yourself to a delicious Southern meal at Magnolia's. Make sure to reserve a table in advance, as it's

a popular spot for both locals and tourists.

- **Waterfront Park** ([1 Vendue Range](#))

Before heading back to Kiawah, take a sunset walk at Waterfront Park, offering stunning views of Charleston Harbor where the Ashley and Cooper Rivers meet. The park's fountain is a great spot to relax and reflect on your day.