

Five Fun Activities to do on Hilton Head Island

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Being born and raised on Hilton Head Island, I'm often asked by visiting friends and family members what activities I recommend. When vacationing on the Island, it's expected that you'll enjoy our 12 miles of sandy beaches, delicious meals at waterfront restaurants, and shopping for souvenirs. What about adventure? Excitement? That rush of adrenaline before you do something you normally wouldn't? For those who want to make this vacation one you and your family will never forget, here are the top five activities I recommend.



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5. Harbour Town Lighthouse

The Harbour Town Lighthouse has become an iconic landmark on Hilton Head Island. Located in the Sea Pines Resort, this 90-foot tall, red and white striped tower keeps watch over the Harbour Town Marina. The 114-step journey is not for the faint of heart, but the spectacular view is worth it! On your climb up, you can view historical artifacts and learn about the Island's rich history. Once you've made it to the top and had your fill of the view, grab a souvenir in The Shop at the Top Gift Shop.

4. UFO Parasailing

Want an experience that is out of the world? UFO Parasailing will get you there! You and a friend can soar 500 feet above the Island's coastal waterways and take in the majestic scenery. Even though parasailing is considered a water sport, you have the option of getting wet or staying dry. This safe, yet exhilarating parasailing excursion is a great way to see Hilton Head Island.

3. HHI Jetpack

HHI Jetpack is a new and thrilling activity on Hilton Head Island. This jetpack uses water to propel you up, so you can weightlessly walk and fly on water! You control your height and movement while your flight instructor, who is on a nearby jet ski, safely controls the power. There is also a secondary instructor who will be filming your flight. You are the pilot of your own Jetpack as you fly up to 30 feet above the water's surface!

2. Hilton Head Heli Tours

See Hilton Head Island by helicopter! Fly over the Island's beaches, see marine life swimming in the ocean below, and circle the Harbour Town Lighthouse. Hilton Head

Heli Tours offers many different sightseeing packages. Be sure to bring your camera to capture this memorable experience.

1. ZipLine Hilton Head

For the ultimate adventure, explore the Island by zipping through the trees. ZipLine Hilton Head is a 2-hour eco-adventure tour that will show you beautiful views from the Broad Creek Marina. Fly on 8 zip lines with heights up to 75 feet, walk along 2 suspension bridges, and, for the grand finale, race a friend on the dual cable Racing Zip Ride. All tours have two trained guides who hook your harness for you, so you can sit back and enjoy the ride!

Go ahead and add a little adventure to your Hilton Head Island vacation by taking it to new heights. When you return home, your friends will expect to hear how you relaxed, dined and shopped; give them a surprise by telling them about your thrilling Hilton Head Island adventures.

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