

The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort, an ultra-luxurious oceanfront resort and spa, opened off the coast of Charleston, SC in August 2004. To understand more about the unique features of the hotel, here are some common questions and answers:

What are the main features of the hotel?

The Sanctuary offers the very highest level of guest service, a luxury spa, a grand lobby with a spectacular view of the ocean, a luxurious spa and salon, retail shops, a fitness center, indoor and outdoor pools, two indoor restaurants and bars, one outdoor restaurant and bar, two ballrooms, an executive boardroom suite, large and elegant guestrooms with spectacular ocean views, outdoor function gardens within yards of the Atlantic Ocean, and a private concierge level.

How many rooms does The Sanctuary have?

There are 255 guest rooms and suites (90% have ocean views). About half the rooms, which are among the largest luxury guestrooms in the country, have King size beds, while the other half features Double and Queen size beds. The hotel has 11 executive suites (approx. 1,200 square feet), one governor's suite (1,610 square feet) and one presidential suite (3,100 square feet).

What do the guestrooms feature?

The guestrooms have Five-fixture bathrooms with large marble walk-in showers, dual vanities, private water closets and deep soaking tubs. Rooms also have shuttered bathroom windows and ocean view balconies. The furniture, including the bed, is custom made. Each room has DVD/CD players and complimentary high-speed Internet access. The standard King guest room is substantially larger than guestrooms in most other luxury hotels.

How do you describe the architecture of the hotel?

A casual but elegant building, reminiscent of a grand seaside mansion, the four-story hotel was designed to feel like it has been on Kiawah for centuries, evolving and expanding from one imaginary homeowner to the next. The exterior combines the highest finishes of Charleston brick, stone, stucco, wood, slate, copper and ironwork.

What about the interior of the hotel?

The interior is characterized by grand spaces with high ceilings (lobby and ballroom), and traditional but light southern décor highlighted by antiques. The hotel has been designed to be elegant, but not too formal.

Does The Sanctuary have a rating?

Yes, The Sanctuary achieved the AAA Five Diamond rating for 2007 and kept it for 2008. It also achieved the Mobil Five Star rating for 2008 for both the hotel and spa.

What are nightly rates?

Rates are \$299-\$750 depending on room type, weeknight and season. The rate for the 3,100-square-foot Presidential Suite is \$4,500 per night.

What about reservations?

For group reservations, guests should call 1-800-576-1585 or email sales@thesanctuary.com
For social reservations, guests should call 1-877-683-1234 or e-mail reservations@thesanctuary.com

How large is Kiawah's investment?

\$125 million

Where is the hotel located?

Next to Turtle Point's three ocean holes on a spectacular 50-acre site (the resort used about half of this pristine land). The entrance is on Sanctuary Beach Drive, formally Sea Forest Drive (take the same turnoff from Kiawah Beach Parkway used to access East Beach Tennis Center).

What does the concierge level offer?

It offers exclusive, personalized service 24 hours a day for 44 rooms and suites with private elevator access, and a concierge club featuring exquisite food presentations throughout the day (approx. 7 a.m. – 10 p.m.)

What does the spa offer?

The spa is rated Five Stars by Mobil and has 12 treatment rooms, a sauna, steam room and whirlpool. The treatments are based on Kiawah's indigenous qualities – ocean, marsh, etc. A beauty salon and fitness center complement the spa. There are 11 guestrooms located next to the spa to offer the ultimate spa getaway.

Where are the three pools located?

The outdoor pool complex, with separate family and adult pools (with infinity edge) are located next to the ocean and feature oceanfront terraces. The indoor pool is located beneath the spa.

What type of dining rooms does it have?

There are two dining rooms. The Ocean Room is the specialty restaurant that has 110 seats with a private wine room and ocean view terrace and open for dinner only. This features Modern Interpretations of Classical Cuisine. Jasmine Porch is a more casual restaurant that has an outdoor, ocean view terrace and is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. This offers more regional cuisine. Loggerhead Grill is an outdoor restaurant and bar, located next to the pool area. There is also 24-hour in-room dining.

What about bars?

There is a grand lobby bar, a cozy martini bar adjacent to the fine dining room, and a poolside bar. All have ocean views.

How much meeting and conference space does the hotel have?

18,000 square feet, including the 6,200 square-foot Grand Ballroom and a 1,728-square-foot executive boardroom. Each room is elegantly appointed while some overlook the ocean. Each is outfitted with the latest that technology can offer, including fiber-optic cable connections.

Who was involved in building the hotel?

The architect was Cooper Carry from Atlanta; the design consultant was Smith+McClane in Richmond, VA; Hirsch Bedner Associates from Atlanta was the interior designer; Skanska USA from Atlanta was the general contractor; Design Works from Charleston was the landscape architect.

Interesting Sanctuary Facts

- The hotel site was raised to 20 feet to allow unobstructed views of the ocean from the first floor
- The lobby features flooring that consists of hand-planed walnut, shaped into irregular length and width planks. They are placed onto sleepers so the floor will "give" and creak.
- Using the world's largest mechanical spade, the resort has transplanted over 400 trees, including 160 50-foot-high Live Oak trees to create an entrance with a centuries-old feel.
 - The hotel has high-speed wireless Internet access that extends onto the beach.
 - The Sanctuary is a member of Preferred Hotels and Resorts

For more information about The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort, visit www.kiawahresort.com.