

2010 Grand Strand 4-Day Itinerary

Stretching 60 miles from Little River to Winyah Bay, with Myrtle Beach as its epicenter, the Grand Strand offers hundreds of golf courses – from championship play to dinosaur-filled miniature golf - and other entertainment options and thousands of accommodations and restaurant choices. Shopping also is a passion here, with outlet centers, retail malls and specialty shops aplenty.

Here's but a sample itinerary for this diverse and dynamic area. For more recommendations, visit www.DiscoverSouthCarolina.com, www.VisitMyrtleBeach.com, www.SeaportGeorgetown.com, www.VisitGeorge.com, www.CityofConway.com, www.ConwaySCChamber.com or www.NorthMyrtleBeachChamber.com.

Day 1: Conway

Day 2: North Myrtle Beach

Day 3: Myrtle Beach

Day 4: Georgetown

Details, Details ...

From amusement parks to sandy beaches to boardwalks and theatres, you won't run out of things to do in the Grand Strand. Be sure to check online or by phone with your specific destination to verify days and hours of operation before making final plans.

Day 1: [Conway](#) is the gateway to the Grand Strand for many and a destination of itself. Check out the galleries, cafes and historic buildings – including the Robert Mills-designed [City Hall](#) – and take a stroll along the [850-foot boardwalk](#) on the blackwater Waccamaw River. Check out the [Horry County Museum](#).

Day 2: Then head over to [North Myrtle Beach](#). Highlights there include the new [O.D. Pavilion & Amusement Park](#), an oceanfront attraction with old-timey rides, amusements and concessions. Begin your ocean exploration from above with a walk out on the [Cherry Grove Pier](#). Or check out a family-friendly show at the [Alabama Theatre](#). Don't miss [Barefoot Landing](#), criss-crossed over a 27-acre lake on the Intracoastal Waterway and home to such don't-misses as the [House of Blues](#), [Ghosts and Legends Theater](#), a variety of eclectic shops and eateries, and, of course, the real-live creatures small and very large at [Alligator Adventure](#).

Day 3: Iconic Ocean Boulevard with its beach shops, piers, hotels large and small and great people-watching, and beach access aplenty. A new mile-long boardwalk along the oceanfront is taking shape in 2010. Nearby here's Broadway at the Beach, with more than 100 specialty shops, nightclubs and theaters, including Hard Rock Café, Margaritaville and the big names nearly nightly at the [Palace Theatre](#), home to [Le Grand Cirque](#), [Carolina Opry](#), [Legends in Concert](#) and [Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede Dinner & Show](#)

are also long-time favorites. For amusement park lovers, there's [Freestyle Music Park](#), the [NASCAR SpeedPark](#), Myrtle Waves Water Park and oceanfront [Family Kingdom](#). Retreat to [Myrtle Beach State Park](#) to take in the maritime forest, a nature program, maybe, some sunbathing on the beach and a walk out onto the fishing pier.

Day 4: Highlights of the southern Grand Strand include [Huntington Beach State Park](#), with its robust nature center, spacious miles of beach, alligator- and wading-bird filled lagoons and the unique Atalaya Castle. Nearby is [Brookgreen Gardens](#), home to America's largest outdoor sculpture collection, naturalistic zoo and aviary and boat trips through the old rice fields. [Murrells Inlet](#) is an old fishing village lined with popular seafood restaurants and a half-mile marshfront boardwalk. Then there's historic old [Georgetown](#), a riverfront town on Winyah Bay with antique and gift shops, tours around the antebellum residential neighborhoods and even a [pirate ship](#) that takes kids of all ages out for a fun-filled sail into the bay.

Where to stay, what to eat ...

Myrtle Beach and the surrounding communities offer tens of thousands of hotel rooms, condo units, rental beach homes and other options for all budgets. A good place to begin the search is this [list](#) on the State of South Carolina's official tourism home page at www.DiscoverSouthCarolina.com.

The Grand Strand is known for seafood – including waterfront oyster bars, Calabash shrimp buffets and newer to the scene, trendy new haute cuisine stops. Pancake shops, a traditional favorite of golfers, also are popular venues. Here's a good site to do some research: <http://www.myrtlebeachrestaurantnews.com/>