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Save \$230

The Inn at Palmetto Bluff

Bluffton, South Carolina

Palmetto Bluff's Ultimate Lowcountry Golf Package includes a two-night stay in a guest cottage, full breakfast daily, 18 holes per person at May River Golf Club and at Harbour Town Golf Links (excluding caddie gratuities), as well as boat transfers from the Inn to Harbour Town. April rates start at \$825 per night. 866-706-6565, palmettobluffresort.com

Save \$210

Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples

Naples, Florida

The Ritz-Carlton's Fairways and Greens Package includes lodging in a resort-view room or suite, two rounds, including cart, at the next-door Tiburon Golf Club, plus daily American breakfast for two at the Lemonia Restaurant. April rates start at \$529 per room per night. 239-593-2000, ritzcarlton.com

Save \$170

Horseshoe Bay Resort Marriott Hotel

Horseshoe Bay, Texas

April ushers in Horseshoe Bay's "Just Bring Your Swing!" package, which features lodging, unlimited golf on three RTJ Sr. courses, club rental and shuttle service to the courses. Rates start at \$310 per person, per night, based on double occupancy. 877-611-0112, hsbresort.com

Save \$195

Villas of Grand Cypress

Orlando, Florida

Grand Cypress' Tee & Tutor Package includes two nights in a Club Suite, two rounds of Jack Nicklaus-designed golf, a lesson, reduced fees on additional same-day play, practice facility use, and club rental. April rates start at \$490 per golfer, based on double occupancy, two-night minimum. 877-330-7377, grandcypress.com



HARBOUR TOWN GOLF LINKS

Top 100 You Can Play Up Close

HARBOUR TOWN GOLF LINKS

Hilton Head Island, S.C.

6,973 yards, par 71

Green fees: \$160-\$250
843-363-8385, seapines.com

On the face of it, you'd think **Harbour Town's** heyday was long gone: a resort course with flat, narrow fairways, small, flavorless greens, and a back-tee yardage totaling less than 7,000. But Harbour Town's appeal is timeless.

Dotted with Lowcountry lagoons, overhanging oaks and a pair of seaside stunners to close the round, Harbour Town boasts charms that will never go out of style. Ranked No. 14 in our Top 100 Courses You Can Play, Harbour Town is a 1969 Pete Dye creation that also featured consultant Jack Nicklaus's first formal foray into course design.

Nicklaus didn't win the inaugural Heritage tournament that year, but he did pull through in 1975, one of 18 major championship winners who have donned the Tartan blazer here. Admittedly it's the 452-yard, par-4 18th that grabs the glory, framed as it is by postcard images of Calibogue Sound and the iconic candy cane-striped lighthouse. However, the other 17 holes are absolute keepers, including one of the best par-3 quartets in golf.