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Southern Hospitality

Set along the Southern shoreline of South Carolina's most famous island, Timbers Kiawah proves the ideal sanctuary for exceptional golf and relaxed Lowcountry living.

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Unparalleled Coastal Comforts

On a mild afternoon in October, a small group of residents and guests congregates on the back terrace of Timbers Kiawah's Pool Grill. The crowd watches as chef Teddy Folkman leads them through a cooking demonstration, grilling fresh oysters, whipping up a pumpkin-ale compound butter, and mixing a small batch of maple old-fashioneds. The gathering isn't a special event, but a weekly occurrence; cooking demonstrations are just some of the many regular meet-ups for Timbers members.

Timbers Kiawah is the only private residence club on Kiawah Island, and the property's trio of four-story residential buildings are set less than 150 yards from the shore and connect to the beach via a private boardwalk. Of even greater appeal, that beach is pleasingly serene given that Kiawah Island's famous resort is more than two miles away to the north. In fact, the Timbers property's location near the southern end of the island makes for easy bike rides to the point where the Kiawah River empties into Captain Sams Inlet—a noteworthy spot since pods of dolphins can often be seen strand feeding along the riverbanks. Five world-class golf courses are also within a 20-minute drive, including The Ocean Course, one of Pete Dye's seminal works that has hosted a Ryder Cup and two PGA Championships since its grand opening three decades ago.

"Timbers Kiawah's luxury residences have remained in high demand since their debut [in 2018]," says Chris Burden, the chief development officer for Timbers Resorts. "The level of around-the-clock service with a 24-hour concierge is truly unlike anything else. The Timbers Kiawah team handles all arrangements from booking tee times and activities to even stocking your fridge with groceries. We take care of it all so our owners can just show up."

The residence club has sold more than 75 percent of its inventory; however, opportunities for 1/9 deeded ownership (\$675,000) of a three-bedroom residence with expansive outdoor terraces and more than 2,200 square feet of living space still exist. "Everything is taken care of from the moment you arrive," says Burden, "so you can spend your vacation getting back to what's most important—spending time with those you love." timberskiawah.com