

The new Timbers Kiawah: Living worry-free in one of golf's greatest destinations



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The pool area and beach club is the centerpiece of activity at the new Timbers Kiawah. Courtesy Timbers

KIAWAH ISLAND, S.C. — Whenever my family goes on vacation, my wife and I will kick the tires on the idea of, one day, living in that destination seasonally. We might even poke around Trulia at vacation homes in the area.

Inevitably, though, the conversation ends with this question: Would I still feel like I'm on vacation if, the moment I walk in the door, I'm worried about a broken dishwasher, or a leak in the roof, or trees to trim?

And when I'm not there, will I be worried about break-ins or a busted pipe? Do I need to hire a property manager?

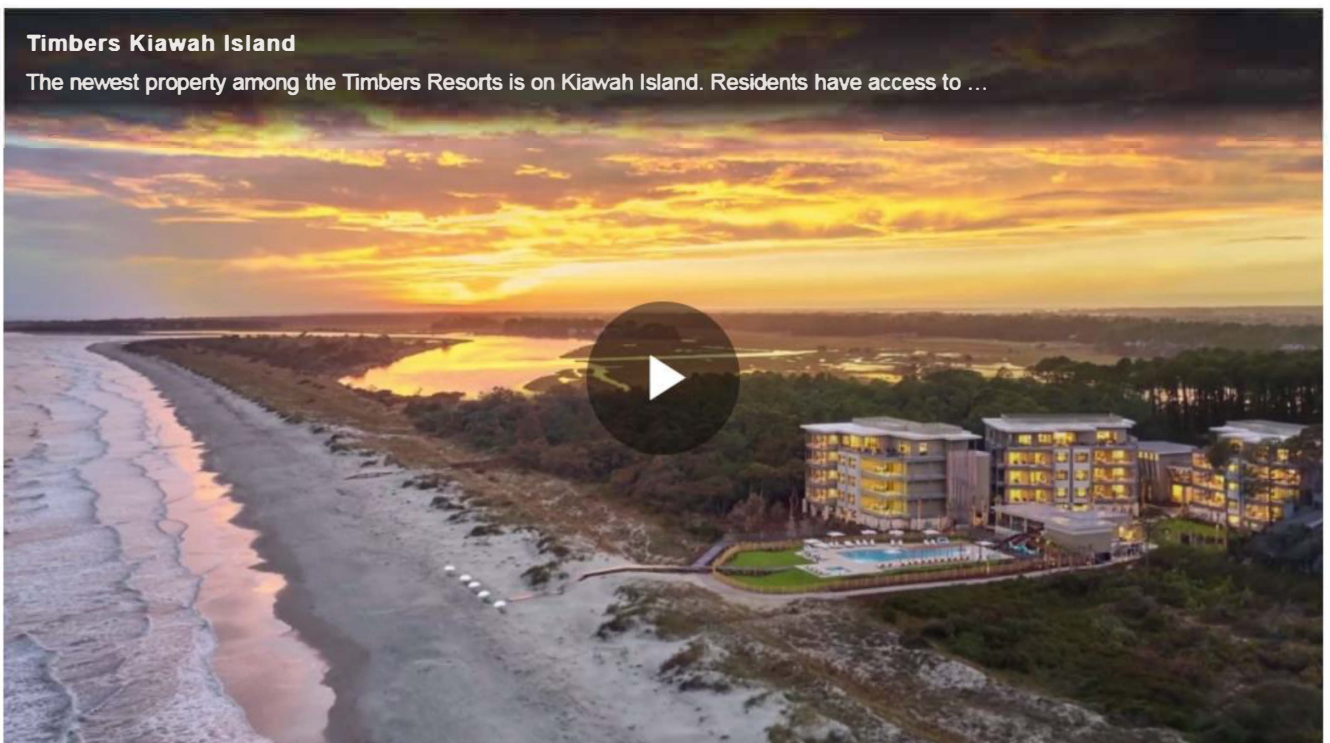
If the growth of [Timbers Resorts](#) is any indication since they opened their first property, Snowmass in 1999, we clearly aren't alone in being wary of the headaches of managing a second home. A visit to their brand-new [Timbers Kiawah](#) was proof you can own a vacation property with all the fun and none of the hassle.

The Timbers residence club model sells fractional, deeded ownership of vacation homes in top destinations. The units come fully furnished and are accompanied by an assortment of private club amenities and services.

The homes are all class, but the ace in the hole for parents is the services. Prior to your visit, you can send your grocery list to the concierge and upon arrival the fridge and pantry is stocked for the week. Knowing we had small children with us, they installed railings on one bed for our three-year-old and had a pack-n-play set up for our infant. They arranged a birthday dinner reservation for us at The Sanctuary Hotel's Jasmine Porch and lined up a babysitter so we could properly savor the southern cooking.

As a dad, you don't have to worry about traveling with or shipping all your sporting goods: there are paddleboards, kayaks, pool toys galore down at the beach club, plus bicycles of all sizes to cruise the island's shady paths or the 10-mile beach. No room for your golf clubs? They have sets on hand for residents. It's all included. To travel even lighter, residents will ship luggage ahead of time using ShipSticks, one of many travel partners - from cars to lounges to private jet travel - Timbers properties has negotiated with to make things even more seamless.

You don't have to worry about fixing a runny faucet or a clogged disposal. Just call the 24-hour desk. You might even have time for golf! Maybe dad can relax on a family vacation after all.



Timbers Kiawah Island

The newest property among the Timbers Resorts is on Kiawah Island. Residents have access to ...

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Life as a Timbers Kiawah owner

The total footprint of Timbers Kiawah is intimate, just 3.5 beachfront acres. Three residential buildings feature 21 total units - 18 of which are 3-bed, 3.5 bath, while the top floor of each is a larger, 4-bedroom/4.5-bath penthouse. The centerpiece is the private beach club (fully winterized in the cooler months and includes a pool heated to 82 degrees) - it's a good thing because the island's beaches and other resort amenities can get pretty crowded during peak season. But you'll always have a pool or beach chair here and the waitstaff is always nearby ready to bring another refreshment, even at full occupancy.

Guests of Timbers Kiawah can access the five Kiawah Island resort golf courses, all of which have been recently renovated, and Cougar Point just opened its brand new clubhouse. Timbers residents also have the option to join the Kiawah Island Club. This includes the island's two private courses, Cassique, a fabulous, links-inspired layout by Tom Watson that offers caddies and whose layout features many odes to Open rota holes and even has a flexible front-nine routing. The other private course is the River Club, designed by Tom Fazio.

Then there are the five other resort courses, headlined by the Ocean Course, which will host the 2021 PGA Championship.