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Dear Customer,

July is a time when we think of cooling off and relaxing with friends and family. Whether it is the cool quiet beauty of the mountains, the excitement and laughter at the water park or relaxing by the pool or on the beach this is when most of us turn dreaming into action.

We have great destinations that fit all these cooler relaxind destinations. Whether you go for a long weekend, a few mid-week days which are usually a better value, or overnight these places will suit your needs wonderfully. Enjoy being cool!

Head for the Hills- Gatlinburg, TN



Gatlinburg, Tennessee is best known as the western entrance to the Great Smokey Mountains National Park. Gatlinburg is noted for its mountain handicraft shops, and local points of interest include the Homespun Valley Mountaineer Village and the Christus Gardens, a series of dioramas depicting the life of Christ. But most come to see and enjoy the Great Smokey Mountains.

The Great Smokey Mountains National Park is 20 miles wide and some 54 miles long. The park was established in 1934 to preserve the last remaining sizeable area of southern primeval hardwood forest in the United States. It covers over 520,000 acres and it contains some of the highest peaks of the Appalachian Mountains.

Summits and ridges are crowned with a forest of red spruce and Fraser fir. In the open areas purple and pink blossoming rhododendron can be seen. Hiking is the most popular activity, whether a day trip or as part of a hike up the length of the entire Appalachian Trail. Some of the families who first settled this area have descendents who live and farm in much the same way as in years gone by. The area containing those farms was designated a World Heritage Site in 1983.

Visitors come to the Smokies, the most popular area administered by the US National Park Service, to hike, fish, camp, ski, whitewater raft, and enjoy this well-preserved national treasure. There are world-class spas as well as theme parks and resorts throughout the area. All of these draw their inspiration from the abundant natural beauty.

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Annual 4th July Midnight Parade held over the 4th of July weekend in downtown Gatlinburg. Enjoy lighted floats, marching bands and giant helium balloons. The parade begins at 12:01 a.m. on the 4th.

Annual Powwow is held July 1 to 26 at the Cherokee Indian Fair Grounds in Cherokee, NC.

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• [Little Gem of the South:Pawley's Island, SC](#)

Litchfield Plantation is an extraordinary retreat on the principal 600 acres of a 1750s South Carolina coastal rice plantation. It has been meticulously transformed into a country inn, with some of the most exceptional accommodations in the United States. A variety of delightfully comfortable and well-furnished rooms, with historic flavor and modern amenities, are available among the Plantation's diverse resources. Litchfield Plantation's unique atmosphere has attracted many corporate travelers and group retreats in addition to leisure guests. A few have become so enamored of this secluded place that they have built homes on the property.

Located in Pawleys Island, S. 17 south of famed Myrtle Beach and 1.5 hours North of Charleston, Litchfield Plantation is easily reached by car, airplane or boat. Zagat's Survey recently characterized the Plantation as excellent, with the highest rating of all accommodations on South Carolina's Grand Strand. This rating qualifies the Plantation to be included in the Top 50 U. The resort features a beautifully landscaped pool and cabanas situated on the edge of the property's grasslands. Drive 5 minutes to the ocean to relax at the property's private beach house club, go for a game of tennis, hit the links or take a boat out from the inlet marina. Though Litchfield Plantation is a serene and relaxing resort, there are numerous bustling restaurants and shops within a ten-minute drive to the North. Gourmet dining is also available in the historic Carriage House Club, as is a complimentary breakfast which features lowcountry specialties such as fried cheese grit wedge with eggs and country ham.

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