

# Declare Your Own Holiday with Hilton Garden Inn and Kinga Philipps



Recognizing Americans' need to reclaim their weekends to recharge, Hilton Garden Inn has partnered with television personality and travel enthusiast Kinga Philipps to encourage people to embark on weekend getaways on their own terms. The "Declare Your Own Holiday" campaign empowers people to establish and celebrate their own special reasons to get away and discover new places, connect with themselves and loved ones and take a moment to breathe easy.

*"Sometimes we forget to take a moment for ourselves – whether it's picking a hobby back up, connecting with friends or just taking it easy. We need to encourage ourselves to get out, relax and travel more often and participate in activities we wouldn't normally. As a nation, we need to reclaim our weekends." – Kinga Philipps*

This summer, Kinga declared her own holiday and embarked on a southeast road trip, hitting cities like Savannah, Charleston, Wilmington and Kitty Hawk. To help you "Declare Your Own Holiday," Kinga has pulled together the following itineraries highlighting hidden gems she has discovered and personal vacation photos from some of her favorite cities.

## Savannah, Georgia



### What to do:

- Savannah is one of the most magical towns in the South, filled with beautiful scenery. The cobblestone streets of the river walk and the many parks and squares filled trees covered with Spanish moss give the town an enchanting feel.
- Breathe easy while strolling through one of the most notable parks in Savannah, Forsyth Park, which covers 30 acres of the Historic District.
- Discover the haunting feel of the Deep South by joining one of the many ghost tours throughout the city or by simply taking a stroll through Bonaventure Cemetery, which was one of the focal points of the novel *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt.
- Looking to see beautiful southern architecture? Be sure to visit Jones Street - supposedly the origin of the term "keeping up with the Joneses".
- Take a drive to Tybee Island, a little beach town that offers a fun nightlife scene and great eats. Tybee also offers the perfect waves for a day of boogie boarding.
- While you are in Tybee make sure to visit The Crab Shack for good food and an opportunity to visit their alligator farm.

### Where to stay:

- Enjoy a stay at the [Hilton Garden Inn Savannah Historic District](#). Set in the heart of historic downtown Savannah, the hotel is situated only one block from River Street, City Market and historic Broughton Street and is within easy access of the city's vibrant nightlife, shopping, dining and entertainment.

### Where to eat:

- Enjoy some good ole southern food at Mrs. Wilkes Boarding House or grab a drink in the basement by the fireplace at Pink House.
- Who says crab cakes are only for dinner? Head down to Tubby's Tank House for crab cakes at any time of the day (even breakfast)!

## Charleston, South Carolina



### What to do:

- Stroll the streets of historic downtown Charleston while discovering the stunning homes and historical plaques that give you an insight into who built each house.
- If the tide is right, head on down to Folly Beach for a day of surfing.
- Looking for succulent seafood? Drive to Murrels Inlet – the seafood capital of the area.

### Where to stay:

- The stylish [Hilton Garden Inn Charleston Waterfront/Downtown](#) hotel is in the heart of downtown Charleston, set on Ashley Marina, by the banks of the Ashley River. Enjoy easy access to Charleston's Historic District, as well as Historic Plantations, shops, restaurants and beaches.

### Where to eat:

- Stop into the Gin Joint or the Belmont for small plates and great drinks.

## Wilmington, North Carolina



### What to do:

#### Ocracoke Island:

- Grab the ferry at Cedar Island and experience a ride to the gorgeous sand dunes and wide open beaches of Ocracoke Island. Get in tune with your adventurous side and drive a 4x4 on the beaches.



#### Cape Hatteras:

- Visit the iconic lighthouse at Cape Hatteras for a great photo opp with sweeping views. Afterwards, grab a bite at Dinky's on the marina for delicious fresh seafood.

#### Beaufort:

- Looking for a quaint harbor town? Beaufort offers a picturesque town with a ton of history. Does the town look familiar? It has been featured in many films!

#### Wrightsville Beach:

- Discover the shipwreck capital of the East Coast with over 200 wrecks for divers to explore!

#### Where to stay:

- The [Hilton Garden Inn Wilmington Mayfaire Town Center](#) is less than 3 miles from Wrightsville Beach and located in the center of town, giving you easy access to all Wilmington has to offer.

#### Where to eat:

- Looking for some great local seafood? Grab a bite on the pier at The Oceanic for a fun atmosphere and live music.

## Kitty Hawk, North Carolina



#### What to do:

- Kitty Hawk has some of the premier surf spots on the East Coast. Nothing beats discovering a new hobby at any age.
- Looking to be adventurous? Take a stab at paragliding over the waters and really give yourself the chance to breathe.
- If you are looking to experience a little piece of history visit the Wright Brother's National Monument, where you can find reproductions of early flying machines and a replica of the first wind tunnel. You can even take a climb to the very spot where the Wright brothers conducted their glider experiment.

#### Where to stay:

- Stay at the [Hilton Garden Inn Outer Banks/Kitty Hawk](#) located directly on the beach. Admire views of the beautiful beach at the fishing pier from the private balcony of every guest room!

#### Where to eat:

- After a day at the beach it is time to kick back at Ocean Boulevard Bistro and Martini Bar to enjoy fresh eats and live music.

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