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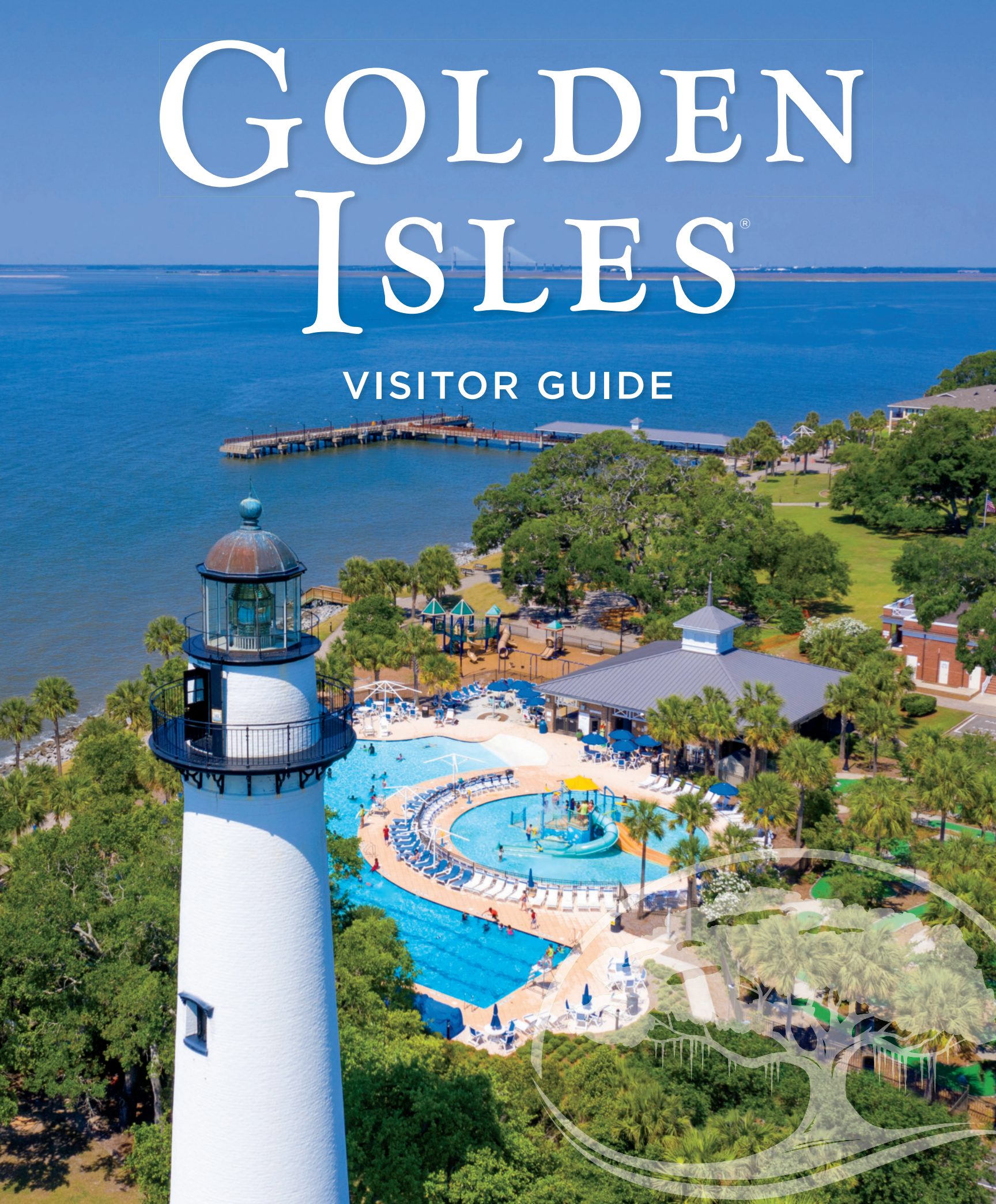
VISITOR GUIDE



St. Simons Land Trust

Some of the most beloved features of Georgia's Golden Isles are the extensive bike paths, the canopy-draped hiking trails, and the numerous green spaces, parks, and preserves on St. Simons Island. More than 1,000 acres on the island have been protected by the **St. Simons Land Trust**, an accredited member of the national Land Trust Alliance.

This includes Cannon's Point Preserve, with its 608 acres of undeveloped wilderness, intact maritime forest, and more than six miles of peninsula shoreline on the north-end of the island. The 258-acre Guale Preserve features Polly's Trail in the center of the property and Janet's Trail at the waterfront. And across the island are protected areas that provide intimate access to historic, cultural, and environmental features and memorable experiences for birders, hikers, bikers, kayakers, photographers, and all nature lovers.

As the Land Trust marks its 20th anniversary this year, we celebrate the residents, businesses, and visitors who have helped to create a culture of conservation on St. Simons. Be sure to support 1% for St. Simons partners who participate in our voluntary giving opportunity that turns pennies into protected acres.

To learn more about the many outdoor activities that can be enjoyed on Land Trust properties, please visit our website or call.

sslt.org 912.638.9109

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WELCOME

Cradled on the southern part of Georgia's scenic coastline is a pocket of paradise where serene, natural beauty blends with history and hospitality. Here, four barrier islands and the adjoining mainland combine as one of the most captivating places you will ever discover.

Beautiful marshlands surround the area. Sandy beaches stretch on for miles. World-class golf is everywhere, with hundreds of holes ensconced within the Golden Isles' breathtaking views. Historic landmarks, museums, and art galleries present the legacies of the area, while quaint bed-and-breakfast inns to five-star resorts showcase unrivaled Southern hospitality.

An easy escape from the Southeast's largest cities, this region is wild with possibilities.

Welcome to the enchanting Golden Isles of Georgia. We look forward to seeing you here soon.

Neptune Park on St. Simons Island features a public pool, water park, and picnic area, and is adjacent to the Lighthouse and Pier Village. Cover photo taken by Empire Sky.

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Best Islands in the Continental U.S.
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Best Islands in the U.S.
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Forbes TRAVEL GUIDE

The Cloister at Sea Island
The Georgian Room at Sea Island
The Lodge at Sea Island
The Spa at Sea Island

travel CHANNEL

Most Romantic Roadtrips
Best Dolphin Sighting Destinations in North America

USA TODAY

Best Coastal Small Towns
Best Warm Weather Getaway

Wish You Were Here

St. Simons Island

Ranked a top coastal small town, this island is big on appeal

St. Simons Island features breathtaking beaches, fascinating museums, challenging golf courses, and unique shopping among its charming streets. Follow picture-perfect moss-draped oaks to a lighthouse, a national monument, and one of the oldest churches in Georgia. Take in a day of adventure with kayaking, fishing, biking, and tours. It's no wonder *USA TODAY* named St. Simons Island on its list of "*Best Coastal Small Towns*." Exceptional restaurants and a variety of friendly inns to luxurious resorts round out the island's warm welcome, giving it the claims to fame that have attracted vacationers and groups for generations.
Goldenisles.com 800.933.2627

Wish You Were Here

Sea Island

A luxurious resort celebrating more than 90 years of hospitality

Since 1928, Sea Island has been known as an exceptional destination for those who appreciate gracious service and heartfelt hospitality. Delight in four Forbes Five-Star experiences — The Cloister at Sea Island, The Lodge at Sea Island, The Spa at Sea Island, and the Georgian Room restaurant — as well as five miles of private beach, three championship golf courses, an all-new Golf Performance Center, tennis and squash centers, yacht club, shooting school, and activities for children. Guests may stay at The Cloister, The Lodge, The Inn, or in a cottage. They may also enjoy nearby Broadfield, a Sea Island Sporting Club and Lodge, offering a variety of seasonal hunting, fishing, sporting, and organic culinary opportunities.
seaisland.com 855.645.0280

Sea Island is a private resort open to hotel guests and members only.

Wish You Were Here

Little St. Simons Island

11,000 acres and 32 guests on a sustainable paradise

Accessible only by boat, Little St. Simons Island is a private island beloved for both its seclusion and its focus on conservation. The all-inclusive Lodge on Little St. Simons Island has 16 rooms in six charming cottages that can host up to 32 guests. Although it has won numerous hospitality awards, including "Top Resort in the South" by *Condé Nast Traveler*, the top attraction has always been the island itself. And thanks to a conservation easement, its ecological integrity will always be protected. Guests are led by skilled naturalists in activities like kayaking, fishing, shell collecting, bicycling, and birding. Stays include three meals daily, prepared from the organic garden and fresh local seafood. Here, rustic elegance, serene surroundings, and a focus on preservation combine to create an extraordinary getaway.
LittleSSI.com 888.733.5774

Wish You Were Here

Jekyll Island

From an exclusive retreat to a hub of unspoiled tranquility

Jekyll Island is a destination with so much to offer you'll need a full year to experience it all. From 10 miles of unspoiled beaches and perfectly preserved Gilded Age mansions, to annual events and seasonal activities, this island is a beautiful blend of serenity and discovery. Even guests who have been visiting for years still discover something new each time they visit. New attractions, dining options, and places to stay continue to be added, making Jekyll Island a destination that is growing – without losing the charm, historical character, and natural magic that have defined it for generations. Whether you're exploring Driftwood Beach, traveling back in time on a history tour, biking through acres of maritime forest, or watching a sea turtle crawl home toward the ocean, any season is the perfect time to visit Jekyll Island.
jekyllisland.com 912.635.3636

Wish You Were Here

Historic Brunswick

A port city blending treasured history and opportunities

Serving as the mainland to Georgia's Golden Isles, Brunswick is perched harbor-side near the Atlantic with the intracoastal waterway separating it from the nearby islands. Christened one of the five ports of entry for the original colonies by George Washington, the city is home to one of the largest ports on the east coast. Brunswick features architecture that is proudly Victorian, with street names reflecting its colonial origins. Historic Downtown Brunswick is home to many festivals, events, a thriving farmers market, and the storied Historic Ritz Theatre. Additionally, the city is home to one of the largest historic districts in Georgia, a four-year college, a world-class healthcare facility and downtown's distillery, varied dining options, and a brewery.
discoverbrunswick.com 912.265.4032

BEACH BOUND

Go to Goldenisles.com to view current tide tables.

AMONG THE MILES OF PRISTINE COASTLINE,

what's the best beach for you? Let this guide to the area's amenities lead the way.

FAMILY FUN

If you're taking the whole family to the beach and making a day of it, you might be looking for more than just sun and sand. St. Simons Island's **Massengale Park** has a shaded picnic area and playground with easy beach access, while **Coast Guard Station** offers plenty of parking and facilities, plus a wide section of beach. On Jekyll Island, **Great Dunes** is conveniently located near playgrounds, mini-golf, bike, and Segway rentals. **Oceanview Beach Park** offers pavilions with picnic tables and grills.

FISHING & WILDLIFE

If your idea of a good time at the beach is more about observing our ecosystem and interacting with nature, head to St. Simons Island's **Gould's Inlet** for fishing, bird watching, and spectacular sunrises; explore Jekyll Island's beautiful **Driftwood Beach**; or take in the sights at **South Dunes Beach**'s observation deck and freshwater pond. If you're on the beaches at low tide, explore the tidal pools for hermit crabs, horseshoe crabs, and sand dollars—but please leave them where you found them.

PEACE & QUIET

These picturesque beaches are popular among locals and visitors alike, but if you are looking for a little more solitude, **Gould's Inlet**, **Driftwood Beach**, and **Glory Beach** are known as quieter spots. For the ultimate in privacy, resort guests enjoy Little St. Simons Island and Sea Island.

DISABLED ACCESSIBILITY

Jekyll Island has beach accessibility for people with physical disabilities at **St. Andrews Beach**, **Great Dunes** (crossover No. 32), and **Beach Village** (crossover No. 38), as well as free delivery and pick-up of beach-going wheelchairs. **Coast Guard Station** at East Beach and **Massengale Park** on St. Simons Island also offer beach access via ADA accessible mats.

BEACH SAFETY

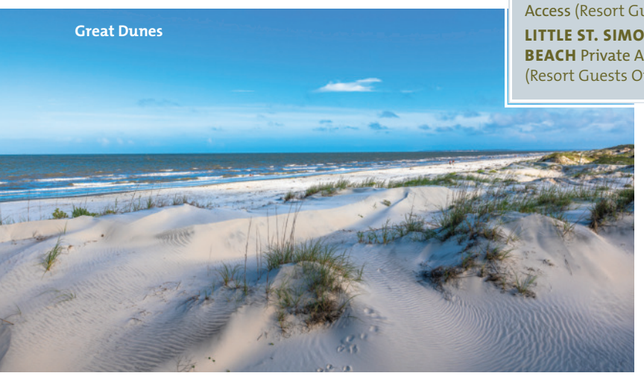
Lifeguards are present from Memorial Day to Labor Day, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at **Coast Guard Station** and **Massengale Park** beaches on St. Simons Island. Swim at your own risk. **Do not swim to visible sand bars.** The tide changes quickly and will submerge the sandbar, stranding swimmers in deep water. Rip currents can occur in most ocean environments at any time. Find tide charts and more information at **Goldenisles.com**.

Coast Guard Station

Gould's Inlet

Massengale Park

Driftwood Beach


Great Dunes

Glory Beach

Plan Your Trip

COAST GUARD STATION First St. & Bruce Dr., St. Simons Island

GOULD'S INLET 15th St. & Bruce Dr., St. Simons Island

MASSENGALE PARK 1350 Ocean Blvd., St. Simons Island

DRIFTWOOD BEACH N. Beachview Dr., Jekyll Island

GLORY BEACH S. Beachview Dr., Jekyll Island

GREAT DUNES End of Ben Fortson Pkwy. on N. Beachview Dr., Jekyll Island

SOUTH DUNES 210 S. Beachview Dr., Jekyll Island

ST. ANDREWS BEACH S. Riverview Dr., Jekyll Island

SEA ISLAND BEACH Private Access (Resort Guests Only)

LITTLE ST. SIMONS ISLAND BEACH Private Access (Resort Guests Only)

PRIVATE

Sea Island Beach

Little St. Simons Island Beach

PRIVATE

THE MAJESTIC TREE SPIRITS

On the hunt for St. Simons Island's seven treasured carvings.

THE STORY OF CORA, PROTECTOR OF THE LOGGERHEADS

Legend holds that a spellbinding beauty named Cora has lived in the depths of the Golden Isles for centuries. Part human, part fish, mermaid Cora has rarely been sighted by islanders. But those who have managed to catch a glimpse of her gliding through the currents never forget her splendor and grace.

Her sun-kissed skin is golden brown, her green eyes sparkle like emeralds, and her chocolate-hued hair falls in ribbons down to her waist. But Cora's true beauty shines from within: She is the gentle protector of the islands' loggerhead turtles. When a mother loggerhead lays her eggs on the sand, she hums a sweet song only her babies can hear. When the babies are ready to hatch, Cora waits at the shoreline. She hums their mother's song, patiently guiding them to the water.

When the hatchlings reach her, Cora leads them out to sea to begin their new lives. Along the way, she guards them from fishing nets, teaches them to become strong swimmers, and shows them how to eat conchs and crabs. When they've become independent enough to find their own ways, Cora leaves the turtles to await the next newborns.

Pick up a map of the Tree Spirits at the Welcome Center.

Golden Isles Welcome Center

On nights when the moon is full, you may see the reflection of Cora's tail in the water. And if you glance at the surf when the last baby loggerhead has journeyed down the beach, you'll see a flash of Cora's tail as she dives back under the waves.

Carved Art

If you look closely at some of the majestic oak trees that cover St. Simons Island, it's possible to find one gazing back at you. Either peering out from the trunk or perhaps from the stub of a long-vanished branch, the unmistakable image of a weathered face would be one of the island's 20 commissioned Tree Spirits. Using gouges and a mallet, sculptor Keith Jennings began carving these beloved creatures in 1982.

While there are seven tree spirits in public areas, the most popular is the majestic Mermaid Tree Spirit at the Golden Isles Welcome Center. Visit Cora and pick up a map of the other Tree Spirit locations at one of our Welcome Centers.

ISLAND TIME

This region shines year-round, but here are a few signature reasons to visit each season.

Christmastime at Sea Island

For the area's weekly live music schedule, go to Goldenisles.com

Winter

■ Taking place around the island, **HOLLY JOLLY JEKYLL** is a magical event that takes guests on a nostalgic trip back in time with storytelling, caroling, and a winter carnival. **(Holidays)**

■ Search for handmade glass globes hidden around Jekyll Island each winter. Better still: These **ISLAND TREASURES** are finders keepers! **(January – February)**

■ A feast of oysters, low country boil, and signature dishes and desserts from dozens of local chefs, the **ST. SIMONS LAND TRUST OYSTER ROAST** benefits the organization's vision to protect the scenic character of the area. **(January)**

■ Competing for the Peoples' Choice and Judges' Award, teams take the **BRUNSWICK ROCKIN' STEWBILEE** seriously. Meanwhile, visitors enjoy the motorcycle ride, pooch parade, live music, and other fun. **(January)**

■ **WHISKEY, WINE & WILDLIFE** on Jekyll Island artfully combines renowned beverage tastings and inspired cuisine, all with a chance to experience coastal wildlife up-close. **(February)**

■ Called the "toughest 5K in Georgia," the **SOUTHEAST GEORGIA HEALTH SYSTEM BRIDGE RUN** is also super scenic as runners travel the Sidney Lanier Bridge in Brunswick. **(February)**

■ Four nationally renowned storytellers will keep attendees laughing all weekend at the **ST. SIMONS ISLAND STORYTELLING FESTIVAL** held at Epworth by the Sea. **(February)**

Spring

■ A day of races and events benefitting the Georgia Sea Turtle Center, Jekyll Island's **TURTLE CRAWL** includes a 5K, 10K and Fun Run. **(March)**

■ Brunswick's colorful **MAYFAIR** festival features the annual Blessing of the Fleet, a Portuguese tradition that blesses the decorated shrimp boats prior to the season's start. **(Mother's Day Weekend)**

Summer

■ **GEORGIA SEA ISLANDS FESTIVAL**, held each June in Gascoigne Bluff Park on St. Simons Island, celebrates African-American musical traditions, crafts, and food. Don't miss the renowned Georgia Sea Island Singers. **(June)**

■ The prime place to celebrate our nation's independence, the Golden Isles goes all out with **4TH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS**, including events on St. Simons Island, Jekyll Island, Brunswick, and Sea Island. Visit ***Goldenisles.com*** for a detailed list of red, white, and blue happenings.

Fall

■ The Georgia Department of Natural Resources' **COASTFEST** in Brunswick educates all ages about the state's coastal environment. Enjoy touch tanks, living history demonstrations, and science experiments. **(October)**

■ The Golden Isles is considered top "dawg" for the annual Georgia vs. Florida football game. Many rivalry events take place this week, including the **GEORGIA-FLORIDA GOLF CLASSIC** on Jekyll Island. **(October)**

■ The **JEKYLL ISLAND SHRIMP & GRITS FESTIVAL** features a cook-off, boat tours, a craft-brew fest, cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts vendors, and a fun zone for kids. **(November)**

■ Hosted by professional golfer Davis Love III, the **RSM CLASSIC** at Sea Island Golf Club is one of the most anticipated events on the PGA TOUR. The event features some of the biggest names in golf on one of the most beautiful and challenging courses in the Southeast. **(November)**

SCENE & HEARD

Discover the Golden Isles' abundant arts scene.

Art in the Park
Postell Park
St. Simons Island

From lush marshlands and picture-perfect sunsets to a vast selection of wildlife, nature paints an inspirational palate for Golden Isles photographers, artists, writers, and performers. The result is an array of cultural offerings and rotating exhibits to appeal to all types of arts enthusiasts. Plan a morning of gallery browsing, book a hands-on glass class, grab tickets to the latest theater production, or settle in for an evening at the symphony. Whether you head home with a tune in your ear or a canvas for your wall, you'll be glad you experienced the region's talent.

Creative Attractions

CLASSES & MORE			
Get Your Muse On	912.268.0445	St. Simons Island	getyourmuseon.com
Glynn Visual Arts	912.638.8770	St. Simons Island	glynnvisualarts.org
The Tinted Tide	912.580.2530	St. Simons Island	thetintedtide.com
PERFORMING ARTS			
Brunswick Actors' Theatre & Gallery	912.280.0023	Brunswick	soglogallery.com
Coastal Symphony of Georgia	912.634.2006	Brunswick	coastalsymphonyofgeorgia.org
Golden Isles Youth Orchestra	912.634.3453	Brunswick	goldenislesyouthorchestra.org
Historic Ritz Theatre	912.262.6934	Brunswick	goldenislesarts.org
The Island Players	912.638.0338	St. Simons Island	theislandplayers.com
ART GALLERIES			
Anderson Fine Art Gallery	912.634.8414	St. Simons Island	andersonfineartgallery.com
ArtTrends Gallery	912.268.4761	St. Simons Island	arttrends.gallery
Glynn Visual Arts	912.638.8770	St. Simons Island	glynnvisualarts.org
Brunswick Actors' Theatre & Gallery	912.262.0628	Brunswick	soglogallery.com
MUSEUMS			
Arthur J. Moore Methodist Museum	912.638.4050	St. Simons Island	mooremethodistmuseum.com
Mosaic, The Jekyll Island Museum	912.635.4036	Jekyll Island	jekyllisland.com
St. Simons Island Lighthouse Museum	912.638.4666	St. Simons Island	coastalgeorgiahistory.org
World War II Home Front Museum	912.634.7098	St. Simons Island	coastalgeorgiahistory.org

Cultural Festivals

■ Each Spring, celebrate the many diverse cultures that call the Golden Isles home through art, music, food, cultural displays, kids' activities, a marketplace and more at the **INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL** **ccga.edu**

■ Experience music, ceremonies and traditional food at the **JEWISH FOOD & CULTURE FESTIVAL** held each Spring. **bethtefilloh.org**

Music Festivals

■ Nearing its 40th Symphony Season, the **COASTAL SYMPHONY OF GEORGIA** continues to engage, enrich and inspire the Golden Isles community through artistically vibrant performances year-round. **coastalsymphonyofgeorgia.org**

■ The St. Simons Lighthouse lawn hosts its own summertime concert series, **LITTLE LIGHT MUSIC**, from May – September. **coastalgeorgiahistory.org**

■ Held monthly from April – October, **RHYTHM ON THE RIVER** is a free community concert series in Historic Downtown Brunswick. **discoverbrunswick.com**

■ This summertime concert series, **SOUNDS BY THE SEA** hosts a variety of musical performances at oceanfront Neptune Park. **goldenislesarts.org**

Performing Arts

■ **BRUNSWICK ACTORS' THEATRE** showcases the talents of local and regional artists, actors, writers and directors year-round. **soglogallery.com**

■ **GOLDEN ISLES ARTS & HUMANITIES** produces an annual calendar of cultural and community events, arts education programs, gallery exhibits and more. **goldenislesarts.org**

■ The oldest community theatre in the Golden Isles, **THE ISLAND PLAYERS** brings the stage alive with four performances and summer workshops each year. **theislandplayers.com**

One-third of the East Coast's marshes are in Georgia.

GREAT ESCAPES

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WHEN DAWN BREAKS

IN THE GOLDEN ISLES,

explorers are immersed in its natural beauty. Anglers and shrimpers set out on the water, bikers travel meandering paths, and sea turtles attract admirers to the beaches. Birders spot new species, adventurers rent paddleboards, and families picnic in picture-perfect parks. Whether you're seeking the sound of silence or getting hooked on a new hobby, there are outdoor options for all.

PEDAL POWER

Miles of bike paths connect scenic points of interest along the **St. Simons Island** and **Jekyll Island Trail Systems**, giving visitors the chance to explore the Golden Isles at a leisurely pace, and allowing cyclists an opportunity to get in a workout surrounded by the region's charm and beauty.

Meander through the village of St. Simons Island or venture down its residential streets to get a better feel for daily life in the Golden Isles. Pedal through maritime forests and across vast expanses of salt marshes, stopping along the way to snap a selfie with a beautiful backdrop or soak up the rich history that surrounds you at any number of historical sites along the trails. Hop off the beaten path for a ride along one of the idyllic beaches or brave more rugged terrain on the off-road bike trails in **Blythe Island Regional Park** in Brunswick or in the wilderness of **Cannon's Point Preserve** on St. Simons Island.

Even better: There's no need for casual cyclists to worry about loading up gear for the trip — bicycle rental companies, such as **Island Bicycles** on St. Simons Island, offer a full range of options for the whole family, including pull-behind trailers for the little ones. Before you set out, be sure to pick up a bike map at the Golden Isles Welcome Center.

INTO THE WILD

The remote location of Georgia's Golden Isles have long protected the ecosystems and creatures that call them home, saving them from overdevelopment and loss of habitat. Countless species of birds, reptiles, and mammals live along the 100 miles of Georgia coastline.

Little St. Simons Island, an eco-resort on a private island, has unparalleled opportunities to get up close with coastal wildlife. Naturalist-led tours are a part of the offerings for overnight guests and day visitors, which visit untouched beaches, elevated platforms overlooking the marshes and rookeries, and tree-lined sandy forests.

PARK IT

Whether you're looking for a spot to sit and take in one of the painted sunsets or an area for the family to burn off some energy, the Golden Isles is dotted with scenic public parks.

On St. Simons Island, **Gascoigne Bluff** is situated on a rich historic site and features a six-hole disc golf course that winds through a live oak grove as well as the **Southeast Georgia Health System Fitness Trail** and a public fishing pier and floating dock. **Massengale Park** provides an oak-shaded picnic area with barbecue grills and a children's playground, as well as easy access to East Beach.

Read more about historic Cannon's Point Preserve on p. 26.

For more adventurous visitors looking to get into nature, **Cannon's Point Preserve** on the north end of St. Simons Island boasts a primitive wilderness experience. The 600-acre tract of green space features wild native species, numerous shell rings that are more than 4,000 years old, and plantation ruins that date to the 19th century.

Visitors to Jekyll Island will want to pack a picnic lunch to enjoy at **Great Dunes Park** while you take a break from fun in the sun.

And in Brunswick, **Mary Ross Waterfront Park** is a perfect place to view the sunset across the marshes as well as watch shrimp boats and large oceangoing ships from the waterfront docks. Each week, it's the site of the Brunswick Bazaar and Farmer's Market. The park also features a scale model of a Liberty Ship similar to those built in Brunswick's shipyards during World War II.

TAKE FLIGHT

Birders are encouraged to bring their binoculars and eagle eyes to the Golden Isles, as you never know what you might see! More than 330 species can be found among the marshes shaded by oak trees, including herons, egrets, roseate spoonbills and bald eagles.

The **Colonial Coast Birding Trail** is a network of 18 stops from Savannah in the north to St. Marys in the south, each offering a different viewpoint. Included are state parks and sites like **Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation** in Brunswick, an 1800s rice plantation. Don't miss the nature trail from the visitor's center that follows along the marsh's edge.

The Audubon Society has recognized Jekyll and Little St. Simons islands for their bird habitats. Hundreds of species have been spotted on **Little St. Simons Island**, which hosts annual birding days, evening owl prowls, and more at its nature sanctuary along the Atlantic Migratory Flyway. Brunswick also has opportunities for spotting friendly fowl. **Altama Plantation Wildlife Management Area** is one of the most ecologically diverse habitats in the southeast and boasts the highest documented number of rare plants, animals, and natural community occurrences in Georgia.

Bald Eagles

Roseate Spoonbill

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Parks & Recreation Venues

			PLAYGROUND	PICNIC AREA	RESTROOMS	DOG PARK	SKATE PARK	PLAYING FIELDS	BASKETBALL	TENNIS	PICKLEBALL	CAMPSITES	SWIMMING	FISHING	KAYAK LAUNCH	NATURE TRAILS
ST. SIMONS ISLAND																
Alice Richards Botanical Trail	Frederica Park, 2201 Lawrence Rd.	912.279.2836														•
Cannon's Point Preserve	Lawrence Rd. and Cannon's Point Rd	912.638.9109		•	•										•	•
Demere Park	1219 Demere Rd.	912.279.2836	•		•		•	•								
Epworth Park	108 Lady Huntington Dr.	912.279.2836		•	•	•			•	•	•					
Frederica Park	2201 Lawrence Rd.	912.279.2836	•	•	•	•		•								•
Gascoigne Bluff Park	1000 Arthur J. Moore Dr.	912.279.2836		•	•									•	•	
Guale Preserve	110 Lawrence Rd.	912.638.9109												•		•
Harrington Community Park	325 S. Harrington Rd.	912.279.2836		•												•
John Gilbert Nature Trail	Frederica Rd. and Adams Dr.	912.638.9109														•
Mallery Park	601 Mallery St.	912.279.2836	•	•	•			•	•	•	•					
Massengale Park	1350 Ocean Blvd.	912.279.2836	•	•	•								•			
Neptune Park	110 Mallery St.	912.279.2836	•	•	•									•		
Postell Park	532 Beachview Dr.	912.279.2836		•	•											
Southeast Georgia Health System Fitness Trail	Arthur J. Moore Dr. at Gascoigne Bluff	912.466.7000														•
JEKYLL ISLAND																
Clam Creek Picnic Area	Clam Creek Rd	912.635.6400		•	•									•	•	
Great Dunes Park	N. Beachview Dr. & Shell Rd.	912.635.6400	•	•	•								•			
Oceanview Beach Park	549 Beachview Dr. N	912.635.6400		•	•								•			
South Dunes Picnic Area	S. Beachview Dr.	912.635.6400		•	•											
St. Andrews Picnic Area	Jekyll Point	912.635.6400		•	•								•			
BRUNSWICK																
Altamaha Regional Park	1605 Altamaha Park Rd.	912.264.2342	•	•	•							•	•	•	•	•
Ballard Park	30 Nimitz Dr.	912.554.7780	•		•			•	•	•						
Baldwin Park/Brookman	1150 Myers Hill Rd.	912.554.7780	•	•	•			•	•							
Blythe Island Regional Park	6616 Blythe Island Hwy	912.279.2812	•	•	•							•	•	•	•	•
Earth Day Nature Trail	4 Conservation Way	912.264.7218														•
Ellis Point Park	430 W. Shore Dr.	912.554.7780	•	•	•											
Howard Coffin Park	1402 Sonny Miller Way	912.279.3810	•	•	•	•		•		•	•		•			
Marshes of Glynn Overlook Park	Across from Howard Coffin Park	912.267.5500		•										•		
Mary Ross Waterfront Park	Bay St. at Gloucester St.	912.267.2600			•											
North Glynn Park	622 Harry Driggers Blvd.	912.279.2828	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•			•	•	•
Selden Park	100 Genoa Martin Dr.	912.279.2800	•	•	•			•	•	•			•			
Sidney Lanier Park	1 Conservation Way	912.267.3703		•										•	•	
Veterans Memorial Park	Newcastle St.	912.554.7780														

556 sea turtle nests were laid in the Golden Isles in 2019.

SEA THE TURTLES

The Golden Isles' most iconic species is its sea turtles, the most common of which is the loggerhead. One of the most memorable animal encounters is watching hatchlings make their ways from the shore nests to the ocean. Local loggerheads most commonly lay their eggs in early summer, with baby turtles hatching 60 days later, typically July through September. Loggerhead sea turtles are a protected species in Georgia, so be sure to adhere to the posted signs warning you of nesting areas.

Jekyll Island is easily one of the coast's best places to learn about sea turtles as it's where many come to nest. The **Georgia Sea Turtle Center** is Georgia's only hospital for turtle treatment and rehabilitation, and it features many exhibits on marine life.

"Jekyll Island is one of the few islands that still has some intact maritime forest and beaches, so the wildlife on the island is amazing, from sea turtles to birds to bobcats," says Dr. Terry Norton, veterinarian and director of the Georgia Sea Turtle Center.

ON THE WATER

The best way to experience the landscapes of coastal Georgia is by its waterways, the interconnected rivers and estuaries that link to the Atlantic Ocean. Bring your own boat to dock in one of the many marinas or rent a kayak for the afternoon to explore on your own. Boat ramps are set throughout the isles, including public access spots on the **McKay River** near St. Simons Island, **Sidney Lanier Park** in Brunswick, and at **Fancy Bluff Creek** on Jekyll Island.

Dolphin-watching cruises leave from Jekyll and St. Simons islands, as well as Brunswick, and allow you to see much more than dolphins. Charter an offshore fishing excursion or catch your supper from the comfort of the pier on St. Simons Island. Crabbing is another popular coastal activity — just be sure to get a fishing license before you go! Bait and tackle shops in Brunswick, St. Simons Island, and Jekyll Island can set you up with all the necessary gear.

If you're looking for something a bit more active, kayak and paddleboard rentals let visitors combine sightseeing with fitness. Enjoy the calm waters of the smaller inlets, which are best for beginners to watersports. Rentals and tours are available from **Southeast Adventure Outfitters** or **Kingfisher Paddleventures** throughout the Golden Isles.

World War II Home Front Museum

The **World War II Home Front Museum** brings to life Coastal Georgia's extraordinary contributions to winning World War II. Immersive exhibits show iconic Home Front scenes such as war bond drives and food rationing. Visitors of all ages can try their hand at plane spotting, directing fighter pilot squadrons using radar technology, and building and tracking the voyages of a Liberty ship. Learn about a devastating attack on April 8, 1942, when German U-boat 123 torpedoed two American tankers just 13 miles off the coast of St. Simons Island, killing 22 mariners. Hear dramatic accounts by Naval Air Station Glynco aviators who piloted the airships that escorted supply convoys along the Atlantic coast. Listen to first-hand accounts of women welders who helped build the enormous Liberty Ships essential to supplying the troops overseas.

The Museum is located in the Historic Coast Guard Station which housed the local Coast Guard from 1936-1995. The building became an active part of the U.S. War Department in 1941 and is itself a major artifact of the Home Front story.

coastalgeorgiahistory.org 912.634.7098

STEEPED IN HISTORY

Take time to explore the Golden Isles' cultural sites and let your footprints follow the explorers, founders, and heroes who came before us.

THE AVENUE OF THE OAKS

These magnificent oaks were planted in 1826 to provide an entrance to Retreat Plantation, once a prosperous cotton plantation. Visitors are welcome to drive around the magnificent double row of nearly 200-year-old live oaks. *Access beyond the gate is for guests of Sea Island only.* **Entrance to the Sea Island Golf Club**

St. Simons Island

BLOODY MARSH BATTLE SITE

On July 7, 1742, an outnumbered force of British troops ambushed and defeated Spanish troops, halting a planned attack on Fort Frederica. Markers and information panels at this outdoor observation site explain the battle, which once and for all ended Spain's claim to the Georgia territory.
Old Demere Rd.

FORT FREDERICA

Fort Frederica was built to help protect General James Oglethorpe's new Georgia colony from the Spanish in Florida. Now a National Monument, visitors are welcome at the fort year-round. The park visitor center features exhibits and a short film.
6515 Frederica Rd. 912.638.3639

CHRIST CHURCH, FREDERICA

Built in 1884, Christ Church is nestled among huge oak trees on St. Simons Island's north end. In a serene setting of native live oaks, holly, and cedar trees, this landmark is open for tours Tuesday through Sunday from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. It is closed Easter and Christmas.
6329 Frederica Rd. 912.638.8683

HISTORY TIMELINE

25,000 B.C.

The Golden Isles formed following the **PLEISTOCENE ICE AGE**. Larger islands, such as St. Simons Island, are estimated to be 35,000 – 40,000 years old. Smaller islands, like Little St. Simons Island, were formed from the larger islands and are about 5,000 – 7,000 years old.

2500 B.C.

GUALE and **MOCAMA INDIANS** made their way to the coast, fishing, hunting, and gathering oysters to survive in the area. Middens, large areas of oyster shells, and other refuse discarded by Native Americans still exist today and can be seen in undeveloped areas on St. Simons Island and Little St. Simons Island.

1566 – 1685

SPANISH MISSIONS were established along the coast. A prominent mission formed at Fort King George in present-day Darien, about 10 miles north of Brunswick. This mission, called Santo Domingo Talejo, later moved to the northern end of St. Simons Island and was renamed Asao.

St. Simons Island

CANNON'S POINT PRESERVE

The oldest remains on this world-class complex of archaeological sites are the numerous shell middens that date back to 2500 B.C. The site also contains the remains of an 18th-century house along with a large plantation-era home, outbuildings, and slave quarters built in the early 1800s. Open to the public Saturday, Sunday, and Monday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Lawrence Rd. 912.638.9109

HAMILTON PLANTATION TABBY SLAVE CABINS

Two tabby slave cabins built on Hamilton Plantation remain today at Gascoigne Bluff near Epworth by the Sea. The two modest structures have been carefully restored and received their placement on the National Register of Historic Places in 1988. Open for tours on Wednesdays during the summer, by appointment the rest of the year. **Arthur J. Moore Dr. 860.212.2220**

LOVELY LANE CHAPEL

The oldest standing church building on St. Simons Island is Lovely Lane Chapel. Formerly named St. James Union Chapel, the church was built by Norman W. Dodge in 1880 to serve the workers at the lumber mills at Gascoigne Bluff. **100 Arthur J. Moore Dr. 912.638.8688**

ARTHUR J. MOORE METHODIST MUSEUM

On the grounds of beautiful Epworth By The Sea, this museum features information about Methodism founders John and Charles Wesley, Susanna Wesley, island history, early American Methodism, an international nativities collection, Christian gift shop and more. Open Monday-Saturday with a free lecture Thursday afternoons. Free admission.
100 Arthur J. Moore Dr. 912.638.4050

ST. SIMONS LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM

Located near the village and pier, this is one of only five surviving light towers in Georgia. Experience St. Simons Island's most iconic landmark as you climb the 129 steps to be rewarded by breathtaking views of the Golden Isles.
610 Beachview Dr. 912.638.4666

GASCOIGNE BLUFF

Historically, the oak-laden Gascoigne Bluff had been the location of a Sea Island cotton plantation, the site of a lumber mill, and a shipping point for timber. Today, Gascoigne Bluff is the location of two historic slave cabins and a public park. **Arthur J. Moore Dr.**

HISTORICAL HARRINGTON SCHOOL CULTURAL CENTER

The last African-American school on St. Simons Island, the Harrington School is the most valuable venue to interpret the island's Gullah-Geechee heritage. The restoration of the school was completed in 2017. To schedule tours for a historic journey into the heart of the Gullah-Geechee communities on the island, contact the St. Simons African American Heritage Coalition.
South Harrington Rd. 912.638.0341

WORLD WAR II HOME FRONT MUSEUM

The new Museum brings to life Coastal Georgia's extraordinary contributions during World War II. Through immersive exhibits and interactive experiences, visitors will learn about blimps on anti-submarine patrol, radar training to direct fighter pilots, building Liberty ships to supply troops overseas, and much more.
4201 1st Street 912.634.7098

1736

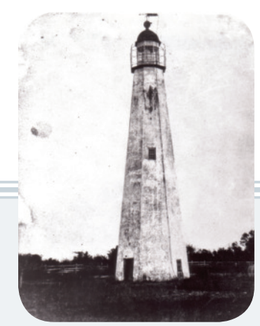
FORT FREDERICA and the town of Frederica was established by British General James Oglethorpe on the west side of St. Simons Island. A second fort, Fort St. Simons, was built a few years later near the present-day lighthouse and pier area.

1742

The troops at Fort Frederica sprang to action July 1742 for the **BATTLE OF BLOODY MARSH**. With the help of Scottish Highlanders from Darien, Oglethorpe's men defeated the Spanish, who were planning to take over the Georgia coast and add it to their Florida territory.

1754

Following the military successes on St. Simons Island, England signed a **PEACE TREATY** with Spain. British troops were withdrawn from Fort Frederica. A fire in 1758 badly damaged the town of Frederica, and it eventually became a lost town.



1810

The first **ST. SIMONS LIGHTHOUSE** was completed. Built by James Gould, the original lighthouse stood 85 feet tall and its base was made of tabby, part of which probably came from the ruins at Frederica. This lighthouse was later destroyed by Confederate troops during the Civil War to prevent Union forces from using it to navigate the coast. The current lighthouse was built in 1872 and still serves as an active aid to navigation.

1820

CHRIST CHURCH, chartered in 1808, was built near the site of Fort Frederica. The church was badly damaged during the Civil War. Anson Dodge Jr. rebuilt it in 1884 as a memorial to his first wife, who died in India on their honeymoon.

1790s – 1861

During the plantation period, St. Simons Island had 10 to 14 plantations. These properties, like **HOFWYL-BROADFIELD PLANTATION**, were also found in Brunswick and Jekyll Island, and produced rice, cotton, sugar, and other agricultural products. In 1913 Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation transitioned from rice to a dairy farm. Still standing today, it is open to the public for tours.

Jekyll Island

THE HISTORIC DISTRICT

Jekyll Island National Historic Landmark District is one of the largest historic districts in the country, with its 240-acre site and 34 historic structures. In the early 1900s, it was the grounds for the world's most exclusive club, today known as the Jekyll Island Club Resort. **Riverview Dr.**

MOSAIC, THE JEKYLL ISLAND MUSEUM

The completely renovated and reimagined Jekyll Island Museum will guide you through the rich cultural and natural history of Georgia's most intriguing barrier island. In-depth and interactive exhibits will draw you in, while stunning visuals and audio will tell the tale of this magical island. Tours available daily. **100 Stable Road 912.635.4036**

HORTON HOUSE

The Horton House is one of the oldest tabby buildings in Georgia. Major William Horton constructed this home in 1743. It has won an Excellence in Preservation award from the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation. **1145 Riverview Dr.**

FAITH CHAPEL

Faith Chapel, built in 1904, served as a non-denominational chapel for members of the Jekyll Island Club. The simple design reflects the relaxed feel of the island. One of the windows is a magnificent, signed example of Louis Comfort Tiffany's work. Tours available daily. **375 Riverview Dr. 912.635.4036**

History photos courtesy of Coastal Georgia Historical Society, Jekyll Island Museum Archives, and Sea Island.

1831

NEPTUNE SMALL was born into slavery at Retreat Plantation on St. Simons Island. Small later built a house north of the St. Simons Pier in an area now known as Neptune Park. View a sculpture of Neptune Small by local artist Kevin Pullen at the Golden Isles Welcome Center, 529 Beachview Dr. Learn more on page 31.

1858

THE WANDERER, the last ship to smuggle enslaved people from West Africa to America, made landfall on Jekyll Island. Congress passed the Slave Importation Act in 1807, making slave importation illegal. The Wanderer, a sailing vessel known for its high speed, was secretly converted into a slave ship. The ship arrived on Jekyll Island with 409 slaves, and news rapidly spread. The ship owners were taken to federal court, but prosecutors were unable to prove the case, resulting in a not-guilty verdict.

1859

FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH was organized at Pike's Bluff Plantation on St. Simons Island. At most plantations across the South, slaves were prohibited from practicing religion. However, slaves on St. Simons Island had the opportunity to form a church and congregate regularly. Slaves from the island's plantations attended First African Baptist Church each Sunday. The church can be visited at 5800 Frederica Road, St. Simons Island.

1886

The elite **JEKYLL ISLAND CLUB** was established after the island was purchased for $125,000. The Club was built by 1887 and opened its doors to the Pulitzers, Rockefellers, Goodyears, Morgans, and the like. The rich and famous enjoyed Jekyll Island each year from Christmas to Easter until the start of World War II. The state of Georgia bought the island in 1947.

Brunswick

THE RITZ THEATRE

Built in 1899, The Ritz Theatre has been fully restored and serves as a theater and arts center featuring year-round live performances, films, exhibits, educational programs, and more. Current films and exhibits can be found online. **1530 Newcastle St. 912.262.6934**

HOFWYL–BROADFIELD PLANTATION

In the early 1800s, William Brailsford carved a rice plantation from marshes along the Altamaha River. The last heir left the plantation and the antebellum home to the state of Georgia in 1973. Open Wednesday to Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **5556 U.S. Highway 17 N. 912.264.7333**

OLD CITY HALL

Originally built in 1889, Old City Hall was fully restored in 2004. This striking historic structure is a part-time city courthouse and a venue for everything from class reunions to wedding receptions. The building is open to the public. **1229 Newcastle St. 912.265.4032**

SIGNATURE SQUARES

Signature Squares of Brunswick, a nonprofit preservation organization, was founded in 2005 to reclaim and beautify the original colonial parks and squares in the Old Town district of the city. **Newcastle St., Historic Downtown**

MARY ROSS WATERFRONT PARK

Mary Ross Waterfront Park, a beautiful place to watch the sunset across the river, features a memorial to Liberty Ships constructed during World War II. It also features public performances on its outdoor staged pavilion. **Bay St. at Gloucester St. 912.265.6665**

1924

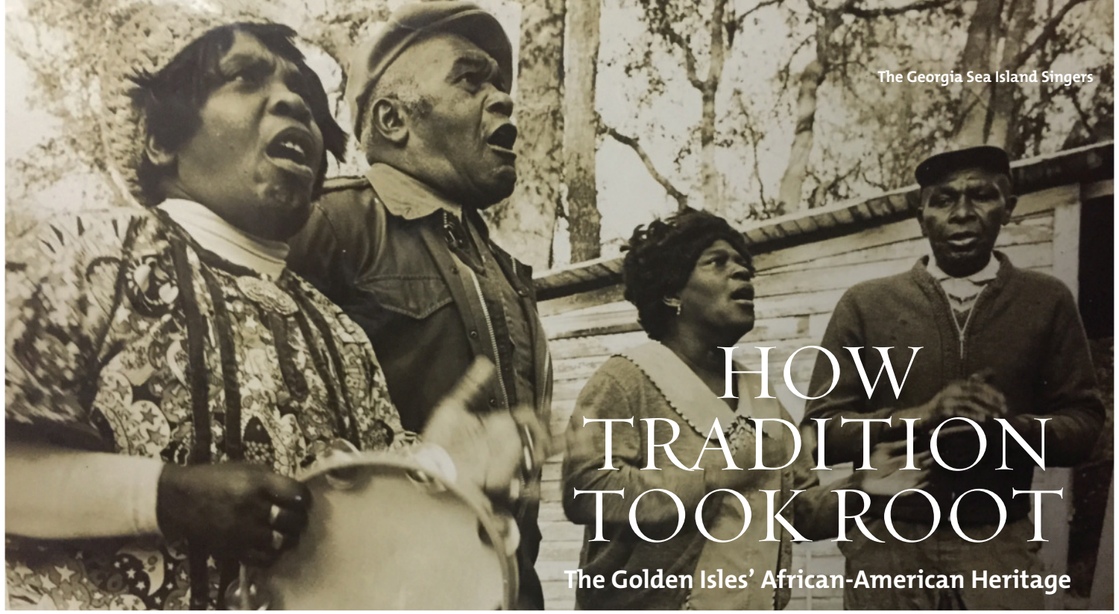
F.J. TORRAS CAUSEWAY was built, connecting Brunswick and St. Simons Island. The series of bridges were designed by Brunswick native Fernando Joseph Torras, who also served as Brunswick's city manager for more than 30 years.

1928

THE CLOISTER AT SEA ISLAND opened. Howard Coffin purchased the island in 1926 and hired renowned architect Addison Mizner to design the original Cloister Hotel. The Plantation Course at Sea Island Golf Club opened in summer 1927.

1943 – 1945

During World War II, **BRUNSWICK'S SHIPYARDS** bustled with activity critical to America's war efforts. Approximately 16,000 workers were employed to build 99 Liberty Ships. NAS Glynco, now the site of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, began producing blimps to escort U.S. cargo ships through the Atlantic Ocean. The base featured two giant wooden hangers, each about the size of six football fields, and was the only naval air station to accommodate all types of aircraft — blimps, propeller planes, jets, and helicopters. NAS Glynco was decommissioned in 1974.



The Georgia Sea Island Singers

HOW TRADITION TOOK ROOT

The Golden Isles' African-American Heritage

The tidal marshes in the Golden Isles created an ideal location for rice and cotton production and made these barrier islands a major player in both industries. After the Revolutionary War victory, plantations flourished in the South, and the Golden Isles area was no exception. On St. Simons Island alone, there were up to 14 different plantations sustained by slave labor.

Slaves from West Africa had valuable knowledge about rice farming and were brought to the area to transform the marshy swamps into cultivated rice and cotton fields. These groups brought with them a deep heritage, language, and perhaps most famously, songs. After the Civil War and emancipation, former slaves settled into their lives while keeping their African customs alive.

Many of the songs sung by laborers have been both preserved and documented by the local Georgia Sea Island Singers. This talented group of performers have been in existence since the 1920s and have performed at the Library of Congress, Carnegie Hall, and the Newport Folk Festival. The group continues to tour the world today, sharing their songs and memories. Be sure to plan a visit to the Golden Isles in June to enjoy the Georgia Sea Islands Festival, a spirited celebration of African-American food, music and art.

The Golden Isles is part of a larger cultural area known as the Gullah-Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor, which stretches from North Carolina to Jacksonville, Florida. Designated by Congress, one of the core missions of the corridor is to sustain and preserve the land, language, and cultural assets within the coastal communities of South Carolina, Georgia, North Carolina, and Florida. To learn more, visit **gullahgeecheecorridor.org**.

Today, in the preservation and celebration of customs and cultures, there is great recognition of the African-American contributions made to our collective heritage. The African-American cultural experience is heightened and continually enhanced through the talents and works of the African-American writers, artists, performers and business owners who call this area home.

Hamilton Plantation
Tabby Slave Cabins

SOUL OF THE SOUTH

Significant African-American heritage sites you don't want to miss

St. Simons Island

HISTORIC HARRINGTON SCHOOL CULTURAL CENTER

The last remaining African-American schoolhouse on the Georgia coast, this historic site has been lovingly protected and restored through the efforts of the St. Simons African-American Heritage Coalition, St. Simons Land Trust, Supporters of the Park at Harrington, the Glynn County Commission, and generous community members. Twelve acres surrounding the schoolhouse include walking trails, two ponds with viewing platforms and more.

IGBO LANDING

Pronounced EE-bo, this location has a haunting and grim story during the height of slave trade in the South. Rather than submit to slavery, a captive group of Igbo people (present day Nigeria) drowned themselves in local waters upon arriving on St. Simons Island. The believed site of Igbo Landing is now on private property, but can be seen while crossing Fancy Bluff Creek on Sea Island Road.

FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Organized in 1859 at Pikes Bluff & West Point plantations, this is the only surviving African-American church on St. Simons Island that dates back to the plantation era. The original pews can be seen in the balcony. An active congregation still worships at the church each week.

HAMILTON PLANTATION SLAVE CABINS

Two of the few surviving antebellum slave cabins in Georgia, these structures have been carefully preserved by local organizations. Private tours may be scheduled by calling **860.212.2220** or **404.374.3932.**

Jekyll Island

THE WANDERER MEMORY TRAIL

This new, family learning experience moves beyond a dark time in history and brings to light the legacy and influence of the survivors of slavery. The interactive trail follows the story of Umwalla, a young African boy captured by slave traders and smuggled into America via Jekyll Island on one of the last known slave ships.

Brunswick

SELDEN PARK

Originally opened in 1903 as the Selden Normal and Industrial Institute, an education center for African-Americans, the school operated for 30 years before merging with another in Cordele, Georgia. The site reopened as a recreation facility for African-Americans in 1950. The public park still operates today.

HOFWYL-BROADFIELD PLANTATION

Once the site of a prominent rice plantation, this site is now a state historic site. Visitors to the plantation can tour the plantation home built by slave labor, explore the vast grounds, and learn about the history of the plantation era in coastal Georgia.

OAK GROVE CEMETERY

A Victorian Era cemetery established by the city of Brunswick in 1838, it is estimated there are more than 1,200 graves at Oak Grove Cemetery. Prominent African-American residents are buried here, including Captain Douglas Risley who established Risley Colored Memorial School, Brunswick's first public school for African-Americans.

A stained glass window dedicated to Deaconess Alexander can be seen at St. Ignatius Chapel on St. Simons Island. The church was originally built in 1886 for the former slaves on St. Simons. It was rebuilt in 1898 following a hurricane. It is still an active church and is part of Christ Church.

DEACONESS ANNA E.B. ALEXANDER

In 1894, Deaconess Alexander became the first African-American ordained as a deacon in the Episcopal Church. She founded Good Shepherd School and Good Shepherd Church, where she faithfully ministered for 53 years and taught African-Americans to read and write. The school and church are located in historic Pennick community in northwest Glynn County.

ROBERT ABBOTT

Born to former slaves on St. Simons Island in 1868, Robert Abbott grew up in nearby Savannah. He pursued an education and career as a lawyer. But as he experienced difficulty in landing a job because of his race, Abbott turned instead to journalism. He founded the Chicago Defender which quickly became the nation's most important African-American newspaper. Abbott used his platform to urge fellow African-Americans to fight for equality. The Defender is believed to have significantly contributed to the Great Migration and the development of a national African-American culture.

BESSIE JONES

Bessie Jones was a founding member of the famed Georgia Sea Island Singers, a group of African-Americans who used songs and dance to share the history of their families' and ancestors' lives as slaves in coastal Georgia. The group traveled the country and performed at Carnegie Hall, the World's Fair, and even at the 1976 inauguration of President Jimmy Carter.

NEPTUNE SMALL

Neptune was a slave of the King family at Retreat Plantation, and was responsible for looking after the King children. When the Civil War broke out in 1861, Neptune accompanied the third King son, Henry Lord Page King, into service for the Confederacy. King died in the field, and Neptune risked enemy fire to retrieve the son's body. He brought it home to St. Simons Island, where he was buried at Christ Church's cemetery. Neptune then returned to the war to serve the youngest King son, until Confederate forces surrendered in 1865.

Visit a handmade sculpture of Neptune Small by local artist Kevin Pullen at the Golden Isles Welcome Center on St. Simons Island.

Five sites to experience Eugenia Price's Golden Isles

THROUGH HER EYES

Celebrated Southern author Eugenia Price dedicated much of her literary career to capturing the sights, sounds, charm, and history of Georgia's Golden Isles. Through her novels, she brought to life a stunning setting that many readers had never experienced before. With her St. Simons trilogy as our guide, we've compiled a can't-miss list of landmarks for the novelist's most loyal fans.

Cannon's Point Preserve

Christ Church, Frederica

Eugenia Price first visited St. Simons Island on a book tour in 1961.

STOP 1 LIVE OAK SHOP

Start with a visit to the Live Oak Shop in the Golden Isles Welcome Center to pick up the St. Simons Trilogy: "Lighthouse," "New Moon Rising," and "The Beloved Invader." Despite the decades that have unfolded since Price penned these pages, her intoxicating descriptions of the following spots feel timeless, and characters feel like life-long friends.

STOP 2 CHRIST CHURCH, FREDERICA

When you take in the full glory of Christ Church, Frederica, it's hard not to gain a sense of this Episcopal haven's deep-rooted history. Beyond its postcard-like presence, the quaint white chapel, bordered by brilliant greenery and patterned in stained glass, is a window into the St. Simons story.

The parish's first worship service dates back to 1736, when English colonists, led by James Oglethorpe, settled here. Christ Church makes many appearances in each of Price's novels. Given her reverence for the setting, it's only fitting that she was laid to rest in the same cemetery as so many of her characters.

Take time to stroll the grounds, drink in the Gothic architecture, hear a sermon, and visit the cemetery during the free public tour times, Tuesday through Sunday from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. Christ Church offers daily, weekly, and seasonal opportunities for worship. Visit *ccfssi.org* for schedules.

STOP 3 ST. SIMONS ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM

A true hallmark of St. Simons Island is one that pays homage to Eugenia Price herself. The St. Simons Island Lighthouse Museum is settled along the south end of the island in Pier Village.

The museum and gift shop are housed inside the lighthouse's old keepers' dwelling, a picturesque red brick abode that, from behind a white picket fence, anchors the lighthouse. Inside, you'll find an exhibit that highlights "Lighthouse," the first installment in the trilogy. There's also a bevy of rare photographs and artifacts on display around the museum.

The lighthouse itself is as majestic as the author paints it to be. It is the second iteration of the original lighthouse — the one that was born from the vision of James Gould, Price's main character in "Lighthouse" — which took shape in 1810 but suffered total wreckage during the Civil War. The current tower was reconstructed and reignited in 1872. Crafted in Savannah gray brick, the tower stands 104 feet tall and is among only five lighthouses that remain in the state of Georgia.

Get your camera ready and climb the 129 steps to the top. You'll enjoy unparalleled views of the Island's south end, nearby Jekyll Island, and Brunswick. Tours of the lighthouse and museum are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

STOP 4 CANNON'S POINT PRESERVE

From there, journey with character James Gould from the lighthouse on the south end of the island to Cannon's Point on the north end. Once a Native American homestead, the treasured land on Cannon's Point was purchased by John Couper in 1793. He transformed the sandy plot bordering the Hampton River into a cotton plantation. You can visit the plantation's ruins by making a five-mile trek from the Cannon's Point Preserve parking lot, where a kiosk provides maps. Among the ruins, you'll find 19th-century relics like fragments of the tabby sourced from Fort Frederica. Cannon's Point Preserve is open Saturday, Sunday, and Monday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

STOP 5 GASCOIGNE BLUFF

Afterwards, end your adventure at one of the most serene spots on St. Simons Island's western side. Gascoigne Bluff, which overlooks the Frederica River, is truly a marvel of self-reinvention. It began as a Native American community, then as a port for ships entering the harbor. It's been a naval base, the site of a Franciscan monastery, a slave plantation and cotton stronghold, and eventually, a hub for transporting lumber and timber. It was also here that James Gould felled oaks to construct warships for the Navy.

Visitors can enjoy the beauty of Gascoigne Bluff's public park. Make your way to the fishing pier, where marshland meets the Frederica River, to soak up a Georgian sunset. If you peer across the water, you can spy three small islands that formed from ballast discarded by ships dating back to the 18th century.

A WHALE OF A TALE

An incredible story of visitors and residents coming together to save the day.

It's true when we say some of the most beautiful and rare wildlife can be found in the Golden Isles. From finding a live sand dollar burrowing itself in the wet sand, or watching a bald eagle or an osprey soar high above the shore in search of their next meal, there's something so special about spotting, identifying and sometimes even encountering wildlife, especially when it's in their natural habitat.

In July 2019, beachgoers at East Beach on St. Simons Island were in for quite a big surprise. At first, what appeared to be a pod of bottlenose dolphins began swimming parallel to the shoreline. But as the group got closer, it was apparent this was an animal much larger than the bottlenose dolphins we know and love. In all, a pod of about 50 pilot whales swam closer and closer to shore and began to surface on the beaches of St. Simons Island.

Commonly referred to as a mass stranding, when large groups of marine mammals attempt to strand themselves, the outcome can be downright devastating and heart-wrenching. In fact, the last recorded pilot whale strandings in coastal Georgia occurred between 1955-1977 and left well over 100 whales dead. "This gives you the context of how this could have turned out differently if the community hadn't been there," remarks Clay George, senior wildlife biologist for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

As fate would have it, it seemed as if the stars aligned and the circumstances of this particular summer evening on St. Simons turned out to be a best-case scenario. Between the incoming tide and the number of beachgoers on site lending a hand, nearly all of the whales were able to return safely to deeper waters.

Short-Finned Pilot Whale

Typically when marine mammals strand, they're alone, and they're sick or injured," says George. "But pilot whales are so social – if even one member of the pod gets sick, the rest of the whales can follow it straight off the cliff." And follow they did: Pilot whales normally live in deep water 80 miles or more from the Georgia coast.

Thanks to the quick decision making and expertise of first responders onsite, the group was able to quickly identify the individual whales that were unwell and separate them from the rest of the group. "Cases like this are tough because you know most of the whales are probably healthy. We don't want to see any animals die, but to lose only three out of fifty is unheard of," says George.

Brooke Ledford, vacationing from Tennessee with her family, recalls the incredible experience she and her family had, calling it "the best vacation ever!" The Ledford family has been visiting the Golden Isles for over six years, coming twice each year with their children. "We originally planned this trip because we wanted to witness the sea turtles hatching. We didn't get to see sea turtles; we saw whales instead!"

The family was enjoying a late afternoon out on East Beach when the whales began to appear and quickly approached the shallow shore. "All of a sudden, it kicked in what was going on," recalls Ledford. "Old, young, men, women, kids – everyone gave it their all to help the whales. Everyone was working together to save them."

Brooke and her teenage daughter worked alongside other visitors and island residents alike to keep the whales in the water. Under normal circumstances, the Department of Natural Resources would never encourage bystanders to interact with stranded wildlife, but this was a very special situation, said Clay George. "If people hadn't come together quickly to help, there could have been a very different outcome."

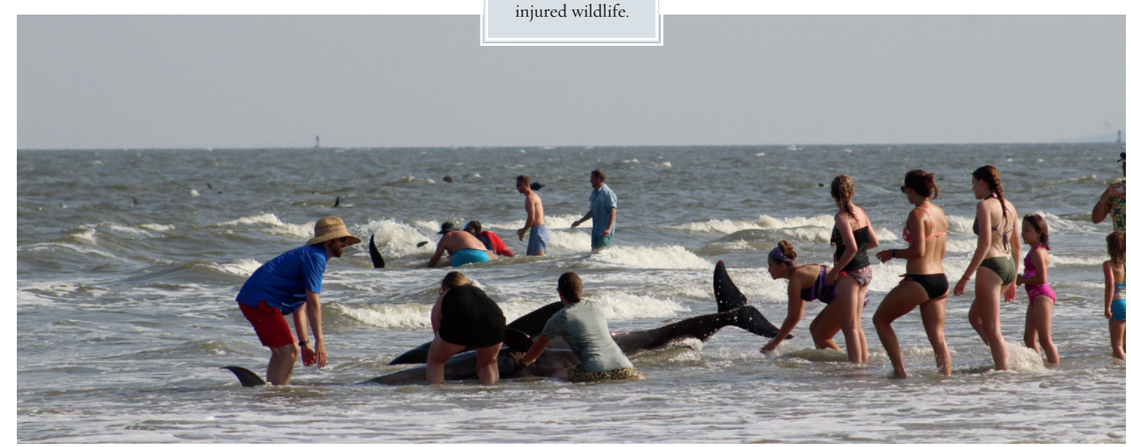
What started as a casual and relaxing afternoon on a St. Simons Island beach turned into a once-in-a-lifetime experience with memories to last forever. "At one point, I leaned down toward the head of one of the whales. It looked right at me, and it was as if they knew we were trying to help," said Ledford. "It was the most awesome experience!"

Toward the end of the incident, Clay George reflected on the series of events. "Once things had settled down, the sun was setting and this big pod of pilot whales was swimming in the [St. Simons] Sound right off the Pier. There were all these people watching, and it was really beautiful."

But there are still a lot of unknowns: What caused this? Would the whales try to strand again? While so many details continue to remain a mystery, officials were heartened to learn the same pod of pilot whales was spotted five days later, swimming south off the coast of Florida.

"It was a combination of really lucky things that resulted in most of the animals making it. It's an incredibly positive story. If the circumstances had been different, dozens of whales could have met their end on the beach that night," recalls George.

Call **1-800-2-SAVE-ME** if you encounter stranded or injured wildlife.



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LAND OF PLENTY

Abundant and varied, Golden Isles dining options are something to savor.

Browse a listing of local restaurants beginning on page 47.

The Wharf, Jekyll Island

IN THE GOLDEN ISLES,

plates are piled with local seafood, nationally acclaimed barbecue, and tastes that could please any palate. Whether you're craving Wild Georgia Shrimp with a view of the pier or a candlelit meal on the river, you'll find it here.

CASUAL CUISINE

Golden Isles days are long and packed with activity, so don't skip out on breakfast. **Café Frederica** is a local favorite nestled in the middle of St. Simons Island. They do the classics really well: Eggs Benedict, omelets, and sweet cinnamon rolls. At **Palmer's Village Café**, delight in banana pudding pancakes, pimento cheese grits and the Surf Squared - two poached eggs served over crab cakes with arugula, seared tomatoes and freshly made hollandaise sauce.

No matter where you spend the day playing, you can find delicious food around every corner. If you're on the beach or exploring St. Simons Lighthouse and Pier Village, grab a shrimp po'boy at **Iguanas Seafood Restaurant** or or a cup of the famous she crab soup at **Barbara Jean's**. If you're shopping around St. Simons Island, take a break for fresh margaritas and authentic street tacos at **La Plancha**. For an afternoon pick-me-up, venture over to the **Golden Isles Olive Oil Culinary Center and Wine Bar** to create your own cheese and charcuterie board, and pair it all with the perfect glass of wine.

When in Historic Downtown Brunswick, don't miss lunch at **Tipsy McSway's Neighborhood Bar & Grill**, where you'll find dishes that are anything but bar food. You can't go wrong with a daily special.

When evening comes, keep your "island time" vibe — and casual dress! — going into dinner. Grab a handcrafted pizza at **Mellow Mushroom** or a burger at **Certified Burgers and Beverage**. For authentic international flavors, try **Tramici**.

St. Simons Land Trust Partnership

1% for St. Simons is a consortium of local businesses working to preserve St. Simons Island in partnership with the **St. Simons Land Trust**. Together, these businesses raise funds to preserve and protect our green space, parks, wildlife, waterways, tree canopies, and trails on St. Simons Island. By supporting these businesses, you are fulfilling the Land Trust's mission to preserve the island's natural and scenic character, and to enhance the quality of life for our island community for present and future generations.

Fine Dining Experiences

Georgian Room at Sea Island Resort

The Grand Dining Room at Jekyll Island Club Resort

Halyards

1. GEORGIAN ROOM AT SEA ISLAND RESORT: Georgia's only Forbes Five-Star restaurant has first-class fare, chandeliers, hand-painted china, fine European linens, and world-class wines. Reservations required.

2. HALYARDS RESTAURANT: A Golden Isles tradition, Halyards' made-from-scratch seasonal menus feature local seafood, beef, poultry, and game.

3. JEKYLL ISLAND CLUB RESORT GRAND DINING ROOM: Twinkling with Victorian grandeur, the AAA Four Diamond Award-winning restaurant has iconic columns, a nightly pianist, and a lauded Sunday brunch.

4. GEORGIA SEA GRILL: This casual setting with sensational seafood and vast wine list is a favorite at St. Simons Island's Pier Village.

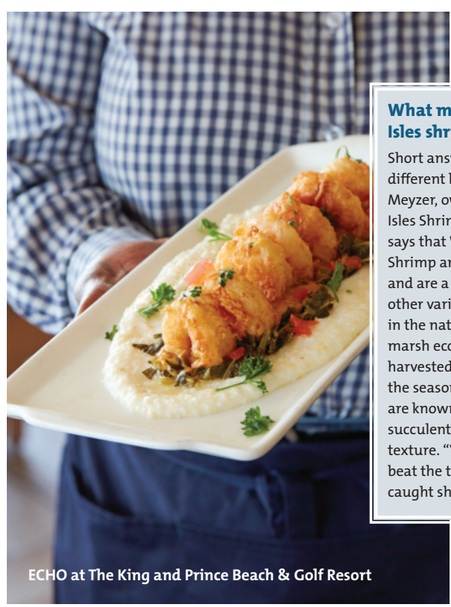
5. ECHO AT THE KING AND PRINCE BEACH & GOLF RESORT: The only oceanfront restaurant on St. Simons Island pairs handcrafted cocktails and coastal cuisine on a picture-perfect patio.

6. DELANEY'S BISTRO AND BAR: More than a dozen nightly specials make this fine-dining destination feel different each visit.

THE FINER THINGS

This region is also famous for its exceptional fin-to-fork fine dining. Specializing in freshly caught seafood, refined Southern preparations, and the twinkle of piano keys in the background, **Georgia Sea Grill** is a favorite in the heart of the Pier Village. Guided by Johnson & Wales-trained chef Tom Delaney, **Delaney's Bistro** serves French classics like escargot and foie gras, as well as unique wild game like antelope, elk, and ostrich.

The Georgian Room at Sea Island's Cloister — the state's only Forbes Five-Star restaurant — is known for its superb service as much as its award-winning cuisine. Experience creations like seared diver sea scallops crowned with caviar and yuzu while sipping world-class wine beneath glittering chandeliers.


ECHO at The King and Prince Beach & Golf Resort

What makes Golden Isles shrimp so good?

Short answer: They're a different breed. Justin Meyzer, owner of Golden Isles Shrimp Company, says that Wild Georgia Shrimp are white shrimp and are a lot sweeter than other varieties. Nourished in the naturally filtrated marsh ecosystem and harvested at the height of the season, these shrimp are known for their succulent taste and firm texture. "You just can't beat the taste of freshly caught shrimp," he says.

Halyards

Tramici

La Plancha

From classic island cuisine to authentic Colombian fare to the perfect catered event, the award-winning Halyard Restaurant Group has created beautiful meals and memories for St. Simons locals and visitors for nearly two decades.

Halyards welcomes guests to our tables to experience a seasonal menu that includes everything from local fish and produce to Georgia shrimp and grits to creamy crab bisque. Whether you're celebrating a special occasion or raising a glass to the weekend, our list of inventive wines and handcrafted cocktails pairs perfectly with all your favorite moments. **halyardsrestaurant.com 912.638.9100**

Whether you grab a table inside, bar-side, or outside in our magical courtyard, **Tramici** is the place where friends and family gather for conversation and connection alongside Italian cuisine and wines. Our menu takes inspiration from the neighborhoods and kitchens of Italy, featuring delicious risottos and house-made mozzarella, in addition to pizzas and pastas straight from our mammoth brick oven. **tramicirestaurant.com 912.634.2202**

La Plancha is a lifetime of delicious memories and family history that celebrates the best of Latin and Colombian street fare. Delicious stories unfold one bite at a time, featuring homemade recipes from Dave Snyder's mom, brought to the table by the talented and adventurous Chef Adam. Don't miss our specialty margaritas during the best happy hour on the island. **laplancharestaurant.com 912.434.6100**

Visit halyardscatering.com or hookandknifecharters.com for more HRG services.

Delaney's Bistro

Wildly inventive and always delicious, **Delaney's Bistro** on St. Simons Island is a showcase of fine dining in an elegant atmosphere.

The menu features classic, expertly prepared seafood and steaks. For more adventurous diners, owner and executive chef Tom Delaney's eclectic take on Georgia wild-caught shrimp, venison, or ostrich will delight the palate. Delaney's tapas menu pairs perfectly with the signature cocktails and expansive wine list. The warm, sophisticated dining room and bar invites diners to linger and truly enjoy chef Tom's creations, served with an air of gracious Southern hospitality. For lunch or for dinner, experience why Delaney's is a favorite on the local dining scene. **delaneysbistro.com 912.638.1330**

Georgia Sea Grill

Georgia Sea Grill locally owned and serving sensational, inspired cuisine, believes in using ingredients from local, regional and sustainable resources whenever possible, including from their own Potlikker Farm. Guests enjoy a tempting array of coastal menu originals like seared scallops, braised pork ribs and a variety of fresh catch selections for a memorable dining experience. The wine bar boasts a vast collection of varietals from all over the world that pair perfectly with the restaurant's offerings. Arrive at five for specials on drinks and appetizers from the $5 First Call menu. Top it off with one of their delicious house-made desserts! Located in the Pier Village on Mallery Street. Reservations can be made at **georgiaseagrill.com or 912.638.1197**

Iguanas Seafood Restaurant

No visit to the Golden Isles would be complete without sampling the bounty of the local waters. Seafood delicacies like Wild Georgia Shrimp, with its incomparable freshness and flavor, are the specialty of **Iguanas Seafood Restaurant**.

This St. Simons Island restaurant is the go-to spot for Wild Georgia Shrimp, harvested off the coast and offered up fried, blackened, or broiled. Iguanas Seafood Restaurant is committed to supporting the local shrimping industry, and it's that commitment that inspires the menu of expertly prepared shrimp and seafood dishes, served with gracious Southern hospitality.

Take a seat on the covered outdoor patio or bright indoor space. Start with a seafood appetizer, or go for ultra-fresh peel-n-eat shrimp, grilled oysters, or crab cakes. The array of entrees will make it hard to decide (though the shrimp dinner, served fried, blackened or broiled, is a popular choice.) Sandwiches, traditional Southern sides, and Iguanas' complimentary dish or cone of soft-serve ice cream tops off your memorable meal.

Find Iguanas Seafood Restaurant in the historic Pier Village. The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner, and has plenty of seating for small and large groups. **iguanasseafood.com 912.638.9650**

Certified Burger

Go where the locals go for great burgers and more. **Certified Burgers and Beverage** may be St. Simons Island's casual burger joint, but the food is anything but basic. Since it opened in July 2016, Certified Burgers and Beverage has gained a following for its locally raised, grass-fed burgers and robust beer selection.

Chef David Carrier's menu reflects his dedication to quality and his global resume (like the Oaxaca burger, a chorizo patty topped with avocado, cilantro, and pickled red onions). House-cured sausages and hand-cut burgers reflect the restaurant's commitment to quality. Certified Burgers and Beverages isn't just for burger lovers — the restaurant also serves fresh salads and sides, and caters to gluten-free, vegetarian, and vegan eaters. And if you've ever wondered what a Canuck burger could be (hint: it's topped with Canadian bacon and poutine), Certified Burgers is the place for you. **certifiedburgersandbeverage.com 912.268.4330**

Mellow Mushroom

When you go to **Mellow Mushroom**, in the Village on St. Simons Island, be sure to see Blanche. You can't miss her on the back patio. The stately 300-year-old oak tree — recognized by the Live Oak Society — is the centerpiece of the restaurant. Lively art and design, like the soaring ceiling, repurposed etched-glass windows and chairs made from recycled Coca-Cola bottles, enhance the eclectic atmosphere. After taking in the welcoming vibe, enjoy the menu of hand-tossed, stone-baked pizzas and other delicious fare, along with a robust selection of beers (including Georgia favorites) and bourbon selections. Two happy hours (between 2–6 p.m. and 9 p.m.–closing) keep things upbeat. **mellowmushroom.com 912.291.9108**

Palmer's Village Café

Where breakfast is served all day, **Palmer's Village Café** was voted Best Breakfast / Brunch by *Elegant Island Living* 7 years running and 4th Best Pancakes in America by *Travel + Leisure*.

Where breakfast is served all day and lunch is on point. Born of friendship, a love of great food, and the spirit of service. From both men come a true sense of hospitality, a passion for excellence, and the idea that life and food should be thoroughly enjoyed. That's why everything from the amazing ground sausage to the famous tomato jam is crafted in-house daily from the freshest local and regional ingredients.

The service is friendly. You'll feel like a local from the moment you walk through the old wooden door. Dress down or up. It's all about the food and great company at Palmer's Village Café.
Open 7 days a Week, 7:30 a.m -2:00 pm.
PalmersVillageCafe.com 912.634.5515

Porch

Now serving Nashville Hot Chicken, Fresh Wild Georgia Shrimp and Farm Raised Catfish. Choose your "heat" on any dish from Naked to Napalm. Join us on the porch or enjoy sitting in the front yard with your pup. 549 Ocean Blvd., St. Simons Island.
PorchSSI.com 912.634.5168

Daily Specials

Mother Clucker Monday
Fried or Grilled Motherclucker Sammich + Sides + Drink = $10

Taco Tuesday
2 Tacos + Sides + Drink = $10

Healthy Hump Day
Large House or Spinach Salad, with choice of Grilled/ Fried Chicken or Porch Chicken Salad + Drink = $10

Taps Thursday
1/2 Off All Tap Beers

Frosé Friday
$5 all day and night
Think Rosé Wine Slushee

PoBoy Saturday
Nashville Hot Shrimp PoBoy + 1 Side + Drink

Fried Chicken Sunday
Bone-In Chicken (white meat or dark) + 2 Sides+ Drink = $10

Café Frederica

For 30 years, **Café Frederica** has been serving up one of the best breakfast menus on St. Simons Island. This low-key spot near the Sea Island causeway is where locals and regular island visitors go for breakfast and brunch served with genuine Southern hospitality.

Sit in the dining room or take a seat at the breakfast counter. The menu boasts breakfast staples like pancakes, blueberry-stuffed French toast, omelettes, and classic eggs Benedict, plus hearty sides like sausage, ham, grits, and home fries. Daily specials plus pastries offer more variety, as well as fresh salads and sandwiches. Open seven days a week, so you can get your Café Frederica breakfast during your Golden Isles vacation. **cafefrederica.com 912.638.6777**

Barbara Jean's

Barbara Jean's Restaurant is a Pier Village fixture known for its heavy Southern dining and award-winning seafood. Start off with freshly baked bread before feasting on seafood or other entrees. Try the legendary crab cakes, a local favorite, that is prepared with lump crabmeat and cooked to perfection. Fruit cobbler, bread pudding, or the tantalizing Chocolate Stuff is a sweet finale. **barbarajeans.com 912.634.6500**

Tipsy McSway's

Tipsy McSway's is all about "scrumptiousness, sunshine and adventure." The neighborhood bar and grill on Newcastle Street in Historic Downtown Brunswick serves pub fare in a lively atmosphere. The restaurant's namesake may be fictional, but the friendly service and tasty food is authentic and legendary. Live music, trivia nights, and other fun events make for a memorable time. **tipsymcsways.com 912.267.9991**

Brogen's South

Every island town needs a classic hangout, and **Brogen's South** fits the bill. An island institution since 1983, Brogen's South has been serving up delicious burgers and more to locals and delighted visitors.

Part of Brogen's charm is its history — the space once served as humble bait and tackle shop. Today, this neighborhood hangout is known for its casual atmosphere. Come hang out on the upstairs covered patio, or kick back on the outside deck overlooking the water, and enjoy the island vibes and delicious food and well-rounded bar offerings. Go for their burgers, wings, sandwiches, or their hearty salads — all tasty ways to enjoy the lively, lovely St. Simons Island setting. **brogens.com/south 912.638.1660**

Food with a View

Take advantage of beautiful surroundings and enjoy a delicious meal with a side of stunning waterfront views.

St. Simons Island

ECHO offers panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean with one-of-a-kind seasonal specialties served at every meal.

Brogen's South serves the best burgers in town on an outdoor balcony overlooking the Pier Village.

Jekyll Island

At the **Beach House**, enjoy sandwiches, pastas and fresh seafood just steps away from the beach.

The Wharf features indoor and outdoor seating, all with stunning marsh views, especially perfect at sunset.

Live music, margaritas and delightful ocean breezes can be found at **Tortuga Jacks** famous beachfront tiki bar.

Golden Isles Olive Oil

Golden Isles Olive Oil Culinary Center and Wine Bar is the talk of the island. Foodies from near and far pop in to sample gourmet bites and pair select wines with laughs and conversation. Popular events always pack the calendar. You won't want to miss international cooking classes, candymaking demonstrations, healthy eating presentations, renowned guest chefs, wine chats and live music events ... and so much more. Check the website for upcoming events. **goldenislesoliveoil.com 912.602.9736**

Tortuga Jacks

Tortuga Jacks is Jekyll Island's Baja Mexican restaurant specializing in fresh tacos and other tasty fare. Pull up a chair at the pet-friendly outdoor Tiki Bar overlooking the ocean, and dine on Baja Fish or Bangin' Shrimp tacos, perfect with a margarita or cocktail. On weekends, linger at the Tiki Bar for the live music. The restaurant's catering team and on-site Ocean Club Venue is the ideal setting for a private event. **tortugajacks.com 912.342.2600**

Beach House

A newcomer on the Jekyll Island dining scene, **Beach House** lives up to its name. The bright, modern oceanfront restaurant excels in offering a taste of coastal flavor in a laid-back, upbeat atmosphere.

The beachy vibe extends to the innovative, locally inspired menu of burgers, sandwiches, salads, and artisan pizzas. The real draw is what's on tap — an eclectic selection of more than two dozen craft beers, including regional brews, available by the pint or growler.

Indoor and outdoor seating with oceanfront views and a kid's menu offer something for everyone. You can find the Beach House next door to Holiday Inn Resort. **jibeachhouse.com 912.319.0033**

Richland Rum

Did you know that 'America's Best Rum' is made right here in Georgia? **Richland Rum** has been crafting authentic, single-estate, barrel aged Rum since 1999 and has perfected the spirit that *Forbes Magazine* calls 'America's Best Rum.' Founder Erik Vonk crafts Richland Rum one barrel at the time, using sugar cane harvested on his Georgia estate in Richland, a rarity among American-made rums. The result is an aromatic, elegant sipping rum that delights rum connoisseurs and makes converts of whiskey drinkers. A visit to the distillery in downtown Brunswick is a must. Admire the open spaces in the beautifully renovated building, the gleaming copper pot stills, and tour the distillery guided by The Master Distiller and his team. Sample several rum expressions and buy a bottle or two, for you, too, will find yourself a convert to the Spirit of Georgia©.

Richlandrum.com 229.887.3537

Grand Dining Room at Jekyll Island Club Resort

Dining

Search more food and drink listings at Goldenisles.com.

				BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER	FAMILY FRIENDLY	BAR / PUB	TAKE OUT	OUTDOOR SEATING	WATERFRONT / VIEW
ST. SIMONS ISLAND									
Barbara Jean's Restaurant	912.634.6500	Pier Village, 214 Mallery St.	barbarajeans.com	L,D	•	•	•	•	
Brogen's South	912.638.1660	Pier Village, 200 Pier Alley	brogens.com	L,D	•	•	•	•	•
Café Frederica	912.638.6777	100 Sylvan Blvd.	cafefrederica.com	B,L	•		•		
Certified Burgers & Beverage	912.268.4330	44 Midway Sq.	certifiedburgersandbeverage.com	L,D	•	•	•	•	
Delaney's Bistro	912.638.1330	3415 Frederica Rd., Ste. C	delaneysbistro.com	L,D		•	•		
ECHO	912.638.3631	201 Arnold Rd.	echostsimons.com	B,L,D	•	•	•	•	•
Georgia Sea Grill	912.638.1197	Pier Village, 407 Mallery St.	georgiaseagrill.com	D		•	•		
Golden Isles Olive Oil Wine Bar	912.602.9736	Redfern Village, 306 Redfern Village	goldenislesoliveoil.com	L,D		•	•	•	
Halyards	912.638.9100	Shops at Sea Island, 55 Cinema Ln.	halyardsrestaurant.com	D		•	•	•	
Iguanas Seafood Restaurant	912.638.9650	Pier Village, 303 Mallery St.	iguanasseafood.com	L,D	•	•	•	•	
La Plancha Tacos & Ritas	912.434.6100	3600 Frederica Rd.	laplancharestaurant.com	L,D	•	•	•	•	
Mellow Mushroom	912.291.9108	Pier Village, 440 Kings Way	mellowmushroom.com	L,D	•	•	•	•	
The Market at Sea Island	912.634.3994	351 Sea Island Rd.	seaisland.com/dining/the-market	B,L,D	•		•	•	
Palmer's Village Café	912.634.5515	Pier Village, 223 Mallery St.	palmersvillagecafe.com	B,L	•		•		
Porch	912.634.5168	Pier Village, 549 Ocean Blvd.	porchssi.com	L,D	•	•			
Sea Salt Healthy Kitchen	912.268.4137	130 Retreat Village	seasalthealthykitchen.com	B,L,D	•	•	•		
The Pub at Village Inn	912.634.6056	Pier Village, 500 Mallery St.	villageinnandpub.com			•			
The Public House	912.638.3351	Sea Palms Resort, 515 N. Windward Dr.	seapalms.com	B,L,D	•	•	•	•	
Tramici	912.634.2202	Shops at Sea Island, 75 Cinema Ln.	tramicirestaurant.com	L,D	•	•	•	•	
JEKYLL ISLAND									
Beach House	912.319.0033	715 N. Beachview Dr.	jibeachhouse.com	B,L,D	•	•	•	•	•
Eighty Ocean Kitchen & Bar	912.635.5238	Jekyll Island Club Resort, 80 Ocean Way	jekyllclub.com	B,L,D	•	•	•	•	•
Grand Dining Room	912.635.5155	Jekyll Island Club Resort, 371 Riverview Dr.	jekyllclub.com	B,L,D	•		•		
The Pantry	912.635.5203	Jekyll Island Club Resort, 371 Riverview Dr.	jekyllclub.com	B,L,D	•		•	•	
The Pool House	912.635.5131	371 Riverview Drive	jekyllclub.com	B,L,D	•		•	•	
Tortuga Jack's	912.342.2600	201 N. Beachview Dr.	tortugajacks.com	L,D	•	•	•	•	•
The Wharf	912.635.3612	Jekyll Island Club Resort, 370 Riverview Dr.	jekyllisland.com/dining/the-wharf	L,D	•	•	•	•	•
BRUNSWICK									
Tipsy McSway's Neighborhood Bar & Grill	912.267.9991	1414 Newcastle St.	tipsymcsways.com	L,D	•	•	•	•	
Reid's Apothecary	912.289.2679	1618 Newcastle St	reidsapothecary.com	B,L,D	•	•	•		
Richland Rum	229.887.3537	1406 Newcastle St	richlandrum.com			•			

FIELDS OF GOLD

Seaside
Sea Island Golf Course

If you play golf...at any level... Sea Island should be on your bucket list.

BY: JIM FRANKS, *LINKS* MAGAZINE

With so much terrific golf to choose from, the Golden Isles could just as easily be called the Green Isles. Throughout the region, beautiful courses wind through marshes and majestic oaks, look out on jaw-dropping views, host native wildlife, and offer exciting challenges to every level of golfer.

The area's original holes were recently treated to an ingenious renovation. The Plantation Course at Sea Island—half of which dates back to 1928—reopened last fall after a graceful redesign conducted by PGA Tour star Davis Love III and his brother, Mark. The Love brothers grew up on Sea Island, which gave the project added significance. "Since we were working on our home course, there was a little extra trepidation," explained Mark, who lived in his mother's house on the back nine while overseeing the work. "We've been looking out at and playing this course most of our lives, thinking about what we could do with it."

What they did was tie the two nines a little more closely together while restoring some of the features of the original architects: Walter Travis (1928) on the front nine, Dick Wilson (1960) on the back. The greens are large and full of subtle movement, and, particularly on the front, square-shaped. The bunkers also have straight edges—a throwback feature Davis wanted to work in wherever possible—and while there are still some 80 hazards to be negotiated, they are smaller and flatter than before, greatly reducing the overall amount of sand. As a result, the course is fun and welcoming, especially off the tee.

It's also lovely to look at. Trees were trimmed, opening up the vistas across Plantation and onto the adjacent Seaside Course. A number of holes play along water, and golfers enjoying late afternoon rounds will be

Golf Performance Center, Sea Island

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The RSM Classic

treated to a glorious sunset over St. Simons Sound.

While Sea Island was recapturing golf history, it also was looking to the future with the creation of the state-of-the-art Golf Performance Center (GPC). The GPC recently moved into its new home, a classically designed, 17,000-square-foot two-story building that sits along the expansive Plantation/Seaside practice facility. There are dedicated hitting areas outside and bays inside that open up onto the range with stunning views across the water.

The new GPC brings all the elements of golf instruction together—long game, short game, putting, fitness, club fitting, and the mental game—with a staff of 10 full-time teachers, 4 club fitters, and 2 fitness trainers. From capturing a golfer's motion in 3-D to specialized putting platforms, these expert teachers have the latest technology on hand—and even underfoot, where special plates in the floor measure pressure and weight shift during the swing.

The GPC is set up to give every golfer a TOUR-like experience, from juniors and beginners up through professionals, offering coaching to club fitting. It should come as no surprise that many of the PGA Tour players who live nearby use the facility and work with the very same teachers to keep their games sharp.

On Sea Island and throughout the Golden Isles, the game's traditions and future exist comfortably side by side.

Home on the Green

In recent years, a growing number of pro golfers have chosen to live, train or play in the Golden Isles. And the reasons are obvious. Exquisite courses. Incomparable training and instruction. A chance to learn from some of the game's greatest instructors.

Combine that with a supportive, family-friendly community, mild climate with lots of outdoor activities, and a serene, laid-back lifestyle. That's a perfect round.

"For a pro golfer, this area has so much going for it, we don't have to recruit anyone to live here," said Brannen Veal, Sea Island's Director of Golf. "Between the world-class instruction and playing so often with their peers, they can continue to raise their game. Plus, it's a great family environment.

People here are genuine and welcoming."

Did you know? There are 189 holes of golf in the Golden Isles.

Golf Courses

			NUMBER OF HOLES	YARDAGE	PAR
ST. SIMONS ISLAND					
King & Prince Golf Course at the Hampton Club	912.634.0255	hamptonclub.com	18	6462	72
Sea Palms	912.434.5336	seapalms.com	18	6608	71
SEA ISLAND					
Seaside Course (Private-Hotel guests only)	912.638.5118	seaisland.com/golf	18	6657	70
Plantation Course (Private-Hotel guests only)	912.638.5118	seaisland.com/golf	18	6671	72
Retreat Course (Private-Hotel guests only)	912.634.4460	seaisland.com/golf	18	6735	72
JEKYLL ISLAND					
Oleander	912.635.2368	jekyllisland.com	18	6521	72
Pine Lakes	912.635.2368	jekyllisland.com	18	6700	72
Indian Mound	912.635.2368	jekyllisland.com	18	6469	72
Great Dunes	912.635.2368	jekyllisland.com	9	3229	36
BRUNSWICK					
Heritage Oaks Golf Club	912.280.9525	heritageoaksgolfclub.com	18	5820	72
Brunswick Country Club (Members Only)	912.264.4377	brunswickcountryclub.com	18	6802	72

PRO STOP

More than a dozen touring pros live, train, and/or play at Sea Island, including:

- Jonathan Byrd
- Harris English
- Joey Garber
- Ben Griffin
- Brian Harman
- Zach Johnson
- Patton Kizzire
- Matt Kuchar
- Davis Love III
- Keith Mitchell
- Paul Peterson
- J.T. Poston
- Hudson Swafford
- Josh Teater
- Michael Thompson
- Scott Wolfes

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Hosted by 21-time PGA TOUR Champion, 2017 World Golf Hall of Fame inductee, and Golden Isles resident Davis Love III, **The RSM Classic** has become a highly anticipated annual event, drawing top players and spectators to the Sea Island Golf Club for challenging play plus family activities and entertainment.

For the PGA TOUR player who travels upwards of 50,000 miles a year, The RSM Classic has become a working vacation. For players like Matt Kuchar, Zach Johnson, Keith Mitchell and a host of other PGA TOUR players, it's an opportunity to showcase their hometown seaside community. And for spectators, the laid-back vibe means gorgeous scenery, Southern hospitality, and the chance to watch a PGA TOUR event in an intimate venue.

Davis Love III's vision for the event in his hometown has been simple: Give players an enjoyable but demanding test at Sea Island Golf Club, and do it in a relaxed setting that offers a wonderful experience for pros, their families, caddies, sponsors, volunteers, media and spectators.

From exciting play during the day to popular sold-out events in the evenings, The RSM Classic offers numerous ways to have fun on and off the course. The annual Tuesday night Wiffle® Ball game, benefiting Blessings in a Backpack, sees friendly, yet spirited competition between PGA TOUR players and their wives. Saturday night brings entertainment that is anything but subpar. The RSM Concert Event has featured headliners and country music superstars including Jake Owen, Cole Swindell and Darius Rucker.

The RSM Classic has impacted the lives of thousands in the Golden Isles and across the nation through charitable contributions totaling more than $13 million since its inception. The Davis Love Foundation was established in 2005 to support local, regional, and national community-based programs that focus on children and families.

"Our Foundation is committed to positively impacting children and family charities through the dollars raised by The RSM Classic," said Davis Love III. "It is our privilege to continue the PGA TOUR's tradition of giving back."

Learn more at **rsmclassic.com.**

FOLLOW THE LEADER

The best way to see the sites? Book a tour.

Oftentimes, the ideal way to learn about an area is to sit back and let local experts take the wheel. In the Golden Isles, you can participate in nature, historic, or even ghost tours. With coastal marshlands and beaches so full of life, there are few places better suited for boat, paddleboard, or kayaking tours. On a trolley history tour, see landmarks and local attractions, while eerie year-round ghost tours showcase the legends of this region's past.

Saddle up with **The Stables at Frederica** and explore maritime forests, shaded trails and sunny beaches. The Golden Isles is one of few places along the East Coast where you can ride horses on the beach. Ditch the car and become your own tour guide on a bike or golf cart from **Island Bicycle** and **Island Carts**. Wind along paved pathways and meander at your own pace – you're on island time after all!

Sail into the sunset with **Dunbar Yachts**, **Jekyll Island Boat Tours** or **Lighthouse Dolphin Tours**, and keep your eyes on the horizon as you look for pods of friendly dolphins. Or, try your luck on the **Emerald Princess Casino** for off-shore gaming action.

Kingfisher Paddleventures

Reconnect with nature and each other on kayak and paddleboarding adventures through the Golden Isles' beautiful coastal landscapes. Locally owned **Kingfisher Paddleventures** offers lessons and eco-tours for fun, memorable outings. Take a tour with Norm, the owner, who combines his Ph.D. in conservation biology with his passion for the outdoors to guide you on a one-of-a-kind excursion.
kfpaddle.com 912.230.4323

St. Simons Colonial Island Trolley Tours

For an authentic insider's view of St. Simons Island history, look no further than **St. Simons Colonial Island Trolley Tours**. Your charismatic guide, Captain Rod, is an island local, and it's clear he knows his stuff. His knowledge of the area's history and his warm personality make for a lively, informative tour like no other.

Time will seem to fly on the 90-minute tour, as Captain Rod shares stories and expertise like only an insider can. You'll learn the history, culture, and geography surrounding St. Simons Island's most important and interesting sites, while getting recommendations for restaurants, hotels, and other local attractions and activities. The trolley is outfitted for passengers with mobility challenges and air-conditioned for comfort.

Discover why St. Simons Colonial Island Trolley Tours has been ranked the #1 Tour on St. Simons Island by TripAdvisor every year since 2013. It's also the first trolley voted "Best Trolley Tour" by the readers of *Elegant Island Living* magazine. Reserved seating and priority boarding are available at **colonialtrolley.com** or by calling **912.268.0363**. You can also buy tickets at the trolley on a first-come, first-serve basis. Tours depart from Pier Village at the end of Mallery Street.

The Stables at Frederica

Horses and a rich equestrian heritage have long been a part of Georgia's barrier islands. **The Stables at Frederica** continues this heritage. St. Simons Island's premier equestrian center offers a professional riding school, horse boarding, and recreation for experienced and novice riders alike.

For the ultimate beach-riding adventure, go on a Sea Island Beach Ride. Riders 10 and older can experience the natural wonders of the coastline during a relaxing 90-minute horseback ride on a private beach south of Sea Island.

Younger children, too, will love being introduced to horses. The Stables at Frederica offers marsh rides for kids 7 and older, along with pony rides and lessons, located at the equestrian center's main facility, situated on the north end of St. Simons Island.

thestablesatfrederica.com 912.434.4760

Lighthouse Trolley Tours

Discover St. Simons Island and Jekyll Island with **Lighthouse Trolley Tours**, locally owned and operated by Catherine and Cap Fendig. Enjoy a trolley sightseeing history tour with on-off stops at major historical sites. Or take an evening family-themed ghost tour to explore the lore and legends of the island. Trolley tours are operated on both St. Simons Island and Jekyll Island, and private tours are available. **lighthousetrolleys.com 912.638.3333**

Lighthouse Dolphin Tours

Experience the best of coastal Georgia with a boat tour from **Lighthouse Trolley and Dolphin Tours**. Locally owned and operated by Cap Fendig, guests can enjoy a boat tour of the inland coastal waterways and calm marshland rivers. Take a fishing charter, go for a dolphin tour, or end the day with a sunset cruise. Tours depart from Morningstar Marina on St. Simons Island. Private boat tours are also available. **lighthousetrolleys.com 912.638.3333**

Island Bicycle

Conveniently located in the Pier Village on St. Simons Island, **Island Bicycle** provides one of the best ways to explore the Golden Isles. Leave your car behind and opt for two wheels instead! Enjoy the fresh ocean air, take in the sights and sounds, and get a little exercise, too. With a fleet of more than 200 top-of-the-line 3G bicycles, you can find the best quality bikes and customer service at Island Bicycle. Owner Daniel Griffin has years of experience and a vast knowledge not only of bicycles, but of the Golden Isles, too. He and his team will gladly provide you with top notch customer service, high quality equipment, and recommendations of the best routes and trails. Stop by Island Bicycle today to experience St. Simons Island in the best way possible, a 3G bike!

islandbicycle.co 912.268.2541

Island Carts

Cruise around the Golden Isles in an open air golf cart. Perfect for groups and families of all sizes, **Island Carts** on St. Simons Island offers the most reliable and economical island transportation service in the Golden Isles. Enjoy a scenic ride as you head to the beach for the day, or soak up a little nightlife on an after-dinner cruise. Island Carts provides eco-friendly and street legal golf carts to suit your transportation needs during your stay on Jekyll Island, St. Simons Island and Sea Island. Island Carts conveniently offers hourly, daily, weekly and monthly rates with free drop off and pick-up. Slow down and live like a local on your golf cart provided by Island Carts. You're on island time after all!

islandcarts4rent.com 912.268.2541

Dunbar Yachts

The best views of the Golden Isles are from the water! Whether you are looking to sit back and relax or get hands on experience, **Dunbar Yachts** proudly offers private sailing charters and a nationally recognized and accredited American Sailing Association sailing school. Private sailing charters are a great way to experience the beauty of our coastal islands while getting a taste of the sailing experience. Enjoy a half day, full day or evening sail for up to 6 people.

If you are looking to start your journey learning to sail, or even if you've been certified previously, the year-round ASA courses range from beginner's basics to bareboat charter and coastal navigation. Try their "Take the Wheel" half day taster sailing experience.

dunbaryachts.com 912.638.8573

SouthEast Adventure

While in the Golden Isles, join **SouthEast Adventure Outfitters** for an exciting tour of the waterways of Coastal Georgia. Since 1994, their passion has been sharing the beautiful Marshes of Glynn. With two stores and private docks, getting on the water is a breeze. Featuring the largest selection of kayaks on the coast, finding the perfect one is easy. Kayaking and boating tours are offered daily, exploring some of the most beautiful areas around St. Simons, Sea Island, Little St. Simons and Jekyll Islands. More adventurous excursions include the Satilla and Altamaha Rivers, or Cumberland, Sapelo, and Blackbeard Islands. The possibilities are endless with more than one-third of the eastern seaboard's marshes within Georgia's 100 miles of coast. The St. Simons store in the Pier Village has the information and goods to make your visit a great one. Please view their schedule online as times change with the tides.

southeastadventure.com 912.638.6732

Celebrating 26 years sharing the beautiful Golden Isles.

Emerald Princess Casino

Enjoy offshore gaming action as you take in the beauty of the Golden Isles. Departing from the Sidney Lanier Bridge at the Jekyll Island Causeway, the **Emerald Princess Casino** cruise ship guarantees a fun-filled excursion, with four decks and a variety of exciting gaming options. Try your hand at blackjack, stud, and Texas Hold'em poker, roulette, craps, over 250 slots and much more. The Emerald Princess Casino is more than just games. Head to the Bistro Deck on the third level for delicious dining. Take a break from the gaming excitement, and check out the unbeatable ocean views and refreshing sea breezes from the fourth-level Observation Deck. You can bet on a good time.

emeraldprincesscasino.com 800.842.0115

Must be 21 years of age and present a valid government issued ID to board.

Jekyll Island Boat Tours

Jekyll Island's waterways are home to one of world's largest populations of bottlenose dolphin. Watch these incredible creatures with **Jekyll Island Boat Tours**. The company offers a narrated, 90-minute exploration of the waterways to view bottlenose dolphins and other wildlife in their habitat. Board a comfortable, U.S. Coast Guard-certified boat and depart from Jekyll Wharf. From there, master mariners navigate the scenic waterways and tell passengers about the ecology of the Georgia coastline while pointing out dolphins at play, sea turtles, osprey, and working fishing boats. Jekyll Island Boat Tours also offers private group tours, group shrimping eco-tours, and sunset tours—all fascinating ways to see the region's natural beauty. **captainphillip.com 912.635.3152**

St. Simons Trolley

Don't miss one of the South's most acclaimed tours, rated #1 on TripAdvisor and voted best trolley tour in 2019 by local readers of Elegant Island Living magazine. For nearly 30 years, **St. Simons Trolley** has conducted the definitive historical tour of St. Simons Island. Riding in a classic white air-conditioned trolley, you'll thoroughly enjoy this informative, highly entertaining tour, which takes you to all of the island's historic sites. See the iconic lighthouse, Avenue of the Oaks, Bloody Marsh battle site, Fort Frederica, and all points of interest in between, including a walking tour at Christ Church. Join our guides for a funny and charming hour and a half experience in true southern fashion.

Trolley tours leave every day at 11 a.m. from beneath the big oak tree by the Pier in the Village, at 117 Mallery Street. **stsimonstrolley.com 912.638.8954**

Activities & Tours

Rentals			
Island Bicycle	912.268.2541	islandbicycle.co	Bicycles
Island Carts	912.268.2541	islandcarts4rent.com	Golf Carts
SouthEast Adventure Outfitters, St. Simons	912.638.6732	southeastadventure.com	Kayaks, Hobie Fishing Kayaks, Paddlboards
The Bike Dude	912.269.5222	bike-dude.com	Bicycles
Two Brothers Bike Shop	912.638.6766	twobrothersbikeshop.com	Bicycles
Marinas			
Morningstar Marinas, Golden Isles	912.480.0266	morningstarmarinas.com	Full Service, Overnight, Repairs, Fuel, Clubhouse, Store
Charters/Guides			
Dunbar Yachts	912.638.8573	dunbaryachts.com	Sailing Charters, Instruction
Hook and Knife Charters	912.399.3813	hookandknifecharters.com	Inshore, Offshore Charters
Jekyll Island Boat Tours	912.635.3152	captainphillip.com	Kayak, Paddleboard, Inshore Fishing, Dolphin, Sightseeing
SouthEast Adventure Outfitters	912.638.6732	southeastadventure.com	Eco-Cruising, Fishing, Tours
St. Simons Dolphin & Fishing Tours	912.638.3333	lighthousetrolleys.com	Dolphin, Eco-Tour, Fishing, Shrimping
Tall Ship Lynx	978.479.2197	tallshiplynx.com	
Tours			
Jekyll Island Fun Tours	912.635.9704	jekyllisland.com	Segway®PT
Jekyll Island Historic Tours	912.635.4036	jekyllisland.com	Historical, Faith Chapel, Rockefeller Experience
Kingfisher Paddleventures	912.230.4323	kfpaddle.com	Kayaks, Paddleboards
Lighthouse Trolleys & Boat Tours	912.638.3333	lighthousetrolleys.com	Eco-Tour, Sunset, Private
Saint Simons Colonial Island Trolley Tour	912.268.0363	colonialtrolley.com	Historical Trolley Tours, Private
St. Simons Trolley Tours	912.638.8954	stsimonstrolley.com	Historical Trolley Tours, Private
More Fun			
East Beach Yoga	912.771.9021	eastbeachyogassi.com	Yoga Studio
Emerald Princess Casino Cruises	800.842.0115	emeraldprincesscasino.com	Casino Boat Cruise (21 and over)
Georgia Sea Turtle Center	912.635.4444	georgiaseaturtlecenter.org	Sea Turtle Rehabilitation & Education Center, Gift Shop
Pinball Palace	912.265.9275	thepinballpalace.com	Arcade (all ages)
The Blue Door	844.266.5269	liveatthebluedoor.com	Live Music Venue
The Stables at Frederica	912.434.4760	thestablesatfrederica.com	Horseback Riding

PET-FRIENDLY BEACHES

Endless dog days of summer.

If your furry best friend loves the beach as much as you do, there's no reason they should stay behind when you visit the Golden Isles. Head to the sandy shores of St. Simons Island's **East Beach** or **Massengale Park**. (If it's between Memorial Day and Labor Day, pets are only permitted before 9 a.m. and after 6 p.m.) Jekyll Island's **Driftwood Beach, Great Dunes Beach, Oceanview Beach** and **St. Andrews Beach** are all pet-friendly, too. (Please avoid Glory Beach and South Dunes Beach as they are active nesting areas for birds and other wildlife.) Make sure to read posted signs and clean up after your pet.

Along with stretches of beaches perfect for running and swimming, there are also great dog parks found throughout the Golden Isles. Turn to page 21 for a complete list of shady parks where you can play fetch with your pup, and even make a friend or two. And when bedtime rolls around, you'll also find many pet-friendly hotels that love to welcome four-legged customers (pg. 88).

Find a shady park for your pet on p. 21

Island Dog

St. Simons Island's dog-friendly hotels, restaurants and beaches make it a great destination for dog lovers and **Island Dog** is the place you don't want to miss.

Island Dog carries a huge variety of canine accessories, gifts, toys and treats. Favorite brand names such as Ezydog, Preston Leather, Mendota, Kurgo and Guy Harvey are only a few of the ones that make for a great selection of collars, leashes and harnesses. Collegiate collars are also available for the SEC and ACC. Toys from West Paw, Kong, Tuffy, Go Dog, Chuckit and Jolly are only a few of the quality brands available that are sure to be dog approved.

The treats will amaze you. Kennelmaster Chicken Chips, Zukes, Cloud Star Buddy Biscuits and Wet Noses are sure to please along with bully sticks and bones. Come by and see what fun is had by visiting Island Dog! Naturally, four-legged customers get fresh water and a snack.

islanddogssi.com 912.506.9769

SHOPPING SPREE

Your guide to Golden Isles treasure

With more than 200 independent stores, the Golden Isles retail scene is a treasure trove. Eight main shopping districts dot the area: Redfern Village, Pier Village, Shops at Sea Island, Historic Downtown Brunswick, Jekyll Island Historic District, Jekyll Island's Beach Village, Golden Isles Plaza, and Glynn Place Mall. From quaint shops to outlet stores, designer labels to handmade gifts, there's something for everyone.

Live Oak Shop

Take a little bit of the Golden Isles home with you. The **Live Oak Shop**, located inside the Golden Isles Welcome Center on St. Simons, is the place to find local art, apparel, books, toys, and gifts with a coastal Georgia flair. Live Oak also carries items from made-in-the-South brands, while golf aficionados can stock up on official RSM Classic merchandise. Shop exclusive Golden Isles goods and find the perfect gift to take back home. **912.638.9014**

GOLDEN ISLES PLANNING *Shopping*

The Shops at Sea Island

The **Shops at Sea Island** is ideally located at the corner of Frederica and Sea Island Roads on St. Simons Island. Here you'll find Georgia's only Harris Teeter grocery store, Bank of America, Wells Fargo Advisors, The UPS Store along with an eclectic mix of local and national retailers.

Shop for apparel at your favorite national retailers like J. McLaughlin, Talbot's, Jos. A. Bank, Chico's and Soma. Find exceptional brands like Crabtree & Evelyn, Lily Pulitzer, Vineyard Vines, Southern Tide and Yeti at fabulous local boutiques like Cloister Collection, Gentlemen's and Lady Outfitters, and Indigo & Cotton. Pick out exquisite jewelry at Joseph Jewelers, a good beach read at GJ Ford Bookstore, and the perfect childhood present at Whippersnappers. Enjoy authentic Napoletana pizza baked in a stone oven at V Pizza. Make a quick trip for some conveniences, or spend an afternoon browsing — Shops at Sea Island offers everything you need to make your St. Simons Island getaway complete.

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Shopping

ST. SIMONS ISLAND

Allie Harper Boutique	50 Aviator Plaza, Ste. 104	912.215.2122	shopallieharper.com
ALo Naturals	118 Pier Village Market	912.623.0005	alonaturals.com
Edward On Saint Simons - Flowers & Home Décor	224 Redfern Village	912.638.7323	edwardonstsimons.com
Golden Isles Bracelet Co.	#106 Pier Village Market	912.638.3636	gibcobracelets.com
Golden Isles Olive Oil	306 Redfern Village	912.602.9736	goldenislesoliveoil.com
Island Dog	412 Mallery Street	912.506.9769	islanddogssi.com
Lighthouse Museum Store	610 Beachview Dr.	912.638.4666	coastalgeorgiahistory.org
Live Oak Shop	529 Beachview Dr.	912.638.9014	goldenisles.com
Savannah Bee Company	315 Mallery St.	912.771.8972	savannahbee.com
Shops at Sea Island	Intersection of Frederica Rd. & Sea Island Dr.		facebook.com/ShopsAtSeaIsland
SouthEast Adventure Outfitters	313 Mallery St.	912.638.6732	SouthEastAdventure.com
The Art House	254 Redfern Village	912.268.2792	thearthousega.com
The Market at Sea Island	351 Sea Island Rd.	912.634.3994	seaisland.com/dining/the-market
TIBI	28 Market St., Ste. 120	912.638.1221	tibi.com
Two Brothers Bike Shop	227 Mallery Street	912.638.6766	twobrothersbikeshop.com
Uncle Don's Local Market	1610 Frederica Road	912.634.1610	facebook.com/UncleDonsLocalMarket

JEKYLL ISLAND

Georgia Sea Turtle Center	214 Stable Rd.	912.635.4444	georgiaseaturtlecenter.org
Seaside Sunglasses	31 Main St., Ste. 105	912.319.2024	seasidesunglasses.com
Whittle's Gift Shop	31 Main St., Ste. 109	912.635.2552	jekyllisland.com

BRUNSWICK

Richland Rum	1406 Newcastle St.	229.887.3537	richlandrum.com
SouthEast Adventure Outfitters	1200 Glynn Ave.	912.265.5292	SouthEastAdventure.com

Allie Harper Luxury Boutique

Allie Harper Luxury Boutique is filled with a wide selection of luxury ladies clothing, jewelry, and sleepwear. Allie Harper offers one of the finest cashmere lines around. With top name brands, beautiful statement jewelry and unique footwear, Allie Harper Luxury Boutique is not to be missed when visiting the Golden Isles. The boutique is named after owner Paige King's beloved 95-year old grandmother. Allie Harper Luxury Boutique is located across from the Home2 Suites on St. Simons Island, at the new Aviator Plaza on Demere Road.
shopallieharper.com 912.215.2122

Savannah Bee Company

Discover the very best in specialty honey, mead, and beauty products made from honeybee hive ingredients at **Savannah Bee Company**. The brand's heritage is rooted in St. Simons Island, where founder, head beekeeper, and native Ted Dennard developed his love of honeybees as a child. Visit the St. Simons Island store to experience his passion for honeybees and the exceptional products they bring to our world. **savannahbee.com 912.771.8972**

Tibi

In 1997, while living in Hong Kong, St. Simons Island native Amy Smilovic founded **Tibi**, now one of the leading designer brands in women's clothing and accessories. Today, Tibi is found at luxury retailers around the world. Discover a best-kept fashion secret right here on St. Simons Island at 28 Market Street — the one and only Tibi Outlet store, where you can shop the label's chic clothing, accessories, and one-of-a-kind studio pieces at a deep discount. **tibi.com 912.638.1221**

Golden Isles Olive Oil

Foodies love **Golden Isles Olive Oil**, the upscale gourmet market with olive oil and balsamic tasting bar. Discover best-in-class pantry items, cheeses and charcuterie, spices, and curated baskets. Take some home for yourself or bring back gifts your friends will love. Don't miss experiencing one of their memorable food-related events (schedules are online). Come experience for yourself what our island village is talking about. **goldenislesoliveoil.com 912.602.9736**

The Art House

A salon-style gallery, event space and creative incubator, **The Art House** will exhibit a curated selection of original and limited edition works, curiosities, and objets d'art from blue-chip, emerging, and local artists and designers. Founder Elizabeth Piazza will offer art advisory, appraisal, and collection management services through her US-PAP-compliant appraisal firm Piazza Fine Art. Come by our location in Redfern Village on St. Simons to discover art and design to fit your home and life. **thearthousega.com 912.268.2792**

Visit Savannah

It's the perfect day trip from the Golden Isles. **Savannah** is a charming Southern escape, where quirkiness materializes through art, period architecture, restored homes, and trendy boutiques. It's where ghost stories are set under a veil of Spanish moss, and local cuisine comes straight from the coast. As artsy and eclectic as it is steeped in history and lore, Savannah strikes the perfect balance between hip urban living and sweet Southern charm as one of America's friendliest and most beautiful cities.

See landmarks on every corner while wandering through the Historic District. Snap a picture of the fountain at Forsyth Park. Take an architectural tour of the city's most impressive homes and buildings. Discover emerging artists at the SCAD Museum of Art and other galleries. Sample the local flavors, from handcrafted cocktails at Prohibition-era speakeasies to Lowcountry cuisine. Find more detailed itineraries on **visitsavannah.com**, and don't forget to tag your photos on social media with **#VisitSavannah**!

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: VISIT SAVANNAH; GEOFFSPHOTOS; APT B PHOTOGRAPHY

HERE COMES THE BRIDE...

Plan your perfect coastal wedding in the Golden Isles.

The Golden Isles is a magical setting for any coastal wedding or special celebration. Pristine stretches of beach are punctuated by centuries-old trees draped in Spanish moss. The breathtaking landscape, historic churches and landmarks create the atmosphere of a bygone era filled with romance.

Your dream wedding will come to life with our talented local vendors and wedding planners based throughout the Golden Isles. Photographers truly know how to capture the area's natural beauty. Caterers use locally sourced ingredients to elevate guests' experiences. Venues and their wonderful and experienced teams deliver exceptional service throughout the planning process right until the bride and groom's send off.

Weddings in the Golden Isles are truly one-of-a-kind. This stunning location will make your special day a memory that lasts a lifetime. Visit Goldenisles.com for planning tools and help.

Wedding Vendors

Beachview Event Rentals and Design	912.510.3800	beachview.net
Brooke Roberts Photography	912.223.8442	brookerobertsphotography.com
Halyards Catering	912.638.3158	halyardscatering.com
Imber Medical Group	912.268.2103	imbermedical.com
Saint Simons Photography	912.602.8882	saintsimonsphotography.com
The Needle	707.726.7276	weareteneedle.com
Three Little Birds Coastal Catering	912.638.1197	events@georgiaseagrill.com

ISLAND "I DO"s

PHOTO BY BROOKE ROBERTS

New Yorkers Rachel Tulchin and Kevin Bailey were married on a beautiful late September day under the sprawling live oak trees on Sea Island. With the iconic Cloister Garden as their background, guests witnessed the couple's special outdoor ceremony, complete with a surprise performance by a local gospel choir. From the Friday night welcome reception at Ocean Forest to the late-night dancing at their Saturday celebrations, the Bailey-Tulchin wedding was a truly magical, timeless and elegant event with memories to last a lifetime.

Why did you choose the Golden Isles for your big event?
We chose Sea Island because we've spent a lot of wonderful, quality time there together and it's special to us. The location was a nice place to gather our friends and families from New York, Texas, and beyond. Both of us were hoping for a wedding where our guests could relax and get away for the weekend, and spend time getting to know one another.

What was your experience planning from afar?
The Sea Island & Ocean Forest teams and our local vendors were true professionals. They made everything easy given their vast experience, tasteful advice, and friendly, helpful demeanor. There were so many times they went over and above what we were expecting to make sure we had the perfect lasting memories of our wedding weekend, down to every last detail.

What else did your guests do during the weekend?
We knew our guests would enjoy exploring the Golden Isles on their own. They spent time walking the beach, enjoying town, golfing, renting bikes, relaxing at the Beach Club, or enjoying the local cuisine.

What would you tell other couples considering a destination wedding here?
You can't go wrong with an event in the Golden Isles. There are so many great venues and vendors to help create a wedding that reflects who you are as a couple and the type of wedding you envision. It's an area that is peaceful, relaxing, family-friendly, and beautiful. We love coming back to visit this very special corner of the world.

Where Memories are Made

The Golden Isles specializes in special occasions.

Once ranked among the Most Romantic Towns in America by *Travel + Leisure*, this region sets the stage for life's most memorable moments.

Those seeking a romantic escape for babymoons, honeymoons, and mini-moons find the Golden Isles an ideal getaway, complete with luxurious spas, diverse accommodation options, fine restaurants, and a dreamy setting for rest and relaxation.

Ready to pop the question? These stunning spots are popular for proposals:

- **DRIFTWOOD BEACH** on Jekyll Island
- **CHRIST CHURCH, FREDERICA** on St. Simons Island
- **ST. SIMONS LIGHTHOUSE**
- Beach horseback ride on **SEA ISLAND**
- **HOFWYL-BROADFIELD PLANTATION** in Brunswick

Beachview Rentals

Beachview Event Rentals & Design is a full service event company offering a carefully curated collection of tents, furniture, lighting, linens, tableware and more. Our visionary event designers work with each client to create unique experiences for social, sporting, film and community events. We have been serving for the Golden Isles for twenty years. **beachview.net 877.782.7368**

Imber Medical

Imber Medical is St. Simons' premier anti-aging and aesthetic clinic. Dr. Slack, Imber's board certified M.D. and Bianca Trevino, master injector ARNP are experts in this field, and specialize in non-surgical options for all needs head to toe! Imber values honesty and transparency while offering the finest products and procedures that deliver obtainable results. Imber's hand-selected treatment menu ensures clients receive the most natural, effective and long-lasting options. **imbermedical.com 912.268.2103**

Westin Jekyll Island

Let your beginning begin at our unforgettable wedding destination. The delights will astound you... a beautiful venue, delicious cuisine, sublime details. Whether your dream is to exchange vows on an island overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, or dance the night away in our elegant ballroom, the **Westin Jekyll Island** blends expertise with intuition to create a celebration as unique and individual as you are.

SIP & SAVOR
Only the freshest ingredients are transformed by our talented chefs, personalized to your tastes and served to your guests with thoughtful presentation. Venues include our Ocean Front Courtyard, Sea Side Event Lawn, Contemporary Ballroom, Rooftop Observation Lounge and Ocean View Veranda.

All you need to do is say "I do".
westinjekyllisland.com 912.635.4545

Village Creek Landing

The golden marsh-front vistas of historic **Village Creek Landing** create the ideal backdrop for any festive or formal gathering. This perfectly situated peninsula surrounded by tidal creeks and marsh on St. Simons Island is where private, waterfront events unfold in unforgettable fashion.

Village Creek Landing, located on South Harrington Road, offers breathtaking views as the setting sun paints the marsh gold while sea birds fly by, shaping a spectacular backdrop to wedding ceremonies, receptions, oyster roasts, cocktail parties, seated affairs and more.

In addition to the recently renovated dining room and outdoor balcony, the venue offers a dazzling creek-side gazebo, spacious deck and festive lighting, perfect for open-air gatherings accommodating up to 300 guests.
To book your next gathering, email **villagecreeklanding@gmail.com or call 912.506.2301.**

Three Little Birds Coastal Catering

From sky to sea and everything in between, your events will reach new heights of excellence with **Three Little Birds Coastal Catering's** array of culinary and event services, all brought to you by the team at Georgia Sea Grill. We will refine your next occasion to an unforgettable experience through seamless planning and execution. The sky's the limit! To learn about how we can make your next event soar, call **912.638.1197 or email events@georgiaseagrill.com.**

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The Perfect Bridal Beach-lorette

Treat the bride-to-be to the ultimate girls' trip in the Golden Isles. Enjoy our sunny beaches to get a natural sun-kissed look before the big day. Go for #OneLastRidewiththeBride on horseback down the gorgeous natural coastline. Pamper yourself at one of our rejuvenating spas. And bar hop to the local bars, breweries or distilleries.

Jekyll Island Club Resort Weddings

The **Jekyll Island Club Resort** has been the cherished setting for generations of happy couples. Here, a wondrous sense of history walks hand in hand with unforgettable celebrations. Weddings of all sizes are the resort's specialty-from elopements to large and festive.

The Club provides a magical and picturesque backdrop for your special day. Whether you envision a celebration that's traditional or trend-setting, casual or formal, intimate or grand scale, in a historic mansion, the ballroom, sunken garden, under live oaks festooned with Spanish moss, riverside at sunset or right on the beach, the resort's variety of premier wedding sites will give you unlimited options in planning your perfect Coastal Georgia storybook wedding. Every event is presented by a team devoted to delighting the wedding party and their guests with thoughtful planning and flawless execution. Our staff sees to every detail and grants every wish.

Couples have the option of purchasing one of the hotel's packages or customizing their wedding.

Matrimony at the Jekyll Island Club has become a tradition for families. Let us help you create memories for a lifetime. **jekyllclub.com 855.591.4962**

COME TOGETHER

Wedding & Meeting Venues

		SLEEPING ROOMS	MEETING ROOMS	MEETING SQ. FT.	THEATER	BANQUET	CONFERENCE STYLE	GROUP MEETINGS	WEDDINGS
ST. SIMONS ISLAND									
A. W. Jones Heritage Center	912.638.4666	N/A	1	1,386	150	140	150	Yes	Yes
Best Western Plus	912.638.7805	61	1	1,934	175	120	100	Yes	
Captains Bluff	912.223.0436	N/A						Yes	Yes
Epworth by the Sea Methodist Conference Center	912.638.8688	234	36	36,000	300	400	900	Yes	
Hampton Inn	912.634.2204	79	1	850	25	25	25	Yes	
King and Prince Beach & Golf Resort	912.638.3631	196	8	11,835	300	270	220	Yes	
Ocean Lodge	912.291.4300	15	1	600	15	15	10	Yes	
Sea Palms Resort & Conference Center	912.638.3351	125	5	10,000	450	300	220	Yes	Yes
St. Simons Casino	912.279.2836	N/A	4	2,583	182	100	84	Yes	
The Lodge at Sea Island Golf Course	912.634.4300	40	4	3,213	140	90	30		
Village Creek Landing	912.506.2301	N/A						Yes	Yes
SEA ISLAND									
The Cloister	912.638.3611	265	10	87,400	500	500	40	Yes	
LITTLE ST. SIMONS ISLAND									
The Lodge on Little St. Simons Island	912.638.7472	16	1	1,200	32	32	32	Yes	
JEKYLL ISLAND									
Holiday Inn Resort	912.635.2211	157	4	3,000	288	200	50	Yes	
Jekyll Island Club Resort	912.635.2600	198	12	14,300	400	300	250	Yes	Yes
Jekyll Island Convention Center	912.635.6400	N/A	17	78,000	4,068	2,520	2,100	Yes	
Villas by the Sea Resort	800.841.6262	140	5	5,500	500	350	300	Yes	
The Westin Jekyll Island	912.635.4545	200	5	5,350	350	200	70	Yes	Yes
BRUNSWICK									
Courtyard by Marriot – Exit 38	912.265.2644	93	1	580	40	25	25	Yes	
Embassy Suites – Exit 38	912.264.6100	130	4	5,000	200	125	120	Yes	
Hampton Inn & Suites – Exit 38	912.261.0939	97	2	1,800	150	100	120	Yes	
Holiday Inn & Suites – Exit 38	912.264.3300	103	2	1,664	100	96	66	Yes	
Holiday Inn Express - Exit 38	912.267.9999	88	1	350	40	40	40	Yes	
Old City Hall	912.265.4032	N/A	2	2,927	N/A	200	150	Yes	

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY

Whether here for a visit or a lifetime, you'll feel welcome.

The Southern heritage of gracious living is nowhere more abundant than here in the Golden Isles. Accommodations range from some of the world's most renowned resort hotels to simpler beachside condos, historic bed-and-breakfasts, or even woodsy campsites. Every lifestyle and budget can be accommodated, and you're sure to find the warmest welcome wherever you choose to stay.

The laid-back pace and exceptional amenities will certainly captivate you, bringing you back to this inspiring destination time and again. When you're ready to call the Golden Isles home, local realty companies can help you find a distinctive property for your individual needs. We look forward to calling you a neighbor!

Find your Golden Isles lodging starting on page 86.

Jekyll Island Club Resort

The King and Prince Beach & Golf Resort

Generations of guests have made **The King and Prince Beach & Golf Resort** their St. Simons Island vacation destination. The resort's oceanfront setting, award-winning golf course, and distinctive accommodations make it a truly memorable place to play and stay.

Enter the vibrant lobby where the gracious staff will greet you with true Southern hospitality. The storied resort has a bright, contemporary look throughout. The resort offers a range of accommodations, from oceanfront rooms and suites to beachside villas and one- to five-bedroom cottages.

The resort offers plentiful opportunities for fun — rent a bike and cruise the sea shore, play in the ocean, and cool off in the five sparkling oceanfront pools. Or schedule a tee time at the picturesque King and Prince golf course, surrounded by vast salt marshes and ancient live oaks. Enjoy Southern coastal cuisine with indoor and outdoor dining at ECHO, the only oceanfront restaurant on the island.

The King and Prince is only minutes away from St. Simons Island's shops, historic sites, and restaurants. Come see why The King and Prince has earned TripAdvisor's Certificate of Excellence for nine straight years — and why couples, families, weddings, and groups visit this oceanfront icon, year after year.
kingandprince.com 800.342.0212

Sea Palms Resort

For decades, **Sea Palms Resort** has been the recreation, hospitality and entertainment hub of St. Simons Island.

After a recent $2 million renovation, Sea Palms invites you to enjoy some of the best golf in the region on their award-winning 18-hole championship golf course. Newly remodeled hotel rooms and suites, excellent dining, and a myriad of recreational amenities make Sea Palms Resort a rewarding place to stay and play!

Guest privileges at The Beach Club offers Sea Palms guests ample opportunities to enjoy the island's famous stretch of beach along the Atlantic.

Always a favorite for meetings, conferences, events and weddings, the Conference Center offers flexible accommodations inside and out for groups up to 400 guests.

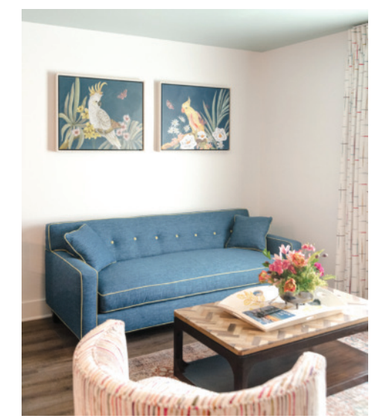
Sea Palms Resort's convenient mid-island location is close to the island's best shopping and dining. A stay or visit at Sea Palms is a must on your 'to do' list for experiencing the best of St. Simons Island. Good things happen at Sea Palms. **seapalms.com 912.638.3351**

Hotel Simone

Welcome to **Hotel Simone,** the Golden Isles' newest adults-only, luxury boutique hotel. Located in the heart of St. Simons Island, Hotel Simone provides guests with a one-of-a-kind experience in a truly unique coastal setting. Sitting within the island's most established neighborhood and just steps from the beach, the hotel allows guests the ability to unwind, shut out the world, and reconnect with friends and family.

Hotel Simone features twenty-four suites, all outfitted with separate living and sleeping spaces and adorned in custom furniture by local shop Dutchmans Designs. The hotel offers guests a rooftop lounge with dip pool and drink service, lobby lounge with drink service, fitness center and meeting room. Additionally, Hotel Simone offers guests a complimentary daily European-style breakfast, beach valet setup and cruiser pickup around town in the Hotel Simone golf cart.

For weddings, special events, and company retreats in the Golden Isles, Hotel Simone offers group hotel buyouts and room blocks. Celebrate any occasion in relaxed, coastal comfort at Hotel Simone.



Hotel Simone is located at 1200 Ocean Blvd., St. Simons Island, GA 31522. For additional information on Hotel Simone and to book your reservation, visit **hotelsimonessi.com** or call **912.357.5500.**

Hampton Inn

Whether you're here on business or pleasure, you'll love the many comforts of our freshly renovated **Hampton Inn St. Simons Island,** along with its convenient, central location.

You'll also love our full-scale renovations, featuring new furnishings throughout, a selection of works by local artists, and a brand-new sweetshop stocked with your favorite treats. Our cheerful lobby, complete with cookies and coffee, will make you feel welcome right away. Our spacious, clean and comfortable rooms will help you relax and enjoy every minute of your stay.

From here you can walk to some of the island's best restaurants and shopping, including locally popular Redfern Village, filled with specialty shops, unique dining and a lively nightlife and music scene.

When you're ready to venture out, don't leave without having breakfast on us. Then drive south to Pier Village and Neptune Park, or east to the beaches. Head west to Morningstar Marina for a day on the water, or north to more dining and shopping. Everything is minutes away.

Planning a business event? Your participants will enjoy our multi-function meeting room, business center and fitness facilities. For weddings or family get-togethers, your out-of-town guests will appreciate all the conveniences and hospitality.

And no matter why you're here, our friendly Hampton team members will do everything we can to make your stay fun and memorable.

hamptoninn3.hilton.com 912.634.2204

Holiday Inn Express

Holiday Inn Express St. Simons offers 60 rooms and every perk from an outdoor swimming pool to free high-speed Wi-Fi access, and more! Complimentary, hot Express Start Breakfast Bar ensures a great start to each day. Our convenient location is just minutes from public beach access, pier village, lighthouse, numerous restaurants and golf courses. If you are planning a wedding, reunion or corporate outing our 1,940 square-foot conference room is a great place to gather.

innatstsimonsisland.com 912.634.2175

Best Western Plus St. Simons

Best Western Plus St. Simons offers 61 rooms and a beautiful pool and spa area shaded by majestic live oaks. Complimentary breakfast and Wi-Fi will get you off to a great start and keep you connected. Our convenient location is just minutes from public beach access, pier village, lighthouse, numerous restaurants and golf courses. If you are planning a wedding, reunion or corporate outing our 1,940-square-foot conference room is a great place to gather. **islandinnstssimons.com 912.638.7805**

The Inn at Sea Island

They say location is everything. **The Inn at Sea Island's** desirable setting on St. Simons Island puts you near the heart of it all.

The Inn at Sea Island offers casual, comfortable lodging that's perfect for families, golfers, and wedding parties. Spacious, airy rooms invite relaxation. (So do the heated outdoor pool and Topgolf Swing Suite.) The friendly atmosphere and hospitality extends to the on-site evening bar and laid-back surroundings.

The Inn at Sea Island's prime locale puts you within easy access to historic sites, the pristine beach, and shopping and dining. Plus, access to many Sea Island amenities is available for an additional fee, if you feel like venturing out. **seaisland.com 888.976.1056**

Home2 Suites

HOME2 Suites by Hilton St. Simons Island delivers all the comforts for the modern traveler to relax and recharge in a chic island setting. Spacious suites are like a home away from home, with a kitchenette, flexible work space, Wi-Fi, and flat-panel HDTV to help you get settled in. Begin the day with a complimentary continental breakfast, and find a wide variety of necessities at the 24/7 market. Get a quick workout in the state-of-the-art fitness center or take a refreshing dip in the outdoor saline pool. Gather with friends on the patio and circle around the roaring fire pit. With its convenient location on St. Simons Island, shopping, great golf, outdoor excursions, and the beautful beaches are all close by, making your extended stay in the Golden Isles a breeze. **home2ssi.com 912.638.0333**

Hotel is non-smoking & pets are not allowed.

Ocean Inn & Suites

With its desireable location in the heart of St. Simons Island, **Ocean Inn & Suites** is just a short walking distance to the pier, Neptune Park, shops, restaurants and catty corner from the lighthouse. All rooms have sit down or standup balconies, some with view of the lighthouse and ocean. Beautiful rosewood floors and marble bathrooms. Ocean Inn & Suites will become your place to stay and enjoy St. Simons Island. **oceaninnsuites.com 912.634.2122**

Village Inn & Pub

Step back in time at the **Village Inn & Pub**. This charming 1930s-era beach cottage is nestled under live oak trees near the historic St. Simons Pier Village. Restaurants, boutiques and the Pier and Lighthouse are just a quick walk away. Stay in one of the Inn's 28 uniquely designed guest rooms, some with private balconies overlooking the courtyard and pool. Enjoy a drink at the Village Pub's mahogany bar imported from England, featuring live music on the weekends! **villageinnandpub.com 912.634.6056**

Grey Owl Inn

Nestled amongst ancient oaks and a magnificent water garden, the **Grey Owl Inn** offers a picture-perfect bed and breakfast experience on St. Simons Island. Take a leisurely walk to the beach, or bike to the pier village from one of five uniquely decorated suites, each with private bath. Each morning, savor a gourmet breakfast before exploring the Golden Isles. Later on, enjoy wine and cheese hour. **greyowlinn.com 912.434.6292**

Strachan Carriage House

Featured in *Coastal Living* magazine, the historic **Strachan Carriage House** on St. Simons Island offers spacious luxury for family and friends year-round. Six bedrooms accommodate up to 12 adults, with daybeds and trundles for young guests. Walk to the village or beach or enjoy the heated pool, outdoor grill, and gated parking. **stsimonscarriagehouse.com 404.261.1352**

St. Simons Inn

St. Simons Inn by the Lighthouse offers guests a picture-perfect and peaceful stay, with a prime location and deluxe hospitality. The Inn's 34 stylish deluxe rooms add to the charm. Find home-like touches throughout, with exquisite furnishings and custom mattresses. Perfect for a honeymoon, anniversary, or much-needed getaway, this elegant suite features a Mediterranean-style terrace that opens up to views of the lighthouse and the ocean. **stsimonsinn.com 912.638.1101**

The Lodge on LSSI

Prized for its pristine beauty, gracious hospitality and secluded worlds-away appeal, **The Lodge on Little St. Simons Island** offers 7 miles of secluded beaches and over 11,000 acres of undeveloped wilderness for exploration and relaxation. Accessible only by boat, the privately owned island is a paradise for nature lovers and offers a host of naturalist-led experiences. This extraordinary natural sanctuary, welcomes your discovery. **littlessi.com 888.733.5774**

Jekyll Island Club Resort

There is no place like the **Jekyll Island Club Resort**, where Gilded Age grandeur complements contemporary accommodations and amenities. Once the playground of America's tycoons, today the Resort is a modern-day vacation getaway and a Historic Hotel of America.

Find much to love with the Jekyll Island Club Resort's well-appointed accommodations. The Clubhouse offers modern amenities in a historic setting. Marvel at the original wood floors and skylights throughout the riverfront Sans Souci. Just north of the Clubhouse sits Crane Cottage and Cherokee, historic mansions with rooms featuring original fireplaces and balconies.

The Resort offers a wide variety of dining options for any mood or occasion. The past meets the present in the AAA Four Diamond **Grand Dining Room**, serving a continental menu in a Victorian setting of classic elegance. Sip a handcrafted cocktail at The Bar. For more casual dining, head to **The Pantry** for homemade pastries or a burger at the open-air **Pool House**.

Rounding out the list of diverse dining options is **The Wharf** restaurant. Enjoy a casual dinner on the river accompanied by live music and spectacular sunsets. Grab a bike at Jekyll Wheels, the Resort's new bike outfitter, and explore the island's natural beauty.

The Jekyll Island Club Resort welcomes all to come soak in the natural splendor of Georgia's historic coast. **jekyllclub.com 855.591.4962**

Jekyll Ocean Club

Experience the beach in a boutique hotel setting. The all-suite, oceanfront **Jekyll Ocean Club** is the newest addition to the Jekyll Island Club Resort. This AAA Four Diamond Award hotel is ideal for a family vacation or a couples getaway, with plush, modern accommodations. All suites have private decks and are just steps away from the beach.

The Jekyll Ocean Club offers a perfect blend of recreation and relaxation, whether it's swimming in the oceanside pool, soaking in the hot tub, or enjoying a cocktail by the fire pit. Poolside dining is offered at **Eighty Ocean Kitchen & Bar**, serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner and featuring a raw bar, wood-fired pizza, and Southern favorites. At night, take in the full moon from the rooftop deck. This is coastal bliss at its best. **jekyllclub.com 855.591.4962**

Beachview Club Hotel

Tucked away in the dunes behind a stand of majestic live oaks draped in Spanish moss, the **Beachview Club Hotel** welcomes guests to a private and idyllic beachfront hideaway along the pristine shores of Jekyll Island. This 38 room boutique hotel just completed a total transformation and welcomed our first guests in September 2018. Beneath the branches of centuries old live oaks, rooms surround a shaded courtyard and sparkling pool. Oversized beach loungers beckon with the sights and sounds of the ocean as a relaxing backdrop. Beachview Club Hotel is perfect for those seeking a secluded escape on one of Georgia's most uncrowded stretches of beach. We are conveniently located with easy access to the islands' attractions and recreational pursuits.

beachviewclubjekyll.com 912.635.2256

Holiday Inn Resort

Make memories on your Golden Isles family vacation. **Holiday Inn Resort** is sure to become a favorite with parents, kids, or anyone seeking a laidback Jekyll Island getaway.

On arrival, you'll notice the bright, contemporary design, calming beach vibe, and laidback atmosphere. The family-friendly resort offers several outlets for relaxation and recreation, with Kid's Suites outfitted with bunk beds, plus a playground and oceanfront pool and the beach nearby. The state-of-the-art fitness club keeps you energized on the go.

The Resort's restaurants offer something for everyone. Go for a casual poolside lunch or dinner at The Anchor. North Shore offers refreshments by day, and cocktails by night. **Beach House**'s tasty fare, eclectic craft beer selections, and live entertainment make it a lively spot. Holiday Inn Resort is sure to enhance your Jekyll Island vacation.
holidayinnresortjekyll.com 912.635.2211

Westin Jekyll Island

Oceanfront on Jekyll Island's pristine beach, **The Westin Jekyll Island** is ideal for today's traveler. The 200-room hotel combines signature amenities and modern elegance designed to help you leave feeling better than when you arrived.

Onsite dining includes The Reserve, an oceanfront, upscale steak and seafood restaurant with outdoor seating, tropical cocktails at Salty's poolside bar and grill, and grab-and-go items at Westin Café and shopping at BeachVillage, conveniently located next door.

Featuring more than 5,350 square feet of flexible meeting and event space, the Westin Jekyll Island is perfect for conferences, weddings, and everything in between. The Westin ensures an outstanding experience characterized by flawless style and adept service. **westinjekyllisland.com 912.635.4545**

Hampton Inn & Suites

Nestled amidst a gorgeous maritime forest with Spanish moss laden live oaks and palms, the **Hampton Inn and Suites Jekyll Island** offers modern and spacious guest rooms in a seaside setting. Our guests enjoy complimentary breakfast daily and can use our courtesy shuttle to enjoy the rest of the island. Stroll along our oak-lined boardwalk to the beach or unwind in our restaurant for dinner and drinks. We look forward to welcoming you!
Jekyllislandsuites.hamptoninn.com 912.635.3733

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Villas by the Sea Resort

The singular beauty of Jekyll Island makes it an ideal setting for a getaway. Whether you're coming for work or for play, **Villas by the Sea Resort and Conference Center** welcomes you with its hospitality and serenity. Find coastal ambience in the resort's bright, attractive villas and marvel at the canopy of oaks surrounding you. A versatile, 9,000-square-foot conference center and attentive staff ensures a flawless meeting or function. **villasbythesearesort.com 800.841.6262**

Days Inn & Suites

Jekyll Island offers so much to see and do. The oceanfront award-winning **Days Inn & Suites** puts you near the barrier island's attractions while offering you a welcoming stay with plenty of comfortable and convenient amenities.

Choose from an island-side or ocean-facing room. Take advantage of the hotel's great beach access, plus beach chair and bike rentals, for relaxing or exploring. Take a swim in one of the hotel's two pools (one heated in the winter), and hit the snack shack for refreshments. Plus, you're not far from attractions like the Georgia Sea Turtle Center or Mosaic, the new Jekyll Island Museum. With the hotel's complimentary continental breakfast, you'll be ready to discover Jekyll Island.
daysinnjekyll.com 912.635.9800

Seafarer Inn & Suites

Spacious one- and two-bedroom suites with fully equipped kitchens are just steps from the beach at **Seafarer Inn & Suites,** an Ascend Hotel Collection® Member. This fully-renovated Jekyll Island hotel offers guests a convenient location by the ocean and easy access to all of the island's attractions. The closest hotel to Jekyll Island's golf courses, the Seafarer Inn also provides complimentary breakfast each morning. Pet owners will especially love this dog-friendly hotel.
seafarerinnandsuites.com 912.635.2202

Home2 Suites Jekyll Island

Welcome to the brand new **Home2 Suites** by Hilton Jekyll Island! In the heart of the Beach Village, Home2 Suites provides guests with a convenient location as well as all the modern conveniences of home. Full kitchens, free WiFi, fitness and laundry facilities, studio and one-bedroom suites, and an outdoor pool are just a few of the many wonderful amenities you can expect from Home2 Suites Jekyll Island.
home2jekyll.com 912.319.6019

Holiday Inn & Suites

Modern and welcoming, **Holiday Inn & Suites Brunswick** can make your business or leisure travel in the Golden Isles enjoyable with spacious, elegant guests rooms. Enjoy a breakfast or decadent dinner at the Millhouse Restaurant, the hotel's dining establishment. Business travelers will appreciate the central location, while vacationers will find it easy to explore the area's attractions.
holidayinn.com/brunswick-ga 912.264.3300

Fairfield Inn & Suites

A great location and a warm welcome: **Fairfield Inn & Suites Brunswick** delivers on both counts. The hotel is centrally located in Brunswick, making it easy to explore the city and the barrier islands. The hotel's complimentary hot breakfast gives you a great start to the day, while well-appointed rooms with free Wi-Fi keep you comfortable and connected. And of course, you'll get memorable hospitality throughout your entire stay. **marriott.com/BQKFI 912.264.2060**

Holiday Inn Express

If you're looking for real value plus every amenity essential for a comfortable and relaxing stay, choose the brand new **Holiday Inn Express, Brunswick**, at Gateway Center, near exit 38. Every clean, modern room includes fast Wi-Fi, in-room coffee, and your choice of soft or firm pillows. In the morning, start with a free, hot breakfast buffet, while earning IHG Rewards points. You'll be within walking distance of the locally popular Millhouse Restaurant and Canal Crossing Center with its many restaurants and stores. And it's an easy drive to FLETC, Historic Brunswick, St. Simons and Jekyll Islands.
holidayinn.com/brunswick-ga 912.267.9999

Accommodations

				POOL	ONSITE DINING	ROOM SERVICE	ONSITE BAR	KITCHEN	SUITES	BEACH FRONT	BEACHVIEW	WIFI	PET FRIENDLY	FITNESS CENTER	MEETING SPACE*
ST. SIMONS ISLAND															
Hotels & Motels															
Best Western Plus	912.638.7805	301 Main St.	islandinnstsimons.com	•					•			•			•
Epworth by the Sea	912.638.8688	100 Arthur J. Moore Dr.	epworthbythesea.org	•	•			•	•			•		•	•
Hampton Inn	912.634.2204	2204 Demere Rd.	hamptoninn3.hilton.com	•								•		•	•
Holiday Inn Express	912.634.2175	299 Main St.	hiexpress.com/stsimonsga	•								•		•	
Home2 Suites by Hilton	912.638.0333	105 Terminal Way	explorehome2suites.com	•		•	•		•			•	•	•	
Hotel Simone	912.357.5500	1200 Ocean Blvd.	hotelsimonessi.com	•			•		•			•	•	•	
The Inn at Sea Island	888.976.1056	100 Salt Marsh Dr.	innatseaisland.com	•		•	•					•	•	•	•
The King & Prince Beach & Golf Resort	800.342.0212	201 Arnold Rd.	kingandprince.com	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Ocean Inn & Suites	912.634.2122	599 Beachview Dr.	oceaninnsuites.com	•				•	•		•	•		•	
Ocean Lodge	912.291.4300	935 Beachview Dr.		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•		•	•
Queens Court Inn	912.268.4966	437 Kings Way	queenscourtinn.com	•				•	•			•			
Saint Simons Inn by the Lighthouse	912.638.1101	609 Beachview Dr.	saintsimonsinn.com	•				•	•		•	•	•		
Sea Gate Inn	912.638.8661	1015 Beachview Dr.	seapalms.com	•				•	•		•	•			
Village Inn & Pub	912.634.6056	500 Mallery St.	villageinnandpub.com	•			•					•			
Vacation Rentals (Please contact Vacation Rental Companies for information on specific properties)															
400 Ocean by Palmetto Coastal Rentals	912.434.6250	400 Ocean Blvd.	palmettocoastalrentals.com	•			•	•				•			
American Dream Realty	912.638.6092	1331 Ocean Blvd. Suite 1	americandreamssi.com	•			•	•	•	•	•				
Beach Club at St. Simons by Hodnett Cooper	912.638.4750	1440 Ocean Blvd.	hodnettcooper.com	•				•		•	•	•			
Belinda Thomas Realty	912.638.1965	1331 Ocean Blvd., Ste. 102	spiritofstsimons.com	•				•	•		•	•	•		
Captain's Bluff	912.258.2161	300 Stevens Rd.	captainsbluff.com	•				•	•	•	•	•			
Coastal Real Estate	912.638.0033	1045 Ocean Blvd.	coastalrealestateinc.com	•				•	•	•		•			
Georgia Beach Rentals, LLC	912.996.3516	104 Sunbury Port	georgiabeachrentals.com	•				•	•	•	•	•			
Georgia Coast Realty	912.638.1144	105 Main St.	gacoastrealty.com	•				•	•		•	•			
Golden Isles Realty Company	912.638.8623	330 Mallery St.	goldenislesrealty.com	•				•	•			•	•		
Hodnett Cooper Vacation Rentals	912.638.4750	520 Ocean Blvd.	hodnettcooper.com	•				•	•	•	•	•			
Island Cottage Company	912.222.4078	214 Ashantilly Ave.	islandcottagecompany.com					•	•			•	•		
Mariners Landing by Palmetto Coastal Rentals	912.434.6250	350 Hamilton Rd.	palmettocoastalrentals.com	•				•	•			•			
North Breakers Condominiums by Hodnett Cooper	912.638.4750	1470 Wood Ave.	hodnettcooper.com	•				•		•	•	•			
Palmetto Coastal Rentals	912.434.6250	400 Ocean Blvd.	palmettocoastalrentals.com	•				•	•			•			
Purple Dog Vacation Rentals	770.335.0144	4310 4th St.	ssicondo.com	•				•	•		•	•	•		
Real Escapes Properties	855.634.1667	406 Ocean Blvd.	realescapesproperties.com	•				•	•	•	•	•	•		
Salt Air Villas by Hodnett Cooper	912.638.4750	150 Salt Air Dr.	hodnettcooper.com	•				•				•			
Shipwatch Condominiums by Hodnett Cooper	912.638.4750	1524 Wood Ave.	hodnettcooper.com	•				•		•	•	•	•		
SSI Rentals	912.638.6373	124 Follins Ln.	ssirentals.com	•				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
St. Simons Grand by Hodnett Cooper	912.638.4750	1400 Ocean Blvd.	hodnettcooper.com	•				•		•	•	•			
The Strachan Carriage House	404.261.1352	Butler Ave.	stsimonscarriagehouse.com	•				•	•		•	•			
Vacasa	912.650.0485	260 Edwards Plaza	vacasa.com	•				•	•		•	•			
Bed & Breakfasts															
The Grey Owl Inn	912.434.6292	1602 Demere Rd.	greyowlinn.com		•	•			•			•			
SEA ISLAND															
Resorts															
The Cloister	912.638.3611	100 Cloister Dr.	seaisland.com	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
The Lodge at Sea Island Golf Club	912.638.3611	100 Retreat Ave.	seaisland.com		•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Vacation Rentals (Please contact Sea Island Real Estate for information on specific properties.)															
Sea Island Cottage Rentals	912.638.5112	351 Sea Island Rd.	seaisland.com												
JEKYLL ISLAND															
Hotels & Motels															
Beachview Club Hotel	912.635.2256	721 N. Beachview Dr.	beachviewclubjekyll.com	•				•		•	•	•			
Days Inn and Suites	912.635.9800	60 S. Beachview Dr.	daysinnjekyll.com	•				•	•	•	•	•			
Hampton Inn & Suites	912.635.3733	200 S. Beachview Dr.	hamptoninn3.hilton.com	•	•	•	•		•			•	•	•	
Home2 Suites by Hilton	912.319.6019	101 Ocean Way	home2jekyll.com	•				•	•			•	•	•	
Jekyll Ocean Club	855.591.4962	80 Ocean Way	jekylloceanclub.com	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•			•
Seafarer Inn & Suites	912.635.2202	700 N. Beachview Dr.	seafarerinnandsuites.com	•				•	•			•	•		
Villas by the Sea Resort	800.841.6262	1175 N. Beachview Dr.	villasbythesearesort.com	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•
The Westin Jekyll Island	912.635.4545	110 Ocean Way	westinjekyllisland.com	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•

*Venues with at least 500 square feet of meeting space.

Courtyard by Marriott

Top-notch service and a convenient location make **Courtyard by Marriott** in Brunswick an ideal base for exploring the Golden Isles. The hotel is situated off I-95, making it easy to reach from all directions. From Courtyard by Marriott, head down into Historic Brunswick and explore its rich history, or venture to Jekyll Island and St. Simons Island. Rest in comfortable guest rooms, with amenities close at hand. **marriott.com/bqkcy 912.265.2644**

Hampton Inn & Suites

The **Hampton Inn & Suites Brunswick** is ready to welcome you. It's a quick drive over the causeway to St. Simons Island, where you can check out the beach and historic sites. In Brunswick, visit antique shops and art galleries along Newcastle Street. Your stay is made even more memorable with comfortable rooms, a heated indoor pool, and the hotel's complimentary breakfast. **brunswicksuites.hamptoninn.com 912.261.0939**

Embassy Suites

At **Embassy Suites by Hilton**, we anticipate your needs and deliver what matters most. Our guests are welcomed with a spacious two-room suite, free made-to-order breakfast, and complimentary drinks* and snacks every evening. Discover fresh new eats from our on-site restaurant the E'Terie Bar & Grill that pair perfectly with our signature drinks. With 5,000 square feet of flexible meeting space and a full-service catering department, Embassy Suites will help plan your next event. **brunswick.embassysuites.com 800.432.3229**

**Service of alcohol subject to state and local laws. Must be of legal drinking age.*

Little Raccoon Key

Tucked away in the Golden Isles is a private island where camping becomes a luxury. Hop on board the complimentary, private boat ride at the Jekyll Island Marina, and head over to **Little Raccoon Key,** the only private glamping experience in Georgia. Complete rest and relaxation are no stranger here – schedule an on-site massage while your private chef prepares a delicious meal. You don't have to sacrifice comfort when visiting this little slice of heaven. **littleraccoonkey.com 706.284.3247**

Accommodations

				POOL	ONSITE DINING	ROOM SERVICE	ONSITE BAR	KITCHEN	SUITES	BEACH FRONT	BEACHVIEW	WIFI	PET FRIENDLY	FITNESS CENTER	MEETING SPACE*
JEKYLL ISLAND															
Resorts															
Holiday Inn Resort	912.635.2211	701 N. Beachview Dr.	holidayinnresortjekyll.com	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Jekyll Island Club Resort	855.591.4962	371 Riverview Dr.	jekyllclub.com	•	•	•	•		•			•		•	•
Vacation Rentals (Please contact Vacation Rental Companies for information on specific properties.)															
Jekyll Realty	912.635.3301	21 Main St., Ste. 107	jekyllrealty.com	•				•		•	•	•	•		
Parker Kaufman	912.635.2512	21 Main St., Ste. 103	parker-kaufman.com	•				•		•	•	•	•	•	
Camping & RV															
Jekyll Island Campground	912.635.3021	1197 Riverview Dr.	jekyllisland.com									•	•		
Little Raccoon Key	706.284.3247	Departs from Jekyll Harbor Marina	littleraccoonkey.com		•					•					
LITTLE ST. SIMONS ISLAND															
Resorts															
The Lodge on Little St. Simons Island	888.733.5774	1000 Hampton River Club Marina Dr.	littlessi.com	•	•		•		•			•			•
BRUNSWICK															
Hotels & Motels															
Baymont Inn & Suites	912.267.0800	105 Center Dr.	baymontinns.com	•								•	•	•	
Best Western Plus Inn & Suites	912.265.1114	126 Venture Dr.	bwplusbrunswick.com	•					•			•		•	
Budget Motel	912.264.4266	3241 Glynn Ave.						•					•		
Comfort Suites	912.267.4440	25 Ashton Dr.	choicehotels.com	•					•			•		•	
Comfort Suites Golden Isles Gateway	912.580.4400	220 Gateway Center Blvd.	choicehotels.com	•								•		•	
Concorde Suites	912.267.6442	110 Center Dr.	concordesuites.com					•				•			
Country Inn & Suites	912.265.3016	211 Gateway Center Blvd.	countryinns.com	•					•			•		•	
Courtyard by Marriott	912.265.2644	580 Millennium Blvd.	marriott.com/bqkcy	•	•		•		•			•		•	•
Days Inn	912.264.4330	5033 New Jesup Hwy.	daysinn.com	•								•	•	•	
Econo Lodge	480.719.3456	2300 Perry Lane Rd.	choicehotels.com	•								•	•	•	
Econo Lodge - South	912.554.0455	171 Palisade Dr.	choicehotels.com	•								•	•	•	
Embassy Suites by Hilton	800.432.3229	500 Mall Blvd.	brunswick.embassysuites.com	•	•	•	•		•			•		•	•
Fairfield Inn & Suites	912.264.2060	107 Gateway Center Circle	marriott.com/BQKFI	•					•			•		•	
Guest Cottage & Suites	912.264.6767	150 Venture Dr.						•	•			•			
Hampton Inn & Suites	912.261.0939	128 Venture Dr.	brunswicksuites.hamptoninn.com	•					•			•		•	•
Holiday Inn Express	912.267.9999	236 Gateway Center Blvd.	holidayinn.com/brunswick-ga	•					•			•		•	
Holiday Inn & Suites	912.264.3300	138 Glynco Pkwy.	holidayinn.com/brunswick-ga	•	•	•	•		•			•		•	•
Jameson Inn	912.261.0002	230 Warren Mason Blvd.	jamesoninnga.com	•								•	•	•	
La Quinta Inn & Suites	912.265.7725	165 Warren Mason Blvd.	lq.com	•					•			•	•		
La Quinta Inn & Suites	912.263.3000	100 Capital Square Dr.	lq.com	•			•		•			•	•	•	
Motel 6	912.275.7276	3040 Scarlett St.	motel6.com									•	•		
Motel 6 South	912.261.0118	325 Palisade Dr.	motel6.com	•									•		
Palms Motel	912.265.8825	2715 Glynn Ave.										•			
Quality Inn & Suites	912.265.4600	125 Venture Dr.	qualityinn.com	•								•	•	•	
Red Roof Inn	912.264.4720	25 Tourist Dr.	brunswick.redroof.com						•			•	•		
Rodeway Inn	912.264.4033	5252 New Jesup Hwy.	choicehotels.com	•									•		
Seabreeze Motel	912.265.2282	2697 Glynn Ave.										•	•		
Sleep Inn & Suites	912.262.2792	200 Stellar Dr.	sleepinn.com	•					•			•		•	
Super 8 by Wyndham	912.264.8800	5280 New Jesup Hwy.	super8.com									•	•		
Super 8 by Wyndham South	912.265.0008	211 Palisade Dr.	super8.com	•								•	•		
Bed & Breakfasts															
Brunswick Manor	912.265.6889	825 Egmont St.	brunswickmanor.com					•	•			•	•		
McKinnon House Bed & Breakfast	912.261.9100	1001 Egmont St.	mckinnonhousebandb.com				•					•			
WatersHill Bed & Breakfast	912.264.4262	728 Union St.	watershill.com						•			•			
Camping & RV															
Altamaha Regional Park	912.264.2342	1605 Altamaha Park Rd.	glynncounty.org									•	•		
Blythe Island Park & Campground	912.279.2812	6616 Blythe Island Hwy.	glynncounty.org									•	•		
Coastal GA RV Resort	912.264.3869	287 S. Port Pkwy.	coastalgarvresort.com	•				•				•	•		
Golden Isles RV Park	912.261.1025	7445 Blythe Island Hwy.	goldenislesrvpark.com	•	•							•	•		

*Venues with at least 500 square feet of meeting space.

HOME AS VACATION

Think about living in a warm-weather, coastal community with a laidback atmosphere as light and airy as the ocean breezes – surrounded by natural beauty, with a list of things to do that communities many times our size would envy.

Life is good here. Locals enjoy fresh-caught seafood in nearly every restaurant, world-class golf, boating, fishing, all manner of nature activities and outdoor fun. Add to that a vibrant arts, music, culture, and social scene. Seaside concerts. Food festivals. The PGA TOUR's RSM Classic.

A full range of award-winning educational opportunities, both public and private, are available to the residents of Glynn County. We're also a college town, hosting the **College of Coastal Georgia** and the Golden Isles College & Career Academy. The **Southeast Georgia Health System** cares for our medical needs in several area locations. Air travelers enjoy the convenience and easy access of **Brunswick Golden Isles Airport**.

And when you're ready to make the move, you'll find a supportive group of experienced real estate professionals who also love living here.

Brunswick Golden Isles Airport

Reaching the Golden Isles by air is easier than ever. Fly to and from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, and connect to more than 325 destinations worldwide via Delta's daily jet service at **Brunswick Golden Isles Airport** on the mainland. Short lines and short wait times make air travel a pleasure at this family-friendly airport, where a cafe and rental cars are available and parking is free. Fixed base operators Manning Aviation at the Brunswick Golden Isles Airport and Golden Isles Aviation at St. Simons Island Airport provide service and maintenance as well as tenant and transient hangar storage for private and charter aircraft.

flygcairports.com 912.264.2342

Southeast Georgia Health System

Since 1888, **Southeast Georgia Health System** has ensured that coastal Georgia residents and visitors have access to the highest quality medical care. Today, the not-for-profit health system continues to meet the community's health care needs.

Headquartered in Brunswick, Southeast Georgia Health System serves six counties with two acute-care hospitals, two long-term care facilities, three immediate care centers, five family medicine centers, and numerous physician specialty practices. The Health System services include maternity and newborn care; medical and surgical services; 24-hour emergency care; and intensive care.

Two comprehensive Cancer Care Centers and multiple specialty care centers are also offered, including breast, endocrinology and diabetes, infectious diseases, joint replacement, ortho-paedic and spine, sleep management, and wound care. For more information visit **sghs.org** or call **855.ASK.SGHS (855.275.7447)**

Southeast Georgia Urology

Suffering from an enlarged prostate? BPH meds got you down? Get back into the swing with symptom relief from enlarged prostate without ongoing medication or major surgery. **Southeast Georgia Urology** offers advanced techniques and compassionate care for all urologic conditions. Come see Joseph Lanzone, MD and James Muse, MD for testosterone therapy, prostate and impotence issues, urologic cancer diagnosis and treatment, no-scalpel vasectomies and reversals, female incontinence, and kidney stone treatment.

SoutheastGeorgiaUrology.com 912.261.0447

Hit the Ground Running

Certified by the U.S. Track & Field Association as "the toughest 5K in Georgia," the **Southeast Georgia Health System Bridge Run** across the scenic Sidney Lanier Bridge in Brunswick has become a signature event in the Golden Isles each February. At its center, the bridge measures 480 feet high above the Brunswick River, the tallest span in the state! The race is followed by a family-friendly festival including community vendors, concessions and live entertainment.

goldenisles.com/annual-events

Real Escapes Properties

Enjoy first-class service and genuine Southern hospitality when planning your next getaway to St. Simons Island with the accommodations experts at **Real Escapes Properties**. No wonder their motto is "You already have a friend on the island."

Visitors and clients fall in love with Real Escapes Properties' St. Simons Island vacation rentals because of the genuine Southern hospitality and a myriad of booking options. Choose from cozy cottages, luxury homes, stunning condos, and more - all convenient to activities such as fishing, biking, or relaxing on some of Georgia's most pristine beaches.

Buying or selling? Real Escapes Properties' agents help you make a St. Simons lifestyle a reality.

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Georgia Coast Realty

Not only does St. Simons Island-based **Georgia Coast Realty** know real estate — they know the Golden Isles. As one of the premier real estate companies in coastal Georgia, they've built a solid reputation for excellent service.

The proof is in their many satisfied clients. Georgia Coast Realty's real estate professionals have more than 90 years combined experience with buying and selling, vacation rentals, long-term rentals, and property management.

Let their pros take care of business for you, so you can take time to explore the Georgia coast with peace of mind.

gacoastrealty.com
912.638.1144 | 800.639.1144

Hodnett Cooper Vacation Rentals

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Hodnett Cooper Real Estate

Custom residence in The Cart Subdivision at Musgrove with views to Little Saint Simons. Offered for sale by Pat Hodnett Cooper.

The Beach Club offers guests well-appointed one, two and three bedroom residences for rent through Hodnett Cooper Vacation Rentals

The **Hodnett Cooper** family of companies, the leader in vacation rentals, long-term rentals, and residential sales, offers an enhanced customer experience for various real estate needs in the Golden Isles.

Hodnett Cooper Vacation Rentals is the most comprehensive resource for finding a vacation rental home on St. Simons Island and Sea Island. Choices range from condominiums and modest beach cottages to luxurious seaside homes, with prices to match every budget.

Hodnett Cooper Vacation Rentals manages more than 300 properties on St. Simons Island from its office at 520 Ocean Boulevard, near the village. "We work closely with our property owners to ensure each vacation rental includes the services and amenities that today's vacationers are looking for," says Kris Maichle, president of Hodnett Cooper Vacation Rentals. "We offer a turnkey experience and can accommodate requests for everything from linen service and crib and stroller rentals, to golf cart rentals, beach chairs, and more."

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Hodnett Cooper Real Estate manages more than 400 properties in the Golden Isles market, ranging from affordable cottages to luxury executive homes for a longer-term rental. "We work hard for our property owners and for our tenants, making sure we exceed their expectations. People rent long-term in our area for many reasons. But often, they are new to the Golden Isles and want to familiarize themselves with the area before committing to a property purchase," shares Brett Flanagan, president of the Long Term Rentals Division.

"Our company also offers the largest selection of homes, home sites, condominiums and land for sale in Coastal Georgia," says owner and broker Pat Cooper. "We have four real estate offices and over 70 licensed REALTORS serving the needs of the Golden Isles."

Established in 1983, the Hodnett Cooper family of companies is locally owned and operated in the Golden Isles. Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Hodnett Cooper Real Estate is the largest independent real estate brokerage and long-term rental property management company in the Golden Isles. Hodnett Cooper Vacation Rentals is the principal vacation rental management company on St. Simons Island.

For information about vacation rentals, visit **hodnettcooper.com** or call **912.638.4750**. For sales or long-term rental information, visit **bhhshodnettcooper.com** or call **912.638.5450**.

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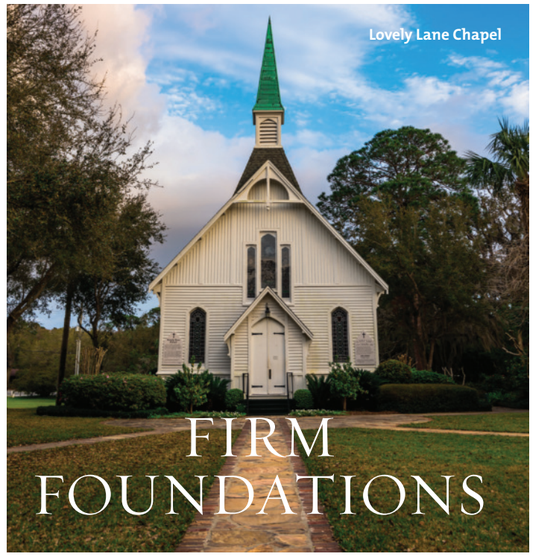
Luxury beachfront residence on Sea Island available for rent through Hodnett Cooper Vacation Rentals



FIRM FOUNDATIONS

Faith has been a stronghold in the Golden Isles since its settlement. In fact, churches were some of the earliest public buildings in St. Simons Island. Gothic-style Christ Church, Frederica was the first; and its continuous worship in the parish since 1736 makes it one of the oldest churches in the state. First African Missionary Baptist Church was organized in 1859, and the oldest standing church building on St. Simons Island is Lovely Lane Chapel at Epworth by the Sea, built in 1880. From stained-glass windows to soaring steeples, the area's 30-plus houses of worship are markers of architecture. But more importantly, they're welcoming sanctuaries for Golden Isles worshippers.

ST. SIMONS ISLAND

Christ Church, Frederica	6329 Frederica Rd.	912.638.8683
Christian Renewal Church	6530 Frederica Rd.	912.638.4918
Emmanuel Baptist Church	1047 Demere Rd.	912.638.3852
First African Baptist Church	5800 Frederica Rd.	912.638.5539
First Baptist Church	729 Ocean Blvd.	912.638.3337
Fort Frederica Presbyterian Church	6540 Frederica Rd.	912.634.2240
Frederica Baptist Church	1700 Frederica Rd.	912.634.2833
Holy Nativity Episcopal	615 Mallery St.	912.638.3733
Lord Of Life Lutheran Church	2801 Frederica Rd.	912.638.4673
Lovely Lane Chapel	100 Arthur J. Moore Dr.	912.638.8688
St. Ignatius Episcopal Chapel	2906 Demere Rd.	912.638.8683
St. Simons Community Church	2700 Frederica Rd.	912.634.2960
St. Simons Methodist Church	624 Ocean Blvd.	912.638.3317
St. Simons Presbyterian Church	205 Kings Way	912.638.2220
St. Williams Catholic Church	2300 Frederica Rd.	912.638.2647
Wesley United Methodist Church at Frederica	6520 Frederica Rd.	912.634.1412

JEKYLL ISLAND

Faith Chapel	381 Riverview Dr.	912.635.4403
Jekyll Island Baptist Church	501 Riverview Dr.	912.635.2355
Jekyll Island United Methodist Church	503 Riverview Dr.	912.635.2330
Jekyll Presbyterian Church	475 Riverview Dr.	912.635.2123

SEA ISLAND

The Cloister Chapel	100 Cloister Dr.	912.638.3611

BRUNSWICK

First Baptist Church of Brunswick	708 Mansfield St.	912.265.4150
First Presbyterian Church	1105 Union St.	912.265.3400
First United Methodist Church	1400 Norwich St.	912.265.4313
Golden Isles Church of God	200 Boswell Ln.	912.265.0937
Shiloh Baptist Church	1221 Egmont St.	912.264.1383
St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church	1116 Richmond St.	912.265.3249
St. Marks Episcopal Church	900 Gloucester St.	912.265.0600
Temple Beth Tefilloh	1326 Egmont St.	912.265.7575
Unitarian Universalist of Coastal Georgia	1710 Gloucester St.	912.265.9424

Education

ST. SIMONS ISLAND

Frederica Academy	912.638.9981	fredericaacademy.org

BRUNSWICK

College of Coastal Georgia	912.279.5700	ccga.edu

Retirement

ST. SIMONS ISLAND

Marsh's Edge	912.291.2000	1marshs-edge.com

Healthcare

BRUNSWICK

Southeast Georgia Health System	912.466.7000	sghs.org
Southeast Georgia Urology	912.261.0047	southeastgeorgiaurology.com

Real Estate

BHHS Hodnett Cooper Real Estate	912.638.5450	bhhshodnettcooper.com
Georgia Coast Realty	912.638.1144	gacoastrealty.com
Real Escapes Properties	912.634.1667	realescapesproperties.com
Parker Kaufman Realty Jekyll Island	912.635.2512	parker-kaufman.com

VISIT THE GOLDEN ISLES

On behalf of the Golden Isles Convention & Visitors Bureau, we welcome you to our beautiful seaside destination along the Georgia coast. The Golden Isles CVB oversees two Welcome Centers in Glynn County, one in the Pier Village and one along I-95 South. The friendly staff at each location is ready to help make your visit to the Golden Isles one you will remember!

St. Simons Island Welcome Center

Pier Village, 529 Beachview Dr.
912.638.9014. Browse the art gallery and Live Oak Shop.

I-95 Welcome Center

Between exits 42 and 38 on I-95 Southbound
912.264.0202

The Golden Isles Official Visitor Guide is produced annually by the CVB, and is the premier resource for planning your trip to the Golden Isles. The CVB also maintains **GoldenIsles.com**, the official vacation planning website for the region. For advertising opportunities, call 912.638.9014.

Getting Here

Quick tips for savvy travelers

Transportation

The Golden Isles, situated on Georgia's southeast Atlantic coast, is approximately 75 miles south of Savannah, Georgia; 65 miles north of Jacksonville, Florida; and 280 miles southeast of Atlanta, Georgia.

Enjoy easy access by automobile via I-95 (from the north or the south), or U.S. Highways 341, 25, 82, and 520 (from the west). You can also travel to the Golden Isles by train (Jesup) or by bus (Brunswick).

Convenient commercial air service is available to Brunswick Golden Isles Airport (BQK), just 20 minutes from the barrier islands. Meanwhile, Jacksonville's JAX and Savannah's SAV are only a one hour drive via I-95.

Weather

The Golden Isles enjoys a climate typical of a semitropical location, with long and warm summers, short and mild winters, and ample rainfall. For an average temperature chart and tips for packing, visit ***GoldenIsles.com***.

GOLDEN ISLES GEORGIA

Please visit **Goldenisles.com** for more information on the many things to do, places to stay and the amazing history of the Golden Isles of Georgia. **Goldenisles.com** is the official website of the Golden Isles Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB), which is this area's official destination marketing organization dedicated to promoting tourism in Glynn County, Georgia. This publication is produced by the Golden Isles CVB.

Golden Isles Convention & Visitors Bureau
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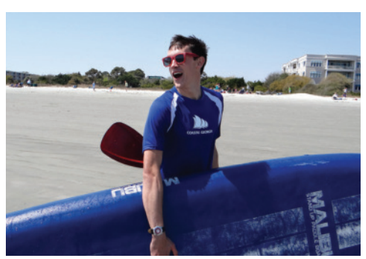
Goldenisles.com

College of Coastal Georgia

Not everyone gets to go to College in paradise. But for students at the **College of Coastal Georgia**, the Golden Isles is where they learn, study and play.

There is much more to appreciate about the College than its location. A part of the University System of Georgia, Coastal Georgia offers quality academics, unexpected affordability, and competitive athletics – all in a vibrant collegiate community.



Many students take advantage of the College's location to pursue degrees in coastal ecology or hospitality and tourism management. Others opt to join the nationally ranked nursing program or criminal justice program, with instructors from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

The College's newest degree is the Bachelor of Science in Data Science, which launched in fall 2019. Students can concentrate their studies in Computational Data Analytics, Healthcare Analytics, Financial Analytics, Marketing, and Entrepreneurship.

A quality education with personalized academic support just minutes from the beach... is it any wonder that students love the College of Coastal Georgia? And parents don't seem to mind combining a visit with their students with a trip at the beach. Go figure! **ccga.edu**

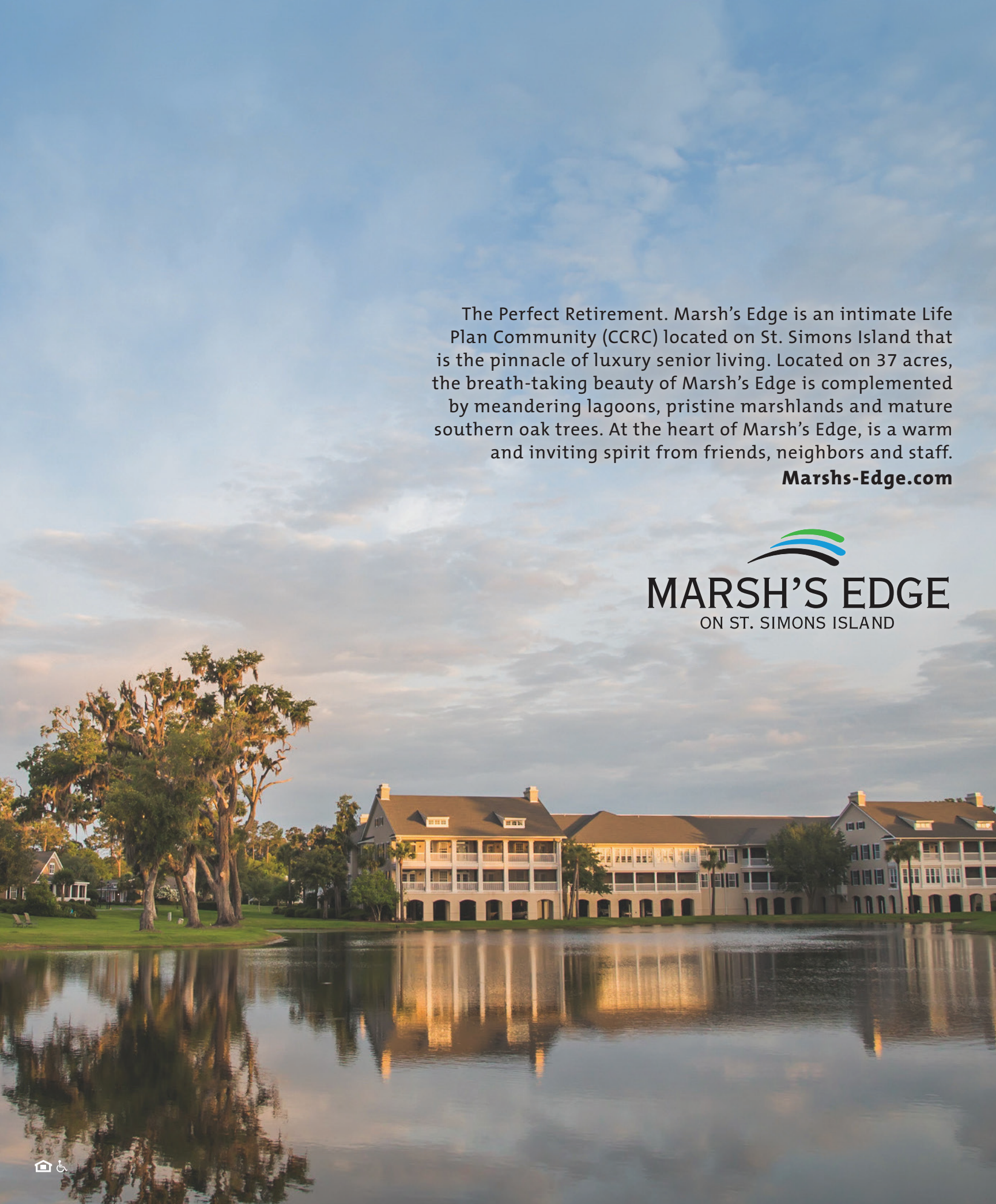
Frederica Academy

Nestled among the sprawling oaks on St. Simons Island is **Frederica Academy,** an independent school serving students from Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade. Frederica's longstanding tradition of fostering a productive, well-rounded and successful educational environment has been a part of the Golden Isles community for fifty years.

Nurturing a culture of ethical character and trust, recognizing that academics, athletics, the arts and servant leadership provide the foundation for a meaningful student-centered education, and understanding that students learn best where there is a healthy and productive partnership among students, families and the school are three of Frederica Academy's core beliefs.

With abundant outdoor opportunities found around the Golden Isles, Frederica Academy takes immense pride in using the area's natural assets to create living classrooms with unparalleled learning opportunities for their students. Whether growing food in the Lower School's organic garden or being immersed in colonial life through archaeology projects in conjunction with Fort Frederica National Monument, the students at Frederica Academy undoubtedly receive an educational experience that is not restricted to the walls of a classroom.

The dedicated staff and faculty at Frederica Academy strive to maximize the potential of each student and to prepare him or her for college and adult life through the development of mind, body and spirit. **fredericaacademy.org**
912.638.9981


The Perfect Retirement. Marsh's Edge is an intimate Life Plan Community (CCRC) located on St. Simons Island that is the pinnacle of luxury senior living. Located on 37 acres, the breath-taking beauty of Marsh's Edge is complemented by meandering lagoons, pristine marshlands and mature southern oak trees. At the heart of Marsh's Edge, is a warm and inviting spirit from friends, neighbors and staff.
Marshs-Edge.com
MARSH'S EDGE
ON ST. SIMONS ISLAND