

The Georgia Coast combines history and nature
in wonderful cities and untouched beaches.
Whether you are heading to the sunny skies of Florida
or transiting the Intracoastal Waterway,
a boater can find a trip filled with adventure and fun.

Georgia On My Mind

Savannah

Savannah is on the south's most eccentric, intriguing and mysterious cities. Savannah traces its roots back to 1733, when British General James Oglethorpe first founded the city on a bluff above River Street. Today, Savannah offers world-class restaurants and one of the largest historic districts in the United States, with thousands of architecturally-significant buildings nestled under giant live oaks hung with Spanish moss. You can best discover Savannah's charms by foot or by trolley.

Where to Dock

Hyatt Regency Savannah

This marina and hotel is prominently situated on the 12-block Riverfront Plaza on the scenic waterfront of the Savannah River. tel: 912-238-1234

Tybee Island

Tybee means "salt" to Native Americans, located 18 miles east of Savannah, this small barrier island boasts a wide, 3-mile long beach that's backed by sea oat-covered sand dunes and is perfect for sunbathing, people-watching and frolicking in the waves of the Atlantic Ocean. The island's south-end pier and pavilion is the perfect venue for strolling above the ocean and listening to the music of the live bands. Also worth a visit are Fort Screven, The Tybee Island Lighthouse (dated 1773) and Fort Pulaski.

Where to Dock

Lazaretto Creek Marina

This marina has limited transient dockage available with a first-come, first-serve policy. tel: 912-786-5848

Cumberland Island

When you visit the largest in Georgia's chain of islands just offshore in the Atlantic Ocean, you will enjoy over 17 miles of secluded white, sandy beaches as well as a myriad of wildlife including wild horses, birds such as painted buntings, summer tanagers, pileated woodpeckers, yellow-throated warblers, and Carolina wrens. You may also glimpse one of the island's numerous whitetail deer, raccoons, bull alligators, and armadillos and loggerhead turtles.

Glimpses of the Carnegie lifestyle of the past can be easily imagined throughout the ruins of Dungeness, abandoned luxury vehicles and Plum Orchard. In 1972 the federal government bought most of the private land on the island and donated it to the National Park Service, creating Cumberland Island National Seashore.

The Ice House Museum is located at the Dungeness Dock. Exhibits show the island's history from the Native Americans through the Carnegie Era. tel: 912-882-4336.

Where to Dock

Greyfield Inn

A grand and graceful mansion, Greyfield was the 19th century retreat of Thomas and Lucy Carnegie who, in 1900, built the home for their daughter, Margaret Ricketson. Converted to an inn during 1962 by her daughter, Lucy R. Ferguson, and family—who oversee the daily operation—the Greyfield Inn exudes the welcoming atmosphere and charm of a family home. The Inn has a floating dock that guests at the inn or at the restaurant may use with prior reservations only. Tel: 904-261-6408

Brunswick and the Golden Isles

Nestled on the Georgia coast, midway between Savannah and Jacksonville, lie the mainland city Brunswick and four barrier islands: St. Simons Island, Sea Island, Little St. Simons Island and Jekyll Island. Spanish explorers came to the area more than 400 years ago, seeking gold. Instead they found astonishing beauty, mild weather and a natural radiance that inspires the name, The Golden Isles.

Brunswick

Mainland Brunswick was named for Braunschweig, Germany, the ancestral home of King George II who granted Georgia's original land charter. Like Savannah, the city's streets and squares are laid out in a formal grid, and bear their colonial names.

LEFT: CUMBERLAND ISLAND WALKWAY PROTECTS NATURAL SAND DUNES IN THIS NATIONAL PARK IN GEORGIA. JFK, JR. WAS MARRIED ON THIS ISLAND.

Old Town, a National Register District, is filled with majestic homes noted for their turn-of-the-century elegance and eclectic mix of styles. The burgeoning downtown is filled with interesting antique shops and a growing number of specialty shops and art galleries. At Mary Ross Park on the waterfront, you'll see fleets of shrimp boats that work the local waters and contribute to the area's rich seafood industry.

Where to Dock

Brunswick Landing Marina

You will find fuel, bait, and supplies, as well as floating docks, wet and dry storage, laundry facilities, and a bathhouse at this full service marina which is open seven days a week. tel: 912-262-9264

St. Simon's Island and Little St. Simon's Island

St. Simons Island, the largest of the Golden Isles, is just across the Marshes of Glynn, immortalized by Georgia poet Sidney Lanier. Moss-draped oaks line the island's streets. The Village offers a charming selection of shops

and restaurants that range from fine dining establishments to casual outdoor eateries.

Children will enjoy Neptune Park, with its mini-golf course, playground and the fishing pier. They may even see a shark or some other sea creature, landed by one of the local anglers. St. Simons Island offers plenty of interesting historical sites and attractions, from the St. Simons Lighthouse (a working lighthouse in operation since 1872) to Bloody Marsh, where British and Scottish soldiers successfully defeated a larger Spanish force and ended Spanish incursions outside Florida.

Fort Frederica National Monument and historic Christ Church are on the island's north end. There are great beaches (check out East Beach by the old Coast Guard Station) and a nature center that offers fun day programs for kids.

Little St. Simons Island is a private island accessible by boat St. Simons Island's north end, offering accommodations for up to 30 guests.

Where to Dock

Morningstar Marinas/Golden Isles

The marina is located at Mile Marker 675 on the ICW. Access to Golden Isles Marina from offshore is provided by the St. Simons Sound inlet. tel: 912-634-1128

Sea Island

Sea Island is home to The Cloister, a world-class resort renowned for its luxury and gracious service. Top-notch amenities include a full-service spa, golf, tennis, Shooting School, horseback riding, kids programs, and a private beach.

Where to Dock

Cloister's Marina at Sea Island

tel: 912-638-5145

Jekyll Island

Once an exclusive winter retreat for some of America's wealthiest families, the exclusive Jekyll Island Club, a collection of "cottages" and a variety of support structures are now a National Historic Landmark and open to the public. Today, owned by the State of Georgia, the island retains much of its natural beauty and offers a wealth of amenities and activities including 63 holes of golf, tennis, beaches, 20 miles of bike paths, mini-golf, nature tours and Summer Waves waterpark.

Where to Dock

Jekyll Harbor Marina

This is the one Marina you don't want to miss while you're traveling the Intra-coastal Waterway! Complete with SeaJay's Restaurant, Pool, Hot Tub, and Laundry, it's just a short bicycle ride to the beach or historic district. tel: 912-635-3137

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