



The Golden Isles of Georgia

Featuring Jekyll Island, St. Simons Island, Sapelo Island

April 3 – 7, 2022

Explore the [Golden isles of Georgia](#) on this relaxing and sun-filled trip in April.

Jekyll Island was the home of the rich and famous during the winter, and now is open to everyone to learn the amazing history. The luxurious [Westin Hotel- Jekyll Island](#), located along the beach will be our home for all nights of the tour. Bicycle rental, Starbucks vouchers and island shuttle service are included in our stay.

We also visit [St Simons Island](#), which you may recognize for their lighthouse as well as the mystery books set in this seaside town. We will venture by ferry to [Sapelo Island](#) where it feels like time has stood still. A

local resident will be our guide for the day and our group will enjoy a private lunch at the Reynolds Mansion.

Sunday, April 3 - Fly in for our week of fun in the sun!

We will shuttle from Waterloo and Columbia to the St. Louis Airport before our flight to Jacksonville, Florida, the closest airport to the [Golden Isles of Georgia](#). We then take a short trip to Jekyll Island where we arrive at [The Westin Jekyll Island](#) located a short stroll from the beach. Enjoy a wine reception in the lobby as our bags are delivered to our rooms and familiarize yourself with the hotel. Unpack and spread out your things in the room as we are here for the week. Then put on your sandals and take short stroll downstairs out by the pool area and through the maritime forest of live oaks to a beautiful beach! Tonight we will have dinner at a local favorite. There will be lots of selection for both seafood and non-seafood lovers alike. (D)



Monday, April 4 – Jekyll Island

After breakfast in the restaurant this morning, we enjoy a *Jekyll Island Historic District Private Tram Tour*, where our guide will enthrall us with stories and tales of this incredible island. We will also tour two structures on the island that have been restored. Next we embark on a *Dolphin Watching Cruise with Captain Phil!* We take an eco-friendly craft out for an hour and a half journey in search of these amazingly playful and intelligent creatures. We have an included lunch at the historic [Jekyll Island Club](#), the winter getaway for the famous millionaires who gathered together to dine here as no kitchens were allowed in the cottages so they would enjoy one another's company. We have also included a visit to the [Sea Turtle Center](#), where they help rehabilitate injured Sea Turtles before releasing them into the wild.

(B, L)

Tuesday, April 5 - Sapelo Island (pronounced sa-pay-lo)

After breakfast at the hotel, we venture off to cruise to another Georgia island. Sapelo Island, most of which is owned by the state of Georgia, is reachable only by boat, departing from the [Sapelo Island Visitors Center](#) in McIntosh County, Georgia, a seven mile/ 30 minute trip. Your tour guide, JR Grovner is one of only 48 island residents and a direct descendant of African-American slaves that worked on the island. He still resides on this beautiful island with deeply rooted history. This is a place where it feels as though time stands still, where nature and the Gullah - Geechee culture of Hog Hammock are of uppermost importance. The [R.J. Reynolds' mansion](#) reflects a very different part of the island's history. Former owner Reynolds founded the Sapelo Island Research Foundation in 1949 Reynolds' widow, Annemarie Reynolds, sold the island to the state of Georgia for \$1 million, a fraction of its worth. We will explore the island, enjoy lunch while here and experience its unique local culture and history with an insider's perspective that only a native of Sapelo can give. We will see Native American shell mounds, visit the tabby ruins of an old French estate, check out [Nannygoat Beach](#), see tabby ruins of the slave cabins, and you might even want to climb the Lighthouse! (B, L)

Wednesday, April 6 – St. Simons Island

After breakfast in the hotel, we journey to the nearby island of [St. Simons](#), the largest of the Golden Isles. On our guided tour we will explore [Ft. Frederica](#) where Georgia's fate was decided in 1742 when Spanish and British forces clashed on St. Simons Island. Fort Frederica's troops defeated the Spanish, ensuring Georgia's future as a British colony. Tour the scenic Christ Church and [Lighthouse](#) and the Historic Coast Guard Station Museum & Maritime Center. Enjoy lunch on your own at many of the [island restaurants](#) loved by locals and visitors alike. We end our day with dinner in a private home for a traditional Golden Isle meal. (B, D)



Thursday, April 7 – Hofwyl Plantation and Flight Home

It's time to bid farewell to Jekyll Island. We board the coach to fly home but not before a stop at [Hofwyl Plantation](#). Our last lunch today is at Skipper's Fish Camp in Darien, where the seafood is so fresh, many dishes come right off the dock! Of course, there will be selections for the landlubbers as well. You may recognize the name Darien from the movie Glory, as the movie highlighted the city, one of the many that were burned during the Civil War. Then we board our flight on Southwest Airlines and depart with many memories of the easy flow of island life. A motor coach shuttle back to Waterloo and Columbia will be provided. (B, L)

\$2,596 pp double occ

\$3,134 single occ

\$2,438 pp triple/quad occ

Tour Price includes:

- Airfare and airport motor coach transfer from Waterloo and Columbia to Lambert Airport
- 4 nights beachfront accommodations at The Westin Jekyll Island
- 9 meals: 4 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches and 2 Dinners
- Welcome Wine Reception
- Admission to all attractions as listed
- Resort Fees for guests that include
 - 2 hours of bike rental per room per day
 - 2 Starbucks coffee vouchers per day per room
 - 2 beverage credit vouchers per day per room
 - Beach and pool towel service
 - Island shuttle service
- Baggage Handling
- Safe Endeavor Travel Insurance (no preexisting waiver, however 60 day look back). "Cancel for Any Reason" policy available for an additional fee
- All gratuities to all tour guides, drivers, and servers at included meals
- Bank Travel Club Leader to attend to your needs and have fun!

"Tour Price represents cost with a trip protection. For options such as a pre-existing condition waiver or Cancel For Any Reason coverage, please provide all travelers dates of birth and request an individual quote."

\$500 deposit per person (check or authorize a debit from an FNB account) and Booking Form are required to secure your reservation. Once this tour fills, a wait list will be formed. Please include any dietary, walking restrictions & accommodation requests. **Balance is due February 1, 2022** and no refunds will be given after that time. If you need to cancel for a covered reason after February 1, 2022, you may file a claim with proper documentation to request refund.



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