

TOP DESTINATIONS

Across the state you will discover truly one-of-a-kind destinations. From the mountains to the coast, these are a few of the top destinations that are distinctly Georgia.

ATLANTA

Visitors can see the world's largest aquarium, follow in the footsteps of Martin Luther King, Jr., taste the many flavours at the World of Coca-Cola, or stroll through collections of art from around the world – all within the city limits of Atlanta.

SAVANNAH

On the Southeast coast of the United States sits beautiful and historic Savannah, Georgia. This city is known for the architecture, natural beauty, romantic atmosphere and cultural influences that visitors from across the world come to experience each year. Savannah is a popular destination that's hip yet historic, perfectly blending the old with the new.

NORTH GEORGIA

From Blue Ridge to Helen, North Georgia's cities and towns are as varied as they are scenic, and there's no shortage of adventure. Hike to waterfalls, tour wineries, learn about Native American heritage, or retreat to a cozy cabin or mountain resort.

GOLDEN ISLES

Nestled on the Georgia coast, midway between Savannah and Jacksonville, lies Georgia's Golden Isles, the mainland city of Brunswick and its four barrier islands, St. Simons Island, Sea Island, Little St. Simons Island and Jekyll Island. Get lost in the beauty of oak trees draped with Spanish moss, rejuvenated on miles of unspoiled beaches or relax in comfortable luxury. Choose from some of the world's most renowned resort hotels, or take things a bit simpler at a beachside condo, bungalow or even a woody campsite.



Wormsloe State Historic Site, Savannah | @goanniewhere

ONLY IN GEORGIA

Georgia holds bucket list-worthy experiences that can't be found anywhere else. Here are some unique experiences and quirky landmarks you'll only find here.



Chattahoochee River, Columbus | @whitewaterexpress

DRIFTWOOD BEACH, JEKYL ISLAND

Stepping onto this beach on the north end of Jekyll Island is like stepping into another world. It's a place that Dr. Seuss might have created, if it didn't already exist. Tree trunks twist and turn, worn down by water and bleached by the sun. Their limbs are great for climbing, jumping, or just relaxing. They also provide the perfect backdrop for that stunning beach photo that will help tide you over until your next vacation.

TINY DOORS ATL, ATLANTA

Hidden all along the Atlanta BeltLine and throughout the city, artist Karen Anderson Singer installs tiny doors like little Easter eggs. Each is designed to reflect the spirit and architecture of its surroundings and community.

OKEFENOKEE/STEPHEN C. FOSTER STATE PARK, FARGO

Stephen C. Foster State Park is the western entrance to the Okefenokee Swamp, the largest black water swamp in the nation. A top bucket list adventure for outdoor enthusiasts, the Okefenokee Swamp has a lot to explore - boat tours, wilderness walkways, views of native animals in their own habitat, platform camping, and paddling under the stars in the certified dark sky park.

URBAN WHITEWATER RAFTING, COLUMBUS

Located in the heart of downtown Columbus is the Chattahoochee Whitewater Park, the largest urban whitewater course in the world. Described as "Wild as Colorado and as warm as Costa Rica," the course runs over a 2.5-mile stretch and consists of five class 4+ rapids and 10 smaller rapids. In fact, USA Today picked the Chattahoochee Whitewater Park as one of the "Top 12 man-made Adventures in the World!"

EXPLORING THE GREAT OUTDOORS

With our beautiful landscapes, getting out and being active comes naturally in Georgia.



Ziplining, Helen | @kaaaaaaty

HIKE THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

There are few better ways to connect with Georgia's beautiful landscape than to venture out on one of the nation's natural treasures, the iconic Appalachian Trail. Start your trek along the 2,175-mile trail at Springer Mountain, accessible from Amicalola Falls State Park or other access points. Camping options are unlimited, but for a unique stay with running water, consider the conservation-conscious Hike Inn.

LODGE AT LITTLE ST. SIMONS

Accessible only by boat, Little St. Simons Island unfolds its secrets to those eager to discover natural wonders. The pristine island—where 11,000 acres are shared with no more than 32 guests at a time—holds seven miles of private beaches, acres of legendary moss-draped live oaks, glistening tidal creeks, and shimmering salt marshes, providing the setting for exciting activities or relaxation. Guests enjoy interpretive tours, birding, kayaking, fishing, swimming, hiking and biking. Creature comforts include gracious accommodations, delicious regional cuisine and genuine Southern hospitality.

LAKE BLACKSHEAR RESORT & GOLF CLUB

For a relaxing escape on a breathtaking 1,800-acre lake, head to Lake Blackshear Resort & Golf Club in Southwest Georgia. It sits inside Georgia Veterans State Park & Resort, but it's a world away from the chaos of everyday life. Designed for rest and relaxation, the resort's lodge, villas, and cabins offer an array of accommodation options, with beautiful lake views. At the marina, guests can launch their own vessel or rent fishing boats, pontoon boats, jet skis, ski boats or kayaks. Other on-site activity amenities include the Georgia Veterans Memorial Golf Course, an outdoor swimming pool with a hot tub, and miles of nature trails for hiking, biking and running.

ALPINE HELEN AND UNICOI STATE PARK & LODGE

The Alpine town of Helen takes its inspiration from the villages of Germany, complete with the building style of downtown shops and restaurants. But it's also in the heart of Northeast Georgia, offering travelers outdoor sports like tubing and hiking, along with wine tasting at the many vineyards nearby. A three-mile hike from Alpine Helen, Unicoi State Park & Lodge rewards visitors with 1,000 acres of Georgia's mountain forest for hiking and mountain biking, thrilling zip-lines, comfy cabins, and the cool mountain lake offers a swimming beach and canoe rental.

DISCOVERING THE PAST

The honorable traditions and events that make us unique propel us forward. Our people, culture, and landscape represent a wide range of enriching stories that make Georgia distinctly dynamic.

GEORGIA'S FOOTSTEPS OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. TRAIL & CIVIL RIGHTS TRAIL

Feel closer to the events and the leader of sweeping social change at the 28 sites on the Georgia's Footsteps of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Trail. This collection of museums, schools, churches and other landmarks tells the important stories of how Georgia's civil rights leaders advanced social justice and shifted the course of history. His life and legacy is felt all across the state from his birth home in Atlanta to an historic school and meeting place for civil rights leaders on the Georgia coast, you can follow the footsteps of the dream and witness the memories from Georgia's civil rights past.

GEORGIA'S FIRST CITY, SAVANNAH

Established in 1733 as Georgia's first city, Savannah has been charming visitors for almost three hundred years. With twenty-two unique squares, unending amounts of impressive architecture, quaint cobblestone streets and centuries-old live oak trees, Savannah is sure to delight the most passionate of history buffs. Throughout the city, you can easily find trolley and walking tours conducted by passionate locals, historic homes and landmarks like the First African Baptist Church, the oldest black church in North America, and countless historic inns like the Gastonian.



Birth Home at Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Park, Atlanta | @capturedbymel

VICTORIAN HISTORY AND SOUTHERN CHARM, THOMASVILLE

Thomasville, Georgia is a place where you can stroll along a nineteenth-century brick paved downtown that has welcomed guests since its heyday as the "Winter Resort of the South." There is history around every corner, from the expansive Pebble Hill Plantation to the 330-year-old Big Oak. Experience a large selection of local stores and restaurants to peruse downtown or the Victorian homes and history museums tucked around every corner.

LIVING HISTORY, PLAINS

Decades ago, this sleepy little train stop of a town in the red-clay back fields of South Georgia was just a stop along the route. That was when its principal resident, James Earl "Jimmy" Carter, Jr., abandoned the duties of peanut warehouseman and state governor to serve as president of the United States. Since then, the town has become a tourist destination connecting visitors from all over the world with the inspiring life of the former president and Nobel Peace Prize winner. The Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in Plains includes the farm where he spent his boyhood, the Plains High School he attended, and the train depot which served as headquarters for his 1976 presidential campaign.