



# Great Bike Tours

## The Golden Isles of Georgia 2027 Jekyll Island, St. Simons Island, and Savannah

Few regions in the United States pack in as much culture, history, and natural beauty as the Golden Isles of Georgia. This lovely part of the Georgia coast should not be rushed through by car. Rather it is best explored on bicycle, allowing you ample time to savor the unique southern hospitality, reflect upon their 300 years of fascinating history, and explore the many wild beaches, barrier islands, and famous marshlands. After all, this trip should not be hurried, but enjoyed in a slow and gracious Southern style.

### Tour Length

6 Days/5 nights

### 2027 Tour Dates

April 11-16

### Tour Start & End

Savannah, GA

### Cost of the 2027 Tour

\$4,095 per person  
Single supplement +\$1,000

### Level of Difficulty

**Easy** – 20-37 miles/day, with total mileage of 95-135 miles. Flat terrain and lots of paved bike paths. Cycle at your own pace. Get a lift in the van whenever you like. E-bikes available (limited supply).



**Extend your stay** Extend your vacation by including a visit to the [Savannah Music Festival](#) or the [Masters Golf Tournament](#).

### Accommodations

Our Georgia bike tour will be staying at three properties over the course of five nights. On our first night we'll stay at the **Andaz Hotel** in the heart of Savannah, within walking distance of all the attractions. Next, we head south to Jekyll Island for two nights, where we'll be treated to a stay at the exclusive **Jekyll Ocean Club Resort**. Lastly, we head to St. Simons Island for the final two nights, where we'll be staying right on the ocean at the **King and Prince Beach & Golf Resort**.

## Highlights

- **Relaxing bike rides** through canopies of live oak trees adorned with Spanish moss and resurrection ferns
- **Relish in the 50+ miles of paved bike paths** on Jekyll and St. Simons Islands, leading to hidden maritime forests, traveling above marsh and sand dunes, and along ocean and rivers
- **Enjoy a narrated tour of Savannah**, on a bicycle built for 15!
- **Private cruise on a real shrimp trawler**. Watch the crew haul in the nets and then explain their catch to us
- **Smile & laugh as you cycle on the hard-packed beach of St. Simons Island** (we supply a separate beach cruiser)
- **Cycle through history**, past British forts & plantations from the 18th century, through towns that were luckily spared from destruction in the Civil War, and along roads that were routes to freedom from slavery
- **Visit the loggerhead sea turtles** at the Georgia Sea Turtle Center
- **Eat fresh local seafood**, from boat to table – it's shrimply the best!
- **Savor the gorgeous April flowers in full bloom**, including gardenias, dogwoods, wisteria, and luscious pink azaleas
- **Stroll around Savannah** with your favorite beverage "to go"
- **Enjoy the cooler weather** in April, before it gets too hot, and before the crowds arrive

## What's Included?

- 6 full days of cycling and/or other activities
- 5 nights of lodging + 10 meals (catering to all dietary needs)
- Free use of our [bikes](#) (one bike for paved roads & trails, and another bike for the hard-packed beach), along with a helmet, rear rack bag, rear safety light, water bottle, and GBT performance T-shirt. E-bikes available (limited supply)
- Superior level of support throughout your stay (each trip comes with two 15-passenger vans and three professional [bike tour guides](#))
- *Ride with GPS* navigation (using your own device) or paper route notes & maps
- Exclusive GBT activities, including a private narrated tour of Savannah on a 15-passenger bike, and a private cruise on a shrimp trawler
- Admission to the Georgia Sea Turtle Center, Wormsloe Historic Site, and Fort Frederica
- Full access to our online photo gallery with photos/videos from your trip
- Small group size of 15-20 people

## Detailed Itinerary

### **Day 1 (Sunday) – Exploring Savannah by bike**

We will spend the first 1½ days of this bike tour in Savannah, a well-preserved genteel city encapsulating all the beauty, architecture, and history of the old South. Exploring the town by bicycle allows us to fully appreciate the local culture of unhurried charm, and gives us time to explore Savannah's gems of Colonial and antebellum architecture.

Our plan is to meet up at the Andaz Hotel at 9:00 am, dressed to cycle. After a bike fitting and safety talk, we'll depart on our 27-mile loop ride of the Savannah area. Our first stop will be the beautiful Wormsloe Historic Site. We will visit the remains of this 18<sup>th</sup> Century plantation, and cycle along the famous avenue of majestic live-oak trees, one of the most photographed places in Georgia (some scenes from *Forrest Gump* were filmed here).

Following a delicious picnic lunch prepared by your illustrious guides, we'll cycle over to explore the captivating Bonaventure Cemetery, evoking scenes from the movie *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. We then head back towards our hotel, passing gracious homes fronting the marsh and river. These properties are the crème de la crème of southern country living.

We'll have a few hours in the late afternoon to explore town on our own, before gathering at a local restaurant for our Welcome Meeting and Dinner.

**Accommodations:** Andaz Hotel, Savannah  
**Meals included:** Lunch, Dinner  
**Cycling Options:** 27 miles

### **Day 2 (Monday) – Savannah to Jekyll Island**

Today we head south towards Jekyll Island, and we offer the longest bike ride of the week (37 miles), though our van shuttle is always available to give you a lift.

The highlight of the day must surely be our two-hour scenic tour of Savannah aboard a 15-passenger bicycle! Led by a local guide (who also does the steering), this trip takes us on a wonderfully enchanting ride through Savannah's National Historic District, exploring its 21 beautiful, park-like squares, perfectly preserved buildings, vintage storefronts, a few bars, and almost 300 years of history.

After lunch on your own, we shuttle 45 minutes to the beginning of our ride at the Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge. Paved roads and bike paths allow us to explore the 2,900 acres of saltwater marshes, freshwater ponds, and forested wetlands that offer habitats for many species of birds and other wildlife (including alligators). The Refuge features a paved loop road of 7 miles, plus an additional 8 miles of secondary bike trails.

We then cycle on quiet country roads to the town of Darien, 30 miles to the south. Darien is Georgia's 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest planned town, settled in 1736 by Scottish Highlanders serving under British General James Oglethorpe. Today Darien it is known for its picturesque riverfront lined with shrimp boats. Make sure you visit the boutique chocolate factory, and allow time for a happy hour drink at the Skippers Fish Camp overlooking the river.

We finish the day with a 40-minute van shuttle to Jekyll Island and the Jekyll Ocean Club Resort. Dinner is on-your-own tonight.

**Accommodations:** Jekyll Ocean Club Resort, Jekyll Island  
**Meals included:** Breakfast  
**Cycling Options:** up to 37 miles

### **Day 3 (Tuesday) – Layover Day on Jekyll Island | Georgia Sea Turtle Center**

After breakfast we'll head out for perhaps the best ride of the week. Although it is the smallest barrier island within the Golden Isles, Jekyll Island has some of the best cycling in Georgia. More than 25 miles of high-quality paved bicycle paths allow us to discover hidden maritime forests, travel above marsh and sand dunes, and cruise beside ocean and rivers. One of the highlights is our stop at Driftwood Beach, rated by *TripAdvisor* as one of "10 Unique Beaches You Need to See to Believe." Fortunately for our bike tour, this pristine barrier island ecosystem is to be preserved forever. The State of Georgia, which now owns the entire Island, has limited development to just 35 percent of the land area, leaving 65 percent as untouched barrier island habitat.

Once back at our Resort, you will have time to explore the local beach, or perhaps take the complimentary shuttle to their sister property – the Jekyll Island Club Hotel – where you'll be able to enjoy a game of croquet, take a carriage ride, or pay a visit to the Georgia Sea Turtle Center. This Center houses numerous resident loggerhead sea turtles, the most common sea turtle found in the Golden Isles. Enjoy their interactive education exhibits and learn about the loggerhead turtles, sea turtle conservation, rehabilitation, and the life cycle from egg to adulthood. This unique facility serves as a hospital for ill and injured sea turtles and is the only hospital of its kind in the state of Georgia.

We will top off the day with a group dinner at our hotel.

**Accommodation:** Jekyll Ocean Club Resort, Jekyll Island  
**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner  
**Cycling Options:** 17+ miles (all bike paths)

## Day 4 (Wednesday) – Shrimpin’ excursion | Cycling to St. Simons Island

Today’s 21-mile bike ride to St. Simons Island features the only hills of the week, albeit man-made ones. These hills include the 65-foot-high bridge over the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and the 486-foot-high bridge over the Brunswick River (Georgia’s tallest cable-stayed suspension bridge, with a wide shoulder for cyclists).

Along the way you’ll have great views of the poetically romanced Marshes of Glynn. These tidal salt marshes are a fragile yet enormously productive ecosystem, considered one of the most productive marshlands in the world, yielding a wide array of wild Georgia shrimp, oysters, clams, crab, and many fish, both small and large.

Shrimpin’ is a way of life on the Georgia Coast, and because our bike ride takes us through Brunswick, once called the Shrimp Capital of the World (now Mazatlan, Mexico), it is only appropriate that we take a ride on a real shrimp trawler. The *Lady Jane* trawler – recently retired after years of loyal service to the shrimping industry and painstakingly refurbished for our cruising pleasure – will take our group on a private excursion through the pristine waters and vast salt marshlands of the Golden Isles while the crew hauls in nets teeming with Georgia shrimp and local fish, sharks, and crabs. This trip is very educational; some say it is shrimply the best!

Following lunch at a local restaurant overlooking the Marshes of Glynn, we have the option of cycling the remaining 10 miles to our next hotel, or opting for a van shuttle. Dinner is on-your-own tonight.

**Accommodations:** King and Prince Beach & Golf Resort, St. Simons Island  
**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch  
**Cycling Options:** up to 21 miles

## Day 5 (Thursday) – Exploring St. Simons Island

Today we enjoy a layover day on St. Simons Island, meaning that we have maximum flexibility to explore the largest barrier island in the Golden Isles, at our own pace. Since St. Simons is also one of the most popular tourist destinations on the Georgia coast, we are fortunate that there are more than 30 miles of high-quality bike paths that crisscross the Island. Discover for yourself all the many sights and activities that encouraged *Conde Nast Traveler* to call St. Simons one of the “Top 10 Islands in the United States.”

Spend the afternoon as you wish... perhaps you wish to relax back at our ocean-side hotel, swim in the pool or the ocean, or indulge in a spa treatment. How about some tennis or a round of golf? Alternatively, you could head to the town that *Smithsonian Magazine* ranked as one of the “20 Best Small Towns to Visit.” The town of St. Simons has a wide array of shops, a lighthouse, and some great kayaking (optional) on the Marshes of Glynn. No doubt – while kayaking – you’ll find yourself reciting *The Marshes of Glynn*, the 1870s poem by Georgia poet Sidney Lanier: "By a world of marsh

that borders a world of sea. Sinuous southward and sinuous northward the shimmering band of the sand beach fastens the fringe of the marsh to the folds of the land."

In the evening, we will gather at a local restaurant for our farewell dinner together, toasting a wonderful week of exploration.

**Accommodations:** King and Prince Beach & Golf Resort, St. Simons Island  
**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner  
**Cycling Options:** up to 32 miles (all bike paths)

## **Day 6 (Friday) – Van transfer back to Savannah**

This morning we have set aside some time for you to explore all that our resort has to offer. Hang out by the pool, sign up for a spa treatment, or join your guides for a cycle on the hard-packed beach (using beach cruisers with fat tires). Following our 11:00 am checkout time, we will load up the vans for our 1¼ hour shuttle back to Savannah, arriving at around 12:30 pm. We will make stops at the airport, followed by local hotels.

**Meals included:** Breakfast at Hotel  
**Cycling Options:** none

**If you require further information regarding travel logistics, please request our “Georgia’s Golden Isles Travel Information” document.**

**We hope you enjoy your April 2027 bike tour in the Golden Isles of Georgia. If you have any questions, or would like to confirm some spaces on this trip, please contact us soon.**