A GUIDE TO
GEORGIA'S
CLASSIC
SOUTH
Southern Hospitality at its finest, the Classic South Region offers visitors a rare combination of history and charm mixed with bustling excursion options for everyone from outdoorsmen to museum-goers.

Discover the many possibilities! Enjoy charming antebellum homes and championship golf greens, discover family-friendly festivals and locally grown treats, and explore state parks, vast lakes, and historic towns.

The variety of possibilities provided by the Classic South are sure to delight visitors of all ages, bringing to life lost treasures amidst Georgia’s small-town ambiance and big-city attractions.
Explore Augusta Canal National Heritage Area

Miles of trails, spectacular views

Hike, bike, paddle, or just float through history and nature on a guided boat tour of the Augusta Canal National Heritage Area. The historic canal weaves through several scenic miles of Augusta and Columbia County, offering miles of waterside trails and easy-to-paddle waterway. Take one of the daily guided Petersburg Boat tours or rent a bike or kayak to explore on your own.

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DOWNTOWN AUGUSTA
Skyline by the Savannah River
Originally drawn to Augusta by the mild climate, presidents, industrialists and socialites wintered at resort hotels of this classic Southern city.

Well-established as a resort destination, Augusta was a natural choice to be selected for the nation’s most revered golf course, the Augusta National Golf Club. The club’s heralded invitational tournament showcases the beauty and grace of the city on a world stage, confirming its well-earned reputation for tradition, hospitality, and heritage.

Along the banks of the Savannah River, Augusta is a city alive with arts and culture. Historic entertainment venues line Broad Street from the Imperial Theatre, to the Miller Theater, with the James Brown Arena located within walking distance. The vibrant city center celebrates its artisans with a growing public art scene, galleries, boutique shopping, and chef-driven locally owned restaurants.

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THE HEADGATES of the Augusta Canal located in Martinez at Savannah Rapids Park
Columbia County...where modern meets southern tradition. If you’re looking to slow down, relax and enjoy a more rural setting, you may enjoy camping and exploring the 1,200 miles of shoreline on Clarks Hill Lake. Or perhaps you’d enjoy a leisurely stroll through historic Downtown Harlem, a quintessential southern small town with antique shops and local boutiques.

Columbia County is one of the fastest growing counties in the country due to the relocation of the Army’s Cyber Security Center. Grovetown and Evans have been the epicenter of that growth bringing new dining experiences and entertainment opportunities that you would expect in a bustling city. However, the one thing that will always remain is our southern hospitality. We roll out the red carpet no matter which adventure you choose. Visit our website for a complete listing of accommodations, attractions, events and restaurants.

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Downtown Greensboro has been the place to shop for more than a hundred years, long before I-20 was the road most traveled.

Today, the shopping district features regionally known restaurants, boutiques, home decor and gift shops, all in beautifully restored downtown where old fashioned service isn’t so old fashioned after all.
Located halfway between Atlanta and Augusta is Lake Oconee. With 19,000 acres of glistening water, 6 award-winning golf courses, luxury accommodations, a historic downtown, and more than enough daylight to go around, you’ll never want your vacation to end. Lake Oconee is a place where multi-generations of families gather to make cherished memories. Visit Lake Oconee and get away, closer.
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JENKINS COUNTY

GEORGIA

One of the most beautiful and stately courthouses in Georgia, the Jenkins County Courthouse was built in 1910.

Norfolk Southern Corporation owns the rail line through Jenkins County, with the hub in Millen.

Buckhead Church is the 3rd oldest Baptist church in Georgia, organized in 1774.

Built in 1922, Quinney Oaks Plantation offers a uniquely elegant antebellum setting for events.
Mill Pond Kayak of Twin City offers guided tours on the paddling trails of George L. Smith State Park's 412-acre mill pond. Perfect for novice kayakers of all ages, the wildlife and scenery make for a relaxing day enjoying the great outdoors. Come see herons and ospreys nesting in spring, start a summertime water fight, or view the vibrant cypress trees mirrored on the black water in the fall. It’s a boatload of fun!
Lexington has evolved into a quiet, dignified, and elegant old town that has remained true to its 18th - 19th century origins. The Lexington Historic District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Unique shops are clustered around the Courthouse Square, Shaking Rock Park is a short walk away, and the Old Jail Museum is accessible for self-guided tours (shops have keys). Visit LexingtonGa.org for info on annual events.
Visit OGLETHORPE COUNTY

EXPERIENCE HISTORY, HERITAGE AND NATURE

Home to more than 400 miles of pristine shoreline on Clark’s Hill Lake, visitors have incredible opportunities to enjoy boating, camping, fishing and every water sport you can dream of. Camp or rent a cabin on the shores at Elijah Clark State Park, Georgia’s Freshwater Campgrounds or Soap Creek Marina or stay at the quaint Cullars Inn.

The Lincoln County Historical Society maintains the Lincoln County Historical Park, a working rendition of rural life in the mid-1800s. Lincoln Co. is the first Georgia county-wide listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Home to Graves Mountain, a geologic gem offering mining opportunities for the finest rutile crystals in the world. We are rich in farming centers, equine recreation – rescue – rehabilitation, and multitudes of trails.

Great local boutiques, consignment shops and local restaurants will have you coming back for more.
AN AERIAL VIEW OF DOWNTOWN
Sparta features “Her Majesty”, Hancock Co.’s renowned courthouse.
Once Georgia’s wealthiest and second most populated county, Hancock’s storied history may include your family roots.

Originally settled by Revolutionary War veterans, Hancock County’s past chronicles early settlement of Georgia and the United States. The community features many homes and churches from the pre-Civil War era, a time that saw Sparta as one of Georgia’s most well-known financial, business and agricultural centers. Boarding schools, four governors and plantations with miles of row crops harvested for markets throughout the country and abroad made Hancock County famous. In time our population has dwindled, but many families’ roots can be traced to Hancock County.

Today we are focusing on historic tourism and the interest visitors have in our older homes, churches, cemeteries and fascinating stories of the past. Come see us… over 200 years of history awaits your visit.
Explore the Southern charm of Thomson, GA. The historic downtown has a number of antique stores and restaurants. It hosts an annual fox hunt and a music festival named for McDuffie County Georgia blues legend, Blind Willie McTell.

Learn about Thomson’s music history from McTell’s 12-String Strut, a public art project of guitar replicas, hand-painted by local artists, honoring the legacy of Blind Willie McTell.

Paddle down Georgia’s Little River Water Trail, a river preserve home to countless wildlife species, from wild turkey and deer, to turtles and fish.

Wander the fields at White Hills Farm, a gorgeous lavender and herb farm in nearby Dearing. They have workshops and a gift shop offering herbs, teas, essential oils, and more.

Raysville Campground is your perfect base for camping, located on Clarks Hill Lake with 55 sites for tents and campers with electricity and water.
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Waynesboro is famously known as the “Bird Dog Capital of the World”. This distinguished title refers to the prestigious pointing-dog competition, the Georgia Field Trials, being held in Burke County each winter for more than 100 years. With 832 square miles of forests and fields, the Savannah and Ogeechee Rivers and five Georgia Wildlife Management Areas with nearly 18,000-acres of public hunting access, Burke County is a bona fide sporting paradise.

Waynesboro’s vibrant downtown is filled with quaint storefronts featuring unique gifts, the latest trends in clothing and rare antique shops with one of a kind finds. And, when you’re looking for a bite to eat, Burke County has something that is sure to please. Whether it’s fine dining or casual, seafood or meat-and-three, Waynesboro has something to satisfy every craving. Special events and festivals throughout the year help to capture the community’s spirit and charm while offering fun opportunities for the whole family to enjoy.

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Savannah Rapids Visitor Information Center

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Wildwood Park

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