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## LITTLE ST. SIMONS ISLAND

*Land surrounded by water is, by geographic definition, an island.  
Yet an island's natural water boundaries are no assurance of serenity.  
Bridges are built and progress and change hurry across.*

*There remains a place, reached only by boat, where the passing  
years have been an ally and where tides are the only intrusion.  
A place where all that nature has created over thousands of years has  
been preserved by those who have been devoted to its care for the last  
one hundred.*

*A place called Little St. Simons Island.  
Resting along Georgia's Atlantic coast and safeguarded by  
generations of family ownership, Little St. Simons Island is a natural  
sanctuary among the last of its kind anywhere.*

*Discoveries, new experiences and a sense of intimacy with the  
natural world all prevail across this virtually untouched barrier island.*





## EXPERIENCE. EXPLORE. DISCOVER.

*Little St. Simons Island's 10,000 acres, seven miles of deserted beaches, dense maritime forests, vast saltmarshes and countless winged and wild creatures welcome no more than 32 overnight guests to share this sanctuary.*

*This rare and wondrous balance of scale and serenity awaits your discovery on Little St. Simons Island.*



## RELAX. AND RECONNECT TO THE NATURAL WORLD.

*An oak-canopied, riverfront compound containing the main Lodge, guest houses and cottages holds the tiny sliver of Little St. Simons Island not left to its wholly natural state.*

*From here, sandy roads, winding trails and tidal creeks lead to discoveries throughout the Island's seasons—each with its own magic. Spring finds woodlands of songbirds returning from their southward migration. Summer's warmth beckons along wide beaches awash with shells. Fall brings fishing to mind and golden colors to the marsh grasses. And winter days, wonderfully mild, conclude fireside.*

YOUR PLACE IN HISTORY

Those who own Little St. Simons Island, and those who visit and leave owning treasured memories, are bound by a common love for this extraordinary Island.

In 2008, the Island observed its 100th Anniversary. It was and remains a celebration of an abiding devotion to letting nature reign and to simply leaving well enough wonderfully alone. This legacy now prefaces an even deeper commitment to ecological stewardship that will preserve the Island while enhancing the guest experience for generations to come.

**Guale Indians** are drawn to the Island’s oyster-laden creeks from villages located on nearby barrier islands to fish, hunt and gather oysters. The piles of discarded oyster shells they left, called *middens*, are among the Island’s oldest historic sites.

**Major Pierce Butler**, owner of vast rice and cotton plantation operations along the Georgia coast, acquires Little St. Simons Island and places 500 acres on the Island under cultivation.

**Fanny Kemble**, a noted author and actress, is the wife of Pierce Butler II who assumed ownership of Little St. Simons Island in 1836. She visits the Island and calls it a “forest in the sea” and a “tangled wilderness.”

**O.F. Chichester**, a representative of the Eagle Pencil Company, is on a fishing trip near Little St. Simons Island and spies its abundance of cedar trees –wood ideal for pencil making. At his recommendation, the Company purchases the Island in 1908.



Calling themselves the “Eight Bandits,”

Philip Berolzheimer and seven highly prominent friends from New York City gather and make the first of many “Bandit” trips to Little St. Simons Island for hunting, fishing and relaxation. A modified version of the flag that the group created to commemorate their bond serves today as the Island’s logo.

**A serene century** since being purchased by Philip Berolzheimer, and after nearly three decades of welcoming the public to experience its natural wonders, Little St. Simons Island secures its place among the world’s most cherished retreats.



The Island’s patriarch,

Philip Berolzheimer dies and his children, followed by his grand-children, steadfastly continue his legacy of love for and preservation of Little St. Simons Island.

700 A.D. 1562 1760 1774 1839 1907 1908 1921 1942 1979 TODAY

**French Explorer Jean Ribeaup** encounters a small island off Georgia’s coast and calls it Little St. Simon’s Island.

**Samuel Augspourger**, a Swiss colonist, becomes Little St. Simons Island’s first private owner.



**Philip Berolzheimer**, President of Eagle Pencil Company, visits and falls in love with Little St. Simons Island’s natural beauty; he purchases the Island from his Company as a private retreat for family and friends.

**Little St. Simons Island** opens to the public, beginning a new era as it welcomes its first overnight visitors and carefully enters the tourism industry.





## A PLACE WHERE ONLY THE SKY IS CROWDED.

*As one would expect on an island that is the private domain of no more than 32 overnight fellow explorers, there is an abundance of serenity and restorative solitude on Little St. Simons Island.*

*Here, where time is measured by the rise and fall of tides, the Island, and the pace at which you choose to experience its endless wonders, is yours. Stroll the surf line where sea shells are many and footprints few. Explore miles of hushed, forested trails that reveal ancient ecosystems at every turn. Discover the fresh and highly intimate perspectives on waterfowl and marine life that are best gained from a canoe or kayak along a tidal creek. At the ocean's edge or from a motorized skiff, spend the afternoon fishing—the bait and tackle is provided and your day's catch is prepared that evening.*

*In this astonishing kingdom, encounters with the Island's natural inhabitants are no less than delightfully constant, including sightings of*

*European fallow deer, alligators, dolphin and loggerhead sea turtles.*

*And here, on the Atlantic migratory flyway, is a birder's paradise with more than 280 species of birds recorded on the Island from Bald Eagles and Roseate Spoonbills to Sandpipers and Painted Buntings.*

### ISLAND ACTIVITIES AND RECREATION:

**Birding ■ Biking ■ Trail Hiking**

**Naturalist-Led Adventures**

*Island explorations, sunrise birding, beach walks, seasonal evening sea turtle walks, owl prowls and more*

**Beach Pleasures**

*Chairs and umbrellas provided*

**Canoeing ■ Kayaking ■ Motorized Skiffs**

**Creek, Pond and Surf Fishing**

[ USE OF ALL ISLAND ACTIVITIES IS INCLUDED IN OVERNIGHT RATES ]





## NATURALIST-LED ADVENTURES

*While your own wanderings of Little St. Simons Island are always encouraged, guests invariably remark that it is our guided excursions that were among the most absorbing and memorable facets of their visit.*

*These daily, small-group adventures, led by our team of enthusiastic and uniquely gifted naturalists, are relaxed and discovery-rich opportunities to delve deeply into the Island's fascinating ecology, wildlife and natural history.*

*Posted daily in the main Lodge and described by a naturalist at breakfast each morning, these scheduled outings change with the season and include early morning birding trips, exploration of the Island's north or south ends, beach-combing, river kayaking and creek fishing. Evening adventures may include a late night owl prow, or a beach walk to witness, at a distance, the unforgettable sight of a loggerhead turtle laying her eggs in the darkened dunes.*

*In open-air trucks, with binoculars in hand and our naturalists making frequent stops to reveal and explain, these adventures are the naturally exciting essence of the Little St. Simons Island experience.*

[ ALL NATURALIST ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS ARE INCLUDED IN OVERNIGHT RATES ]



"Visiting Little St. Simons Island is like stepping back to an older, richer, wilder world – one where you can walk for miles on empty beaches listening to the calls of plovers, or lose yourself in moss-draped forests of ancient live oaks. It is one of those rare places where the human presence is light and fleeting, and I treasure my visits there."

SCOTT WEIDENSAUL, RENOWNED NATURALIST AND AUTHOR







## SENSATIONAL CUISINE

*Regional cuisine by our skilled chefs and the Island's own USDA-certified organic garden make our three daily meals (included in overnight rates) a highlight of visits. Breakfast and dinner are served family-style in the Hunting Lodge dining room. Lunch is served there too, except on most Saturdays (weather permitting) when it's presented at the beach. Picnic lunches are available and we are happy to accommodate special dietary needs.*

*Each evening before dinner, a delightful cocktail reception is held, including seasonal weekend oyster roasts. All are favored times to recount the day's adventures with family and new friends.*

[ THREE MEALS A DAY AND ALL BEVERAGES ARE INCLUDED IN OVERNIGHT RATES ]



## GRACIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS

*Guest accommodations on Little St. Simons Island are situated in six distinctive settings, either beneath the canopy of live oaks in the main Lodge compound or along the edge of the river and marsh just a short stroll away.*

*All guest accommodations are wonderfully comfortable, fully air-conditioned, are non-smoking, have ceiling fans, coffee makers and provide access to fireplaces, refrigerators, porches and washer/dryer facilities.*

[ ALL-INCLUSIVE RATES ARE PER ROOM, PER NIGHT.

FOR GUEST ROOM FLOORPLANS, VISIT [LITTLESL.COM](http://LITTLESL.COM) ]



## HUNTING LODGE

*Built in 1917, the historic Hunting Lodge is the very heart of Island life and is the location for guest meals and social gatherings. Within the Lodge are two guest rooms with private baths, accommodating two guests each. Lodge rooms are ideal for families with children, the solo traveler and seniors.*



## RIVER LODGE CEDAR HOUSE

*These two handsome structures rise at the river's edge, just a short stroll from the main Lodge compound. Both offer four spacious bedrooms for two guests, each with private bath, that open onto a shared great room with soaring tabby fireplace and a large screen porch with comfy hammock.*

*Guest rooms in the River Lodge and Cedar House open onto large, wrap-around decks with beautiful marsh and river vistas. Both are ideal settings for family gatherings of up to eight guests each.*

*Rooms may be reserved individually or on an entire-house (4 guest rooms) basis.*



## HELEN HOUSE

*Located in the Island's riverfront compound and built in 1928, this historic tabby house reflects the coast's architectural history. Its three bedrooms and two baths are perfect for couples with children or small family groups, offering a large living room with fireplace, screen porch and courtyard.*

*Rooms may be reserved individually or on an entire-house (3 guest rooms) basis.*



## MICHAEL COTTAGE

*At the edge of the forest near the main Lodge compound, this secluded, classic 1930s bungalow is a favorite with honeymooners and families.*

*Featured are two bedrooms, one bath, living room with fireplace, screen porch and outdoor shower.*

## TOM HOUSE

*Though it is the most recent addition to the Island's accommodations, this quaint cottage has stood in the main Lodge compound for decades.*

*Now graciously restored, it offers a living room with fireplace, one bedroom, one bath, outdoor shower and large, screened rear deck.*





# MEETINGS ON LITTLE ST. SIMONS ISLAND

*Small wonder that Little St. Simons Island on the Georgia coast is an inspiring destination for business group gatherings. After all, this remarkable natural sanctuary, reached only by boat, has beckoned generations of visitors to the discoveries of its 10,000 acres of wilderness and seven miles of beaches.*

*Whether for executive retreats of a dozen or corporate groups up to 32 persons, the intimacy, natural beauty and emphatic privacy of Little St. Simons Island combine to infuse a very real sense of focus and productivity.*

*The center point for group meetings on Little St. Simons Island is the historic Barn. This landmark within the Island's main Lodge compound has been extensively renovated and transformed to host small group gatherings. The Barn is joined by a number of complementing settings for meetings, including our poolside Screen House, the Hunting Lodge and limitless outdoor locations.*

*Little St. Simons Island welcomes groups for either day-long sessions or overnight retreats (with a variety of attendee accommodations at rates that include all meals, beverages and activities). Either way, recreational options and nature adventures abound. These activities, led by our team of naturalists, help attendees relax between sessions while fostering colleague relationships and encouraging team-building.*



## Meeting Services

Private boat transportation for groups ■ Facilities for both overnight and day-use groups ■ Accommodations and meeting planning services  
Flexible meeting venues and set-ups ■ Audio/visual services ■ Group meals and meeting break menus ■ Special group outings and Island activities



The Barn (Board Meeting)



The Barn (Classroom)

## Sample Agendas

### TWO-NIGHT ISLAND RETREAT

#### DAY ONE

- 4:30 pm: Arrival to Island
- 6:30 pm: Oyster Roast and Cocktails
- 7:30 pm: Dinner in Hunting Lodge
- 9:00 pm: Owl Prowl with Naturalist

#### DAY TWO

- 9:00 am: Breakfast
- 10:00 am: Meeting Session
- 1:00 pm: Lunch
- 2:30 pm: Team Building Activity
- 6:30 pm: Cocktail Reception
- 7:30 pm: Dinner in Hunting Lodge

#### DAY THREE

- 9:00 am: Breakfast
- 10:00 am: Wrap-Up Meeting Session
- 12:00 pm: Departure

### SINGLE DAY MEETING

- 10:30 am: Arrival to Island
- 10:30 am: Morning Meeting Session
- 1:00 pm: Lunch
- 2:30 pm: Afternoon Meeting Session or North End Adventure
- 4:00 pm: Departure

*To learn more about meetings on Little St. Simons Island, including availability for your preferred dates or to arrange a site visit, please call (888) 733-5774. For a closer look at Little St. Simons Island, visit LittleSSI.com.*







## COME DISCOVER YOUR NATURAL SIDE

*Whether for an individual sojourn, a romantic couples getaway, friends group, a family reunion, honeymooners, avid birdwatchers or nature lovers, the owners and staff of Little St. Simons Island warmly invite you to come and experience the extraordinary adventures and absorbing discoveries of this quiet nature retreat.*

*Since we limit the number of overnight guests, we encourage you to make your reservations early so that your travel plans and room preferences can be best accommodated. Ask about our fun-filled Island Day Trips, too.*

*We invite you to inquire about the ultimate private island experience of full-island reservations (perfect for families and groups up to 32).*

## ALL-INCLUSIVE RATES

### LITTLE ST. SIMONS ISLAND OVERNIGHT GUEST RATES INCLUDE:

*Boat Trip To/From the Island*

*Guest Accommodations*

*Three Full Meals Daily*

*All Beverages*

*Evening Cocktail Reception*

*Use of Island Facilities and Activities:*

*7 Miles of Beach*

*Naturalist-Led Excursions*

*Use of Motorized Skiffs*

*Fishing (bait and tackle provided)*

*Birding, Bicycles, Trail Hiking,*

*Kayaking, Canoeing, Swimming Pool*

[ CALL 912.638.7472 FOR CURRENT SEASONAL GUEST RATES ]

## LOCATION AND TRANSPORTATION



*Little St. Simons Island is located on the Georgia coast midway between Savannah, GA and Jacksonville, FL. Daily commercial air service is available to those two cities as well as to nearby Brunswick, GA. If arriving by air, we can assist with rental car and van service information.*

*Our private boat departs from Hampton River Marina on the north end of St. Simons Island. By car, St. Simons Island is reached from I-95 via Georgia Exits 29, 36 or 38.*

*Please advise us of your travel plans so that we may best accommodate your schedule and needs.*

[ FOR ADDITIONAL TRAVEL INFORMATION AND DRIVING DIRECTIONS, VISIT [LITTLESSI.COM](http://LITTLESSI.COM) ]





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