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WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in Tybee Island, one of Georgia's beautiful barrier islands. With miles of sandy beaches, many historical attractions, a thriving ecosystem and several popular festivals and parades, Tybee has so much to offer your group.

Visit Tybee offers assistance to anyone planning in a group capacity, from travel agents, motorcoach companies, tour operators, wholesalers, group leaders or other travel professionals.

Services available for travel professionals include itinerary planning, group leads and site-visit arrangements.

Contact Visit Tybee for more information and assistance with planning your group tour.



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ATTRACTIONS

TYBEE ISLAND LIGHT STATION AND MUSEUM

Commissioned in 1732 by James Oglethorpe, Georgia's first governor, the Tybee Island Lightstation has been guiding ships safely into the Savannah River for almost 300 years. Now a museum and gift shop, the 144-foot tall structure is the perfect location for unobstructed views of the Atlantic Ocean and sunset over the Back River.



FORT PULASKI

Named for Brigadier General Casimir Pulaski, a Polish man who fought alongside George Washington for American independence, the fort was a Confederate stronghold until Union forces assaulted it with rifled cannons. Now open for tours and daily cannon firings (these cannons inflict no damage!), the fort is a popular location for school trips and history buffs.



TYBEE ISLAND MARINE SCIENCE CENTER

The Tybee Island Marine Science Center is a popular and convenient destination for families visiting the beach, as it is located just behind the pier. Touch tanks, a gift shop and beach walks are just a few things the center offers to teach visitors about Tybee's diverse eco-system.



TYBEE BEACH

Tybee's most visited attraction is its miles of pristine, sandy shoreline. With beaches facing the Savannah River, Back River and Atlantic Ocean, beachgoers can choose which view suits them on any given day. While on the beach, visitors can stroll down the classic ocean pier for even better views of the incoming waves.



Cockspur Lighthouse

EVENTS

JANUARY



- Tybee Polar Plunge

APRIL



- Tybee Island Wine Festival

FEBRUARY



- Mardi Gras

MAY



- EVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour
- Beach Bum Parade
- Tour of Homes

MARCH



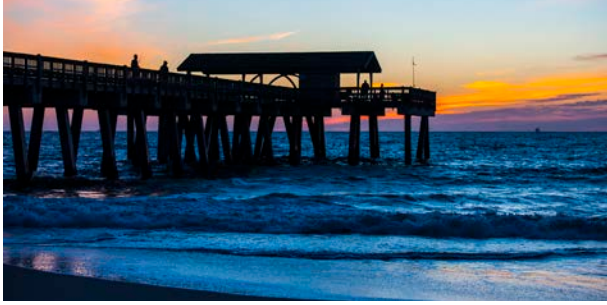
- Irish Heritage Parade

ONGOING EVENTS:

Third Thursdays: Enjoy live music, local fare and shopping at quaint Tybee establishments every third Thursday (March - May and September - October).

Movies in the Park: Take in a free movie at sundown in Memorial Park, every third Saturday (June - August).

JULY



• Fireworks on the Pier

OCTOBER



• Tybee Island Pirate Fest

SEPTEMBER



• Labor Day Beach Bash

DECEMBER



• New Year's Eve Fireworks



CLASSIC

[Itinerary]

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Day 1

Tybee Island Marine Science Center: Learn about the diverse ecosystem of Tybee while getting a closer look at some of the creatures that call its waters and beaches home. From beach walks, sand sifting and floating classrooms up the Savannah River, the Tybee Island Marine Science Center offers fun and learning for groups of all ages.



Spend Time on the Water: Kayaking, paddleboarding, jet skiing and fishing are just the ticket for groups. Explore Tybee's beautiful waterways as fast or slow as your group wants. For those who want to take it slow and fish off of Tybee's beautiful pier, rod and reel rentals are available at Rip Tide Bait and Tackle, located on the pier.

Dinner with Gators: If your tour wants dinner with a side of Tybee eccentricity, take them to The Crab Shack for a huge seafood platter of shrimp, crawfish and crab legs with sausage, corn and potatoes. For a change of scenery after dinner, go to the lagoon and feed the alligators that live in front of the restaurant, or visit the bird house to see a menagerie of exotic birds.



Day 2

Yoga on the Beach: Start off the second day of your group tour with a relaxing one-hour session of morning, beachside yoga. Watching the waves come in while doing some gentle yoga will be the perfect way to begin the day touring the island.

Eco Tour and Lunch on Little Tybee: Wind through the waters of Tybee's Back River and watch dolphins swimming, birds gliding and seagrass swaying in the wind. Enjoy a feast of Low Country Boil on Little Tybee Island, an uninhabited nature preserve. A relaxing eco-cruise is perfect for groups looking to savor the sights on Tybee.



Dinner at the Guard House: Enjoy a catered dinner of seafood and other delights from Gerald's Pig and Shrimp at the historic Guard House. Built in 1906, the Guard House was once a part of Fort Screven but now serves as a community center for citizens of Tybee Island.



Day 3

Sightsee in Savannah: Tour Savannah by foot or trolley and discover all the historic city has to offer. See the Forsyth Park Fountain, Telfair Museums, historic River Street, City Market, the Davenport House or any number of the many historic landmarks in downtown Savannah. Afterward, come back to Tybee to unwind by the beach.

Sunset Dinner: Enjoy dinner overlooking the expansive salt marsh and Back River at sunset. Choose from an array of delicious dishes to delight even the pickiest of eaters. Come casually. Tybee's unpretentious atmosphere means that flip flops and windswept hair are not just welcomed, they are encouraged.

Island Entertainment: Wrap up the day and unwind by listening to live music, or singing it yourself and with others at karaoke. Several restaurants across the island provide live entertainment year round for guests to enjoy.



NATURE LOVER

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Day 1

Bike Tybee's Trails: Tybee is known as a bicycle-friendly island and offers trails and designated bicycle routes for groups who want an open-air Tybee experience. Bike rental companies are located on both the north and south ends of the island with options for bikes with fat tires to easily ride on the beach.

Birding at North Beach: Tybee's North Beach is a popular destination for birders to view species such as the Northern Gannett, Purple Sandpiper, American Oyster Catcher, Black Skimmers, Red Knots and Black-Backed Gulls. Groups can sit back and relax while Tybee's birds swoop and glide by.

Kayak to Cockspur: Active groups will enjoy renting kayaks, going solo or tandem, and kayaking to the Cockspur Lighthouse, an 1854 abandoned lighthouse sitting at the edge of Cockspur Island. After visiting the lighthouse, continue kayaking down the Back River for an unparalleled experience of calm marsh waters.



Day 2

Shelling on Little Tybee: For those in your group looking to collect natural, authentic mementos to take home, seashells from Little Tybee Island are the perfect answer. Shells on Little Tybee can be quadruple the size of those on Tybee's more populated beaches, making them great for decorating and happy memories of Tybee Island.

McQueen's Trail/Fort Pulaski Trails: For spectacular views of tidal creeks, marshland, Fort Pulaski and the deserted Cockspur Lighthouse, stroll down McQueen's Trail, a six-mile trail between Tybee and Wilmington Island, or the shorter nature trails of Fort Pulaski. Your group may even spot an alligator far off in the marsh.



Dolphin Cruise: Dolphins are commonly spotted in the waters surrounding Tybee Island. For nature-loving groups who want a closer look, dolphin cruises are available departing from the Back River. Watch as young dolphins frolic in the water and adult dolphins race in the boat's wake.





Day 3

Fishing on the Pier: Cast a line off of Tybee's beautiful pier while enjoying the salty ocean breeze. Rod and reel rentals are available at Rip Tide Bait and Tackle, located conveniently on the pier, so your group won't have to carry their gear far.

Seining and Sand Sifting: Get up close and personal with crabs, clams, fish and sea jellies while seining and sand sifting with the Tybee Island Marine Science Center. These interactive group activities offer a hands-on experience that is perfect for nature lovers. Wade in the water with a seine net to scoop up the sea critters, or stay in the intertidal zone to sift the wet sand searching for invertebrates.

Savannah Parks and Gardens: Explore Savannah's beautiful parks and botanical gardens to get a glimpse of the colorful and hearty plants that grow in the coastal zone. From the Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs' Botanical Garden, the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens or Forsyth Park, there are several varieties of flora to be seen.



Kayaking on Tybee Island's Back River

STUDENT

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Day 1

Historic Tybee Island Light Station and Tybee Museum: Dating back to 1736, Tybee's historic lighthouse is one of only seven Colonial-era light stations remaining in America. After touring the complex, have your students climb the 178 steps to reach the top of the lighthouse for panoramic views of the island and surrounding areas. Following the lighthouse tour, take your group across the street to the Tybee Museum to explore more than 400 years of Tybee Island history.

Lunch at North Beach: While on the north end of the island, take your students to North Beach Grill, located beside the Tybee Museum and steps from the beach.

Dolphin Cruise: Wind through the waters of the Savannah River and watch dolphins gliding through the water. Oftentimes, captains will ride their boats side-by-side to encourage the dolphins to swim between and jump in and out of the wake. Seeing dolphins up close is an experience your students will love.



Day 2

Fort Pulaski: Kick off day two of your students' Tybee tour with a bang, or cannon fire, at Fort Pulaski, a beautifully preserved Civil War fortress. The fort offers tours with soldiers in period dress for a fun, immersive learning experience. After the tour, take the kids to the museum for a closer look at the fort's long history.

Tour Historic Savannah: Savannah's Historic District offers an unparalleled experience for students. Tour it by foot or trolley and discover the many historic landmarks in the downtown area. From the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force to Telfair Museums or the Juliette Gordon Low birthplace, there is no shortage of interesting, educational sites to visit.



Dinner at Sunset: Wrap up the day by going back to the island and having dinner overlooking the expansive salt marsh and Back River. Choose from an array of yummy items to suit everyone. Come casually. A delicious dinner on Tybee is just the ticket when wrapping up a successful student trip.





Day 3

Tybee Island Marine Science Center and Eco-Walk with Dr. Joe: Tybee's ecosystem is vibrant and right at your students' fingertips. The Tybee Island Marine Science Center offers programming, activities and tours to fill your agenda with Tybee marine and wildlife interactions. Eco-walks with Marine Biologist Dr. Joe Richardson are also great activities for groups of all sizes and school ages.

Beach Day: Spend the afternoon enjoying all Tybee's beaches have to offer. After all, a trip to Tybee isn't complete without spending time at the beach. Take the kids to North Beach for a view of incoming container ships, or on the South End by the pier. Your students will love the opportunity to splash in the waves.

Island Dinner: After a full day, your students will be ravenous. Take them to The Crab Shack for a huge seafood platter of shrimp, crawfish and crab legs with sausage, corn and potatoes. Visit the bird house and see a menagerie of exotic birds, or the lagoon to feed the alligators that call The Crab Shack home.



SERVICES

GETTING HERE

From Savannah, head east on President Street (Islands Expressway) and continue straight to US Highway 80. Keep left at the overpass to merge onto US Highway 80 East. Continue on US Highway 80 East to Tybee Island. The Tybee Island Visitor Center is located on the right at the first light on the corner of US Highway 80 East and South Campbell Avenue.

AIR SERVICE

Located just 15 miles from Savannah's Historic Meeting District, the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport offers approximately 90 daily flights in and out of Savannah. Scheduled airlines include Delta, United, US Airways, American, JetBlue (Seasonal: Allegiant and Sun Country). We hope to expand the number of cities served with direct flights in the coming year with potential to expand in the future.

DRIVING TO SAVANNAH/TYBEE ISLAND

Getting to Savannah by car is easy and enjoyable, with plenty of scenic Georgia beauty to take in along the way. Savannah is best accessed via Interstate 95 (North/South) or Interstate 16 (East/West).

SAVANNAH/TYBEE ISLAND BY RAIL

Many groups find that Amtrak is a fun, convenient and affordable way to travel. Savannah is a major stop on Amtrak's Palmetto and Silver Service lines between New York and Miami. The Silver Star and Silver Meteor provide daily service to and from Savannah. Sleeper cars and sightseeing lounge cars are available.

ON THE BUS/TYBEE ISLAND

Savannah and Tybee Island are hubs for Greyhound Bus Lines, so your guests can access Tybee Island by bus from all over the United States, Canada and Mexico.



MOTORCOACH PARKING

SOUTH END - TYBEE PIER AND BEACH

Take Highway 80 East until it becomes Butler Avenue. Continue on Butler Avenue and turn left onto 14th Street. Travel approximately one block and enter the 14th Street parking area. Proceed south to 15th Street and turn right. Loading and unloading is on your immediate right.

South End Parking

Once unloaded, continue down 15th Street and turn right on Butler Avenue. Bus parking is on the right between 14th and 15th Streets (no idling). *This space is on a first-come basis. If full, proceed to Memorial Park.*

Memorial Park Parking

Proceed down Butler Avenue and turn left (west) onto 5th Street. Then turn right onto Jones Avenue. Bus parking is available past the fire station between 4th and 5th Streets. Bus wheels must be off the pavement (no idling). When departing, turn right onto 4th Street. This leads to Butler Avenue.

Handicap Accessible Loading and Unloading

Take Highway 80 East until it becomes Butler Avenue. Continue on Butler Avenue. Turn left onto Tybrisa (16th) Street then turn right onto Strand Avenue. There is an unloading zone just past Spanky's.

NORTH END - LIGHTHOUSE AND NORTH BEACH

To reach the Tybee Island Lighthouse and North Beach, turn left at the first stop light on the island onto Campbell Avenue. Campbell Avenue dead ends at Van Horne. Turn left onto Van Horne and then right onto Taylor Street. Continue on Taylor Street to the north parking lot entrance and turn left (after passing the lighthouse parking lot). Bus parking is available at the far end of the lot parallel to Fort Screven in the grass (no idling).

TYBEE OAKS

Motorcoach parking is available on Highway 80 just ahead of the Tybee Oaks entrance.



MOTOR COACH PARKING MAP





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