



TRAVEL TIPS

Year-Round Fun For Everyone In Georgia

(NAPSA)—With so many places to go and so many things to see, a trip to Georgia offers an endless array of options for the vacationer with a penchant for variety. For ideas on where to start, consider these exciting things to do:

Mountains. Set at the base of the Appalachian chain, Georgia's mountains offer not only breathtaking scenery and outdoor adventure, but some exciting attractions as well. Visit the largest collection of kangaroos outside of Australia at Dawsonville's Kangaroo Conservation Center. Spend the day experiencing the thrills of the Outback without ever leaving the South—and don't forget your camera! After communing with nature, rev up your engines for Thunder Road U.S.A. This Georgia Racing Hall of Fame includes racing memorabilia, historic racing vehicles, videos of memorable moments in racing and an assortment of memorabilia and souvenirs.

Coast. At the southernmost end of Georgia's beautiful coast is the largest freshwater swamp in North America, the Okefenokee Swamp. This wetland was called "the land of the trembling earth" by the Native Americans because of the way the waterlogged peat bogs shake underfoot. Tour the Indian waterways, wilderness walkways and Pioneer Island, or for the full Okefenokee experience, kayak through its still, black waters along the many creeks and canals for close encounters with native birds, alligators and other exotic wildlife. Prefer to do something a bit more relaxing? Bask on the sugary sands of Cumberland, Jekyll, Sea and St. Simons Islands.

Historic South. For the ultimate in family bonding, visit the Georgia Music and Sports Halls of Fame, located adjacent to one another in beautiful downtown Macon. The Music Hall of Fame features music memorabilia of more than 450 Georgia artists, including Little Richard, Johnny Mercer, Ray Charles and the Allman Brothers Band, as well as videos, interactive exhibits and



Visitors are drawn to Georgia's multitude of top attractions, such as Cumberland Island.

more. The Sports Hall of Fame is the largest in the country. Visit the interactive area for football, basketball, NASCAR simulators, skills games and more; you can even ascend the Olympic champion's platform! For a step back in time, take a tour of historic Milledgeville, the state capital during the first half of the 19th century.

Southern Rivers. A trip to Georgia is not complete without a visit to the renowned Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, known nationally for its year-round botanical beauty, recreational activities and unique shopping. For the full outdoor experience, hike Georgia's Little Grand Canyon at Providence Canyon State Conservation Park near Lumpkin. Stroll through rare wildflowers along back-country hiking trails and catch a glimpse of a breathtaking, multi-hued gorge; then fish for dinner and camp out in nearby Florence Marina State Park.

Atlanta. Round out the visit with a few of Atlanta's signature attractions: cheer on the Braves at Turner Field; browse some of the Southeast's finest shopping at Phipps Plaza or Lenox Square; take the CNN Studio Tour; explore the World of Coca-Cola Museum; relive literary and theatrical history at the Margaret Mitchell House; or see a show at the Fabulous Fox Theatre.

For more information, call the Georgia Department of Industry, Trade & Tourism at 800-VISIT-GA or visit www.georgiaonmymind.org.