

# A Weekend of Golden Isles History

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Some of Golden Isles' history, this is the perfect itinerary for you. Visit each location or simply use this itinerary to get you started.

**Day One:** Begin in the north near I-95 (exit 42), at an authentic Georgia coast rice plantation. Tour the home of Ophelia Dent, decorated with much of her family heirlooms and furniture from the 18th and 19th centuries. After stopping for lunch in Pier Village on St. Simons Island, tour the lighthouse and keeper's dwellings. Climb the 129 steps to the top for amazing 360 degree views. Finish day one with a tour of the Maritime Center (included in the lighthouse entrance fee) and a stroll along East Beach at sunset.

### Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation

*Thursday-Saturday / 9:00 am - 5:00 pm / Last main house tour at 4:00 pm*

[www.gastateparks.org/info/hofwyl](http://www.gastateparks.org/info/hofwyl) (\$3.50-\$6.50 pp)

### St Simons Lighthouse Museum

*Monday-Saturday / 10:00 am - 5:00 pm / Sunday 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm / Last climb 4:30 pm*

[www.saintsimonslighthouse.org](http://www.saintsimonslighthouse.org) (\$4-8 pp)

### Maritime Center/Museum

*Monday-Saturday / 10:00 am - 5:00 pm / Sunday 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm / Closed for lunch*

[www.saintsimonslighthouse.org](http://www.saintsimonslighthouse.org) (\$4-8 pp)

### **Day Two:**

Begin day two with breakfast on St. Simons Island before visiting the site where Fort Frederica's troops defeated the Spanish, ensuring Georgia's future as a British colony. Then travel a short distance down Frederica Road for a walk beneath the very oaks John and Charles Wesley preached, before they returned to England to help found the Methodist Church. End day two by touring the Arthur J. Moore Methodist Museum and explore the grounds of Epworth By The Sea along the bend in the Frederica River, another great location to view a sunset.

### Fort Frederica National Monument

*7 days a week / 9:00 am - 5:00 pm / Tour the grounds and watch a video*

[www.nps.gov/fofr/](http://www.nps.gov/fofr/) (\$3 pp)

### Historic Christ Church Cemetery

*Self guided tour / Historic plaques / Walk around the grounds and cemetery*

[www.christchurchfrederica.org](http://www.christchurchfrederica.org) (Free)

### Arthur J. Moore Methodist Museum

*Tuesday-Saturday / 10:00 am - 4:00 pm / Tour the museum*

[www.mooremethodistmuseum.org](http://www.mooremethodistmuseum.org) (Free, donations welcome)

### **Day Three:**

The final day takes you onto Jekyll Island (\$5 toll) to discover why the Jekyll Island National Historic Landmark District is a one of the largest, ongoing restoration projects in the southeastern United States. We recommend spending the rest of

the afternoon exploring the island's other historic sites (Horton House, the Island's oldest tree and others) and grabbing lunch at one of the many restaurants with a view. In the evening, complete your weekend history tour of the Golden Isles with a visit to the Historic Ritz Theatre in downtown Brunswick. Once there, shop and dine along Newcastle Street and catch yet another beautiful sunset along Mary Ross Waterfront Park, beside hard-working shrimp boats that have been tucked in for the night.

#### Jekyll Island Museum

*Daily / 9:00 am - 5:00 pm / Tour museum and watch a video about Jekyll Island*  
[www.jekyllisland.com](http://www.jekyllisland.com) (Free, Suggested donation)

#### Historic District Tram Tour

*Daily / 9:00 am - 5:00 pm / Take the "Passport to the Century" tour*  
[www.jekyllisland.com](http://www.jekyllisland.com) (\$7-16 pp)

#### Historic Downtown Brunswick/Historic Ritz Theatre

*Check calendar for events at the Ritz / Shop and dine historic downtown Brunswick*  
[www.goldenisesarts.org](http://www.goldenisesarts.org) (Free)