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Though the Georgia coast is a mere 110 miles long, a wealth of historic beauty?natural and manmade?lies between the Savannah and St. Mary's Rivers. The last-settled and poorest of the original thirteen colonies of the United States, Georgia is a unique combination of war-torn history and genteel character.Here you'll find stories of Civil War soldiers, pioneers and settlers, Native Americans, seafarers and pirates (including Blackbeard), and even a ghost or two.

Some of the places you'll visit:

- First Presbyterian Church, where smugglers hoisted a horse into the belfry to divert the townspeople's attention from their nefarious activities.
- St. Simons Lighthouse, one of America's oldest continuously working lighthouses and home to the ghost of keeper Frederick Osborne, whose footsteps can be heard in the tower at night.
- Jekyll Island Club, an elegant, posh retreat established in 1886 by some of the wealthiest families in America, including the Astors, Rockefellers, and Vanderbilts.

These and other lighthouses, plantations, churches, forts, and summer cottages of wealthy Northerners and Southerners alike stand as testaments to the rich and provocative history of this, the most Southern of Southern states. Each site is illustrated with a full color painting.



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