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# Island Adventure

SOUTH GEORGIA'S ST. SIMONS ISLAND DELIVERS A PERFECT WEEKEND AWAY FOR THE GUYS WITH ENDLESS BEACHES, GOLF, SPORT FISHING, KAYAKING, AND MARSH EXPLORATION.

BY MICHAEL SOLENDER



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**T**he most difficult problem buddy trippers encounter when taking a road trip to Georgia's St. Simons Island is deciding how to spend their vacation time amongst the many choices awaiting them. St. Simons is the most westerly island on the eastern seaboard making for tidal shifts up to 12 feet every six hours. This creates a corresponding ecosystem that is a delight for birders, boaters and fishermen. This Golden Isle is packed with outdoor adventures including five championship golf courses, tidal marshes teeming with sport fish, more than 70 miles of paved bike trails, pristine broad beaches, paddle boarding, boating or simply relaxing and enjoying some of the area's best lowcountry cuisine. Only 330 miles from SouthPark, it's an easy 4.5 hour drive. St. Simons is within ready reach for guys on the hunt for golf trips, father/son getaways, or even a truly special bachelor party destination.





## WHERE TO STAY

A true gem of Southern hospitality, The King and Prince Beach and Golf Resort tops more "Best of" lists than any other local property and for good reason. The largest resort on St. Simons, the K&P has entertained notables for nearly eight decades. Yet they retain a small, boutique feel with an attentive staff. Their 2014 multi-million dollar atrium lobby, restaurant and bar renovation offers guys a welcome backdrop for planning daily outings. Multiple bedroom, full kitchen equipped villas and adjacent property island homes are available for the complete guy-bonding experience. [www.kingandprince.com](http://www.kingandprince.com)

## WHAT TO DO

Sport fishermen are truly in an ocean paradise at St. Simons as its geographic location provides for some the best fishing on the east coast. Explore tidal marsh areas by kayak or paddle board, or man-up and charter a day boat for a full-on ocean experience. Make your first stop SouthEast Adventure Outfitters ([www.southeastadventure.com](http://www.southeastadventure.com)) where the crew will hook you up with rentals or even arrange for overnight excursions.

Golfers need look no further than the K&P's renowned resort course. *Golf Georgia* called this Joe Lee designed track a "truly indigenous masterpiece." An interior grouping of four marsh framed

holes on the inward nine make this a special outing. Four additional courses dot the tiny island including the venerable Sea Palms Resort course. [www.kingandprince.com/georgia-golf-resort.aspx](http://www.kingandprince.com/georgia-golf-resort.aspx)

And guys shouldn't miss an opportunity to soak up some local history and lore of the island. No one is better equipped to tell it than Cap Fendig. A lifelong island resident and Coast Guard Master Captain, Fendig offers dolphin, fishing and boating tours on local waters. On land, his Lighthouse Trolley will thrill the guys with tales of the Battle of Bloody Marsh, now site of the smallest National Park in the U.S., and even ghost tours including the famed Christ Church cemetery. [www.capfendig.com](http://www.capfendig.com)





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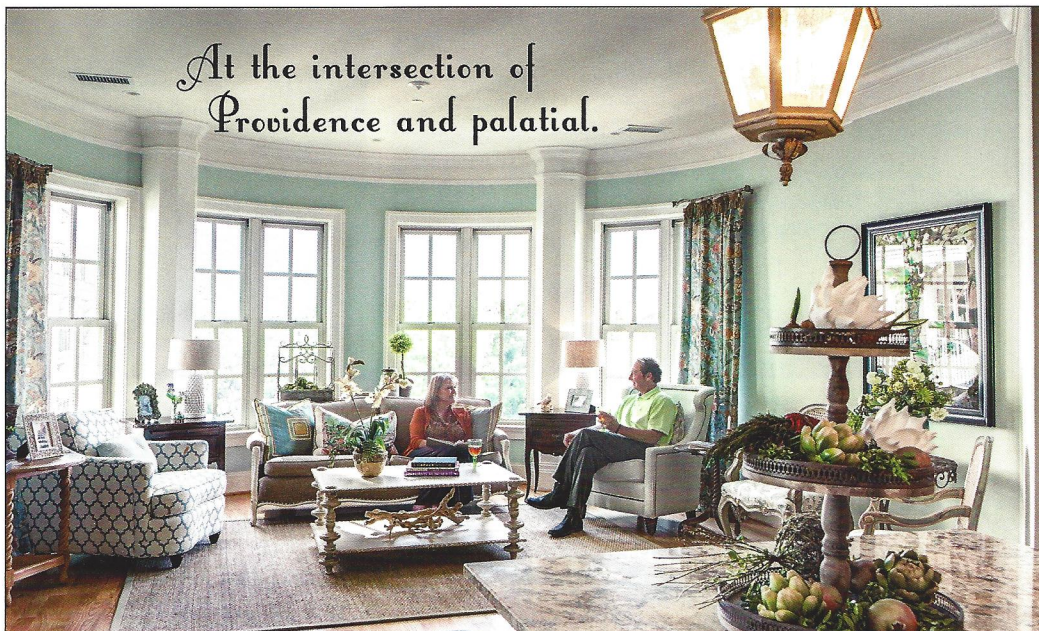


## WHERE TO EAT

Hungry fellows looking for a low-country feast find it at the island's only oceanfront dining, Echo restaurant ([www.echostsimons.com](http://www.echostsimons.com)). Surf, turf, and farm-to-fork local specialties including day boat grouper, Georgia white shrimp and grits and the area's finest steaks are all expertly paired with top shelf wines and local microbrews. Pizza lovers must stop at Sal's Neighborhood Pizzeria ([www.salsneighborhoodpizzeria.com](http://www.salsneighborhoodpizzeria.com)) where New Jersey

pie guy Sal Cenicola, a former lightweight champion boxer, is in the ring. Cenicola sparred with Roberto Duran and Sylvester Stalone, but it's his signature pies that will knock you out.

When you're in St. Simons, the place to go for barbecue is Southern Soul ([www.southernsoulbbq.com](http://www.southernsoulbbq.com)). Ribs and brisket keep the hungriest guys at bay but don't miss the crunchy on the outside, soft and buttery on the inside hushpuppies. 🍷



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