

Sapelo Island, Georgia, USA

One of America's most protected and least-visited barrier islands, Sapelo is home to a living Gullah-Geechee community, a candy-striped lighthouse, and wild beaches unmarked by development.

Ferry/tender arrival — no cruise pier

Typical call: 4-6 hrs

USD — bring cash

English (Geechee dialect in Hog Hammock)

Insects intense spring–fall — DEET essential

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: No cruise pier — small ships anchor offshore or tender; access via Georgia DNR state ferry from Meridian, GA

Best For: Gullah-Geechee culture, undeveloped beaches, historic lighthouse, nature & birding

Walk to Center: Marsh Landing dock to Hog Hammock ~3 miles; golf cart or tour bus needed

Don't Miss: Hog Hammock heritage tour, Sapelo Lighthouse climb, Nanny Goat Beach shelling

Getting around: Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Hog Hammock Gullah-Geechee Heritage Tour** — Walk the last intact Gullah-Geechee community on Sapelo with a descendant guide.
- Sapelo Lighthouse** — Built in 1820 and fully restored in 1998, the candy-striped brick lighthouse is one of the oldest on the Georgia coast.
- Nanny Goat Beach** — A wide, pristine stretch of white sand backed by natural dunes and sea oats on the island's southeast tip.
- Tabby Ruins — Chocolate Plantation** — At the island's remote north end, the oyster-shell tabby ruins of Thomas Spalding's 19th-century cotton plantation and...
- Native Shell Rings & Wildlife Walk** — Sapelo's Native American shell rings — circular middens dating back 4,500 years — are among the oldest evidence of...

BEST WALKS

- Hog Hammock Village Walk** ~0.5 miles · Easy · Cultural — If you arrive with a tour group or private guide, walk the unpaved lanes of Hog Hammock to see St.
- Nanny Goat Beach Stroll** ~1 mile · Easy · Beach — Once at the beach pavilion (golf cart or tour bus required to reach it), walk south along the undeveloped Atlantic shoreline.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	75°	62°	9d
Jun	86°	75°	17d
Aug	87°	77°	22d
Sep	83°	74°	16d
Oct	78°	66°	9d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:56AM–7:53PM · Jun 6:20AM–8:31PM · Aug 6:50AM–8:07PM · Sep 7:09AM–7:30PM · Oct 7:28AM–6:52PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bugs are brutal. No-see-ums, yellow flies, and mosquitoes are relentless from spring through fall. Pack DEET or Picaridin spray.

Sapelo Island, Georgia, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve

Discover vital estuarine ecosystems and coastal research.

3 Sapelo Island Wildlife Management Area

Observe diverse wildlife in protected island habitats.

2 Sapelo Lighthouse

Visit a historic, restored lighthouse offering island views.

P Cruise port / terminal