

St Simons Island, Georgia, USA

One of Georgia's storied Golden Isles, St Simons pairs colonial history with maritime live-oak beauty — a beloved small-ship stop where Spanish moss, wild shrimp, and a Victorian lighthouse share the same village.

 Small ship / tender port

 Typical call: 6-8 hrs

 USD

 English

 Golden Isles

📅 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Small ships only — Brunswick Landing Marina (mainland) or Morningstar Marina (island); occasional tender to Pier Village

Walk to center: 0 min if tendered to St Simons Pier; taxi/shuttle required from either marina

Best For: History buffs, coastal walkers, seafood lovers, wildlife spotters

Don't Miss: Climbing St Simons Lighthouse & hunting the Tree Spirits carved into live oaks

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  \$26–\$32 ·  **Rideshare**  Uber, Lyft ·  **Hop-on hop-off**  Anchor Trolley

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **St Simons Lighthouse Climb** — Climb 129 steps to the top of this active 1872 lighthouse for sweeping 360-degree views of the Golden Isles.
- **Fort Frederica & Christ Church** — Visit the 1736 British fort that helped secure Georgia from Spanish Florida, then walk next door to Christ Church...
- **Little St Simons Island Day Trip** — Take a small boat to this privately managed, pristine barrier island — 11,000 acres of maritime forest, salt marsh, and...
- **Island Trolley Narrated Tour** — The most efficient way to cover the island's highlights in limited time — Pier Village, the lighthouse, Fort Frederica...
- **Dolphin & Marsh Boat Tour** — Cruise St Simons Sound and the Marshes of Glynn with a naturalist guide.

BEST WALKS

- **Pier Village Loop** 0.5 mi · Easy · 20 min — From the St Simons Pier, walk the waterfront promenade, browse shops and galleries, and check out the lighthouse from outside before...
- **Tree Spirits Hunt** 1.5 mi · Easy · 45-60 min — Pick up a free map at the Pier Village Welcome Center and follow the trail hunting for eleven faces carved into surviving live oak...

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pack bug spray — the island has legendary "no-see-ums" (sand gnats), especially in spring and fall. Standard DEET may not work; locals swear by Avon Skin So Soft or dedicated...
- Georgia tides swing 9 feet — East Beach shrinks dramatically at high tide and expands into vast sandbars at low. Check the tide chart before heading to the beach.
- Order the wild Georgia shrimp — Iguanas Seafood and Barbara Jean's in Pier Village both serve them. This is Georgia's signature ingredient and far superior to imported...