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Make a Splash at the 10 Best Beaches in Georgia
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History, landscapes, and photo-ops make these beaches the Peach State's best.

Whether you prefer to lounge lakeside with friends or dive into the chilly Atlantic Ocean, Georgia provides plenty of beaches for those eager to make a splash.

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Sea Camp Beach on Cumberland Island

 (Ferry departs from St. Marys, Georgia)

Sea Camp Beach is a campground located on Georgia's Cumberland Island, and is the perfect getaway for the adventurous at heart. Keep in mind that Cumberland Island can only be reached by boat or ferry. Thick woods and sand dunes allow for an escape to nature with a relaxing beachside view.

INSIDER TIP *Camping by the beach comes with a lengthy set of restrictions, so be sure to familiarize yourself with them before your trip.*

Acworth Beach

A popular lake beach in Georgia, Acworth is located in Cauble Park. Here you can swim, fish, or go boating. Although it's hours from the ocean, you'll be so relaxed by its stretches of fine sand that you won't miss the Atlantic too much.
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Driftwood Beach

Easily one of Georgia's most scenic beaches (and a popular spot for weddings), Driftwood Beach on Jekyll Island has a uniquely charming landscape; the gnarled driftwood trees on its shores are something out of Pan's Labyrinth and have been weathered over many years. The island is part of Georgia's Golden Isles and is mostly meant for strolling and taking in the scenery, rather than swimming.

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North Beach

A short drive from downtown Savannah, Tybee Island's North Beach provides ample space for long strolls. North Beach will probably look familiar as it has been featured in many films, most recently the big-screen version of *Baywatch*. The Tybee Beach Pier and Pavilion, one of the island's most popular attractions, is just south of the beach.
PHOTO:Courtesy of Visit Tybee

East Beach

Serving as one of the premier beaches on St. Simons Island, people flock to East Beach during the warmer months for sunbathing and water sports. Due to its hard-packed sand, the beach is highly accommodating to cyclists.

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Robin Lake Beach

Located on the Callaway Gardens resort and property, Robin Lake Beach is open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. You'll find activities to keep you busy your entire visit, including giant chess and checkers and table tennis. And for those who can't resist the urge to check their email, the beach pavilion here provides Wi-Fi access. PHOTO:Skerple/Shutterstock

Paradise Beach

Buford's <u>Paradise Beach</u> is part of Margaritaville at Lanier Islands, making this destination a one-stop-shop for beachgoers. Enjoy a game of beach volleyball, grab an ice-cold brew, and race down a waterslide at this Georgia destination. A five-story outdoor screen that projects music videos keeps the party going all day long.

PHOTO:Courtesy of Lake Lanier Islands

Glory Beach

Don't let its claim to fame dissuade—<u>Glory Beach</u>, which was featured in the 1989 American war film *Glory,* is ideal for taking in some peace and quiet. The movie's producers actually built a walkway across the freshwater pools and sand dunes here, which are still in use today. Neighboring the beach is a soccer complex.
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St. Andrews Beach

Break out a pair of binoculars (and lots of patience) at <u>St. Andrews Beach</u>, which is known for its dolphin sightings. Wildlife lovers will be pleased to learn that this Georgia beach is also known for its bird-watching. There's even a two-story wildlife viewing platform, which provides a great space for observing and snapping photos. PHOTO:Courtesy of GoldenIsles.com

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INSIDER TIP*St. Andrews beach is pet-friendly, so you don't have to leave your beloved furry friends at home.*

Coast Guard Station Beach

Enjoy the sunshine and a little history at <u>Coast Guard Station Beach</u> on St. Simon's. Named after the coast guard station at the entrance, the beach is also home to the new World War II Home Front Museum, which details the contributions those in Brunswick and St. Simons made during World War II.
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