



Saint Simons Island: Living it up at the King and Prince

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In just a few hours drive from Atlanta you will land on the island of Saint Simons – one of many that form the Golden Isles along the Georgian coast. Along a semi-secluded stretch of the shoreline is nestled the King and Prince Beach and Golf Resort – Saint Simons' crowning glory and a member of the Historical Hotels of America, one of only six properties in the state. The island offers an enticing mix of natural beauty, rich history, quaint charm and fair weather all year round but the resort holds its own appeal, offering a 24/7 view of and private access to the beach, crowned by a sea-side pool. Early morning walks on the beach are no more

a dream. Better yet, choose one of the oceanfront rooms for your stay and you can hear the sound of the waves all day and night.

Built in 1935, the resort operated as a naval training facility and radar station during World War II. Previously a popular dance club, it was restored to its original glamour and remodeled as a luxury resort. Several stained glass windows around the resort speak volumes of the historic events witnessed at this venue. Make sure you see all nine. The King and Prince is also just minutes away from sight-seeing near the village pier's Lighthouse Museum and Christ Church Frederica. Hit up a night-time ghost tour with Lighthouse Trolleys or a historic Colonial Island trolley tour to learn more about this magical place.

Fishing is welcome and encouraged on the island, too. You can opt for Credle's Adventures dolphin tour or sail out on a shrimping trip aboard the Lady Jane. Staying active is easy. Bikes, kayaks and stand-up paddle boards can be rented from local outfitters. Golf on your mind? Then you've come to one of Georgia's finest at the King and Prince. Luxuriously designed amidst ancient oaks and vast salt marshes, it is one of the hottest golfing destinations in the nation.

Of course, a coastal location guarantees fresh coastal cuisine and there are options aplenty to keep your appetite at bay. ECHO is the resort's newly remodeled oceanfront restaurant. An open kitchen





offers up a fresh, contemporary take on an easy-going vibe that only island-time can offer. Grab a meal under the stars on the patio adjacent to the pool and almost on the ocean itself at peak tide times. With broad, sweeping views of the ocean, ECHO offers a delectable menu be it breakfast, lunch or dinner. Chef James Flack believes in keeping it local and nurturing long relationships with purveyors so be it the quail or the steak, shrimp and grits or desserts, rest assured chef knows where it was sourced and has added his special spin to the preparation and presentation. Personal lunch favorites were the scallops with crispy poached egg and the black grouper sandwich with peach barbecue sauce. Sugar lovers, be sure to have the peach melba crumble and s'mores bomb.

If you decide to dine out on the town, Chef Dave Snyder has you covered with his sister restaurants Halyards and Tramici. Hal-

yards offers a higher-end experience with a casual and lounge ambience that adds to the fine-dining mood. Start with the fresh and crunchy Asian influenced tuna tartar or veal/beef minced smooth meatloaf bites. Entrees on the menu include such offerings as fish tacos, beef and cashew stir fry, coconut red curry risotto and more. And everything here is made from scratch. Tramici, on the other hand, plays more to the role of neighborhood hangout, with an indoor and outdoor courtyard-style seating space, and Italian fare that's flavorful and fragrant, simple and appetizing.

It shouldn't take much more convincing than that for you to drive out on your own Saint Simons adventure or for a relaxing family vacation at the King and Prince. No matter the event, a large conference or an intimate wedding, an annual family reunion or a girlfriend's getaway, the resort affords scenic views and superior accommodations to make your trip truly memorable.

Details

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