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Tybee Island Stands Apart as a Destination for Family-Friendly Fun

TYBEE ISLAND, Ga. – Looking for the perfect place to spend a much-deserved family vacation? Planning a family reunion? Look no further than Tybee Island, a family-friendly destination nestled like a glittering jewel along the Georgia coast.

This 2.7-square-mile barrier island, which was recently named one of America's "Best Beaches for Families" by *Parents* magazine, proudly offers more family fun than any other beachfront haven in the Southeast. Tybee Island is an ideal place to ride bikes, collect shells, hike, swim, fish, sunbathe, jet ski, parasail, surf or kayak. However families choose to spend their days, they always appreciate the authentic, old-fashioned sense of community that defines Tybee Island.

On this casual coastal island, families can renew, recharge and reconnect. After all, the most valuable commodity these days is time. On Tybee Island, time seems to slow down, making each moment families spend together more memorable and more precious.

Head down to the American Legion for a round of bingo or walk over to the Sugar Shack to enjoy decadent ice cream sundaes. Climb up the winding steps of the Tybee Island Lighthouse for spectacular views of the surrounding Lowcountry or paddle over to Little Tybee Island to experience nature at its most pristine.

The fun never stops on Tybee, all year round. Here is a quick overview of some of the unforgettable family-friendly highlights that make this coastal haven so special:

ATTRACTIONS AND MUSEUMS:

Fort Pulaski National Monument

U.S. Hwy. 80 East
912.786.5787

www.nps.gov/fopu

Tour a 19th-century military fort, which played a key role in the Civil War, and explore nature trails at this 5,700-acre national park.

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Tybee Island Lighthouse and Museum

30 Meddin Drive

912.786.5801

www.tybeelighthouse.org

Visit Georgia's oldest and tallest lighthouse, plus learn about four centuries of Tybee history at the adjacent Tybee Museum.

Tybee Island Marine Science Center

14th Street, next to the Tybee Island Pier and Pavilion

912.786.5917 or 866.557.9172

www.tybeemarinescience.org

Enjoy touch tanks, marine ecology displays, beach discovery walks, turtle talks and much more.

WATERSPORTS:

Tybee Island Parasailing/Watersports

Lazaretto Creek Marina

912.675.6195

www.tybeeislandparasail.com

Parasailing plus a wide range of watersports.

Tybee Island Jet Ski & Watersports

1 Old Tybee Rd., U.S. 80

912.786.8062 or 877.9JETSKI

www.tybeejetski.com

Jet ski, boat and kayak rentals.

KAYAKING:

North Island Surf & Kayak

1C Old Hwy. 80

912.786.4000

www.northislandkayak.com

Kayak rentals and sales, plus surfboards and stand-up paddleboards.

Sea Kayak Georgia

1102 U.S. Hwy. 80

912.786.8732

888.529.2542

www.seakayakgeorgia.com

Guided kayaking tours daily, no experience necessary. Instruction provided for all skill levels.

Tybee Island Jet Ski & Watersports

1 Old Tybee Rd., U.S. 80

912.786.8062

877.9JETSKI

www.tybeejetski.com

Kayak rentals and fun for all levels of paddlers.

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NATURE TOURS:

Adventure Sundial Fishing & Nature Tours

142 Pelican Drive

912.786-9470

www.sundialcharters.net

Enjoy informative eco-tours with a captain and master naturalist. Specialties include birding, beachcombing, fossil hunting and dolphin viewing.

Alligators Galore Tours

912.695.2305

www.alligatorsgalore.com

Explore secluded beaches and uninhabited islands. Cruise rivers and creeks by boat or kayak.

Capt. Derek's Dolphin Adventure

Lazaretto Creek (at the foot of the bridge)

912.658.2322 or 877.648.9233

www.tybeedolphinadventure.com

See wild dolphins in local waterways, plus local landmarks like Fort Pulaski, the Tybee Island Lighthouse and Cockspur Lighthouse.

Captain Mike's Dolphin Tours

1 Old US-Hwy. 80

912.786.5848 or 800.242.0166

www.tybeedolphins.com

Enjoy dolphin tours, sunset cruises, and inshore and deep sea fishing. As featured on the Discovery Channel, Good Morning America, the Today show and *Southern Living*.

Sweet Lowland Tours

Departs from A-J's Dockside Restaurant and Marina

912.786.0215

www.sweetlowlandtybeetours.com

Nature, history, dolphin and sightseeing tours, plus trips to nearby Daufuskie Island, Wassaw Island and Savannah.

FISHING CHARTERS:

Marshland Inshore Fishing Adventures

Crab Shack at Chimney Creek

912.308.7878

www.marshlandadventures.com

Inshore light tackle fishing specialists.

Tybee Island Bait & Tackle

4-F Old Hwy. 80

912.786.7472

www.tybeeislandbaitandtackle.com

Fishing charters, boat rentals, bait and tackle and more.

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Tybee Island Charters

Lazaretto Creek

912.786.4801

www.fishtybee.com

Deep sea fishing, inshore fishing, sightseeing tours, birding trips and ecotours.

ABOUT TYBEE ISLAND:

Tybee Island, Georgia, a historic island located just 20 minutes east of historic downtown Savannah, is an ideal year-round coastal destination for couples, families, meetings and more. Steeped in tradition and natural beauty, Tybee Island is home to several notable forts, informative museums, a historic lighthouse complex and miles of pristine beaches. Rich in relaxed style, Tybee Island also features a blend of eclectic art galleries, charming shops and exceptional restaurants. For more information about Tybee Island, please visit www.tybeevisit.com online or call 912.786.5444.

Tybee Island's Most Recent Accolades:

- “Best Beaches for Families” – *Parents Magazine*
- Top 10 Vacation Rental Hotspots for 2010 - TripAdvisor
- Top 10 City Beaches in America - AOL
- #1 Healthiest Beach in America - *Health Magazine*
- “Readers' Choice Best Beach” - *Georgia Magazine*
- “Best One Tank Trip” - *Atlanta Journal Constitution*
- “Best Beach Retreat” - *Creative Loafing Atlanta*
- Bicycle Friendly Community – League of American Bicyclists

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