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Tybee Island Is Georgia's "Easy to Reach Beach"

TYBEE ISLAND, Ga. – Welcome to Tybee Island, Georgia's easy to reach beach!

As gasoline prices continue to rise, visitors appreciate the fact that this coastal island paradise is conveniently located less than a tank of gas away from Atlanta, Macon, Augusta and other cities in the region. Tybee proudly offers five miles of sandy public beaches, endless ocean breezes and a laid-back island vibe.

"There's never been a better time to visit Tybee Island than right now," says Lindsay Fruchtl, marketing director of the Tybee Island Tourism Council. "The island warmly welcomes visitors from across the Southeast and around the world. We're proud to share the best of the Tybee lifestyle with guests from near and far."

Located just 20 minutes east of historic Savannah, this authentic Southern beach town boasts plenty of fresh seafood, sunshine and family-friendly fun all year-round. Tybee offers an old-fashioned vacation experience, complete with beaches and bikes. It's the kind of place where visitors can kick off their shoes, let their hair down and exhale. It's also the kind of place where kids can ride their bikes to a local ice cream parlor and where families can spend precious quality time together.

"Tybee is unhurried and uncrowded," raves best-selling author Mary Kay Andrews, who owns a beach cottage on the island and has written several popular novels about Tybee. "Tybee Island is the perfect place to go when you crave a slower, simpler pace."

Discover quaint beach cottages, historic lighthouses and palm trees on this barrier island haven. Watch pelicans soaring overhead and dolphins swimming just off shore. Savor wild Georgia shrimp, brought in fresh daily from local shrimp boats along Lazaretto Creek, and sip a frosty beverage as the sun sets over the marsh. Dig your toes in the sand or cast a fishing line on a charter boat excursion.

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However visitors choose to spend their time on Tybee Island, they are sure to have an authentic beach town experience. Tybee has plenty of charming boutiques, exceptional eateries, vibrant art galleries and activities to fill the day, from dawn to dusk. Active vacationers will want to try their hand at kayaking, parasailing, jet skiing and paddle boarding.

“Take the time to experience all that Tybee Island has to offer,” says Fruchtl. “Park your car and ride your bike everywhere to get in touch with the laid-back Tybee lifestyle. Whether you’re planning a romantic escape or a family reunion, Tybee is the ultimate year-round Southern beach getaway.”

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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