

The Gateway to Cumberland Island, the enchanting storybook town of St. Marys, Georgia beckons with charming inns, alluring waters, and breathtaking vistas. Come discover antebellum mansions, fascinating museums, forgotten battles, and succulent coastal cuisine. See for yourself why people say, “you may leave St. Marys, but St. Marys will never leave you.”

Escape to Romance, History, & Adventure

St. Marys, Georgia

Where Coastal Beauty and History Meet

What is new at Cumberland Island National Seashore:

- Motorized guided “north end tours” are planned to begin mid-2011. These tours will be given by park service staff and will allow guests to cover much more of the island than what they could see hiking on their own for a day trip



What is new in St. Marys:

- St. Marys Film Museum presented by the Coastal Georgia Film Society will open April 16, 2011. Planned hours are Saturday and Sunday from 11am – 5pm
- Cumberland Sound Ferry serves as the Florida/Georgia East Coast Greenway Connection. Pre-arranged group ferry service to Fernandina Beach with or without bikes is now available. Service is also provided for annual festival dates
- New experiential Welcome Center includes history, art, and kids scavenger hunt
- Camden County is designated as a Camera Ready Community by the State of Georgia



St. Marys Classic Museums and Attractions:

- St. Marys Aquatic Center – season opens April 30, 2011
- Orange Hall Antebellum house museum circa 1839. Open daily for tours. Greek Revival architecture



- St. Marys Submarine Museum offers memorabilia and artifacts from World War I to present
- Skydiving at the St. Marys Airport
- Cumberland Island National Seashore Museum - Exhibits of the Carnegie lifestyle and the flora and fauna of Cumberland Island National Seashore plus artifacts for the Forgotten Battle - the last battle of the War of 1812. The final battle took place in St. Marys in 1815

- Oak Grove Cemetery - Soldiers from every War up to the Gulf War. Oldest marked grave is 1801. Includes a section of Acadians
- Historic one hour “doodlebug” tour of downtown St. Marys

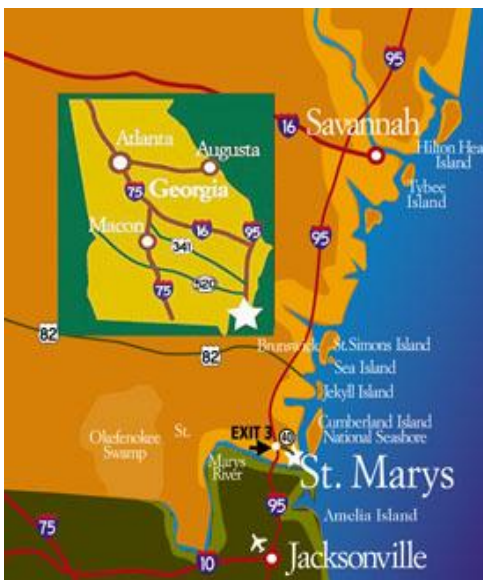
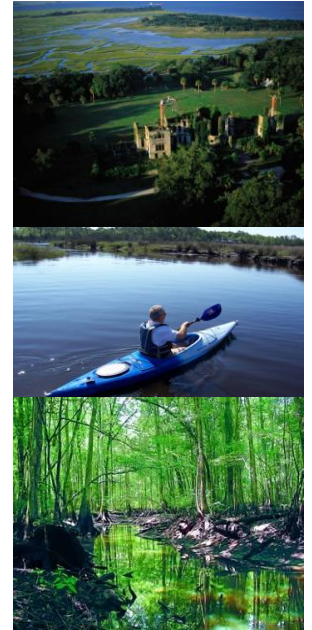
Story Ideas:

- Kayaking, skydiving, inshore and off shore fishing
- Wildlife: birding, sea turtles, manatees, wild boars, water otters and more
- Last Battle Fought in the War of 1812
- The Carnegie lifestyle on Cumberland Island
- Culinary Stories on the variety of food choices and St. Marys famous Rock Shrimp

- Tragic Acadians who sought refuge in St. Marys. Historic cemetery.
- The Cumberland Island Quarter that will be minted in 2018
- Stories on the new Cumberland Island Transportation Plan
- Festivals: Mardi Gras, Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes, Independence Day, and Rock Shrimp
- Camera Ready Community designation. A feature film and two TV pilots have been recently filmed. A music video was filmed on Cumberland Island

Trip Extenders:

Day trip to Okefenokee Swamp, Jekyll Island, St. Simons Island, Sapelo Island and Savannah all within an hour and a half drive from St. Marys, Georgia



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