

Top 5 Golf Courses for a Girls Weekend

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Sea Island, Georgia

Not only does [Sea Island](#) have [three of the nation's top golf courses](#), it also boasts four of the top 20 golf instructors in the U.S., including PGA/LPGA-certified instructor [Gale Peterson](#), who offers more than 30 years of golf-education experience working with beginners to tour players. Want to perfect your pitch shot? Peterson's your gal -- a warm and encouraging personality to help bring ladies up to par. Whichever course at Sea Island players choose to spend the day on, Peterson makes perfecting the game fun and engaging and says, "Similar to wine tastings, Sea Island gives you golf tastings -- there's something here for everyone."

Three courses appeal to beginners to the intermediate, with different tee boxes for different skill levels. The par-72 [Plantation Course](#) means shots onto the green aren't high, lofted shots; it's a great course for new players. The par-70 [Seaside Course](#) offers only one forced carry to get over the water on the signature hole 13 on the back nine; a fairway with bunkers down the right side with a marsh on the left side makes for a memorable and picturesque experience. The par-72 [Retreat Course](#), designed by Davis Love III and brother Mark Love, has wider fairways with larger greens that equal putting more often.

Off the green, Sea Island Resort offers high-end golf equipment, so players don't have to bring their own; luxury accommodations; and the [Cloister Spa and Fitness Center](#), with 65,000 square feet of pure luxury. Don't miss the popular post-golf spot, the Oak Room, for happy hour or the Georgian Room for fine dining. Or sit seaside overlooking the dunes at the Atlantic.



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