



## **TIMELESS SOUTHERN CHARM, CHARACTER MARKS SPECTACULAR CLOISTER AT SEA ISLAND**

SEA ISLAND, GA – Originally intended as a temporary, “friendly little inn,” in 1928, the Mediterranean-style oasis of terra cotta roofs, sunlit garden patios and old-world elegance of the Forbes Five-Star Cloister make it one of the country’s most beloved hotels.

The resort emerged from an extensive rebuild in 2006, which included the replacement of the original Cloister building. With many of its significant architectural features being preserved and relocated into the new, with the 2016 addition of 63 rooms in the new Garden Wing, today’s Cloister offers 265 elegant guest rooms and suites that overlook the Black Banks River, Atlantic Ocean or lush coastal environment.

The Georgian Room, one of nine restaurants that make Sea Island a premier culinary destination, has annually received the Forbes Five-Star award since 2008. The River Bar features easily shared classics in a casual setting overlooking the tidal Black Banks River and picturesque Marshes of Glynn.

Situated across from The Cloister, the Sea Island Beach Club overlooks Sea Island’s five miles of private Atlantic Ocean beach. It features three swimming pools, private cabanas, beach and lawn activities, and Sea Island Kids, a rallying point for Camp Cloister and children’s activities. For dining, the Beach Club also offers casual experiences at Southern Tide, overlooking the ocean, at the Snack Shack, and the Wonderland Sweet Shop.

The Cloister Ocean Residences include one-, two- and three-bedroom residences featuring open kitchens and balconies with ocean and marsh views, offering breathtaking views of Sea Island’s private beach and natural surroundings.

Cloister guest rooms and suites are exquisitely appointed with handmade Turkish rugs, luxurious bed linens and stone baths with deep-soaking tubs.

Located beneath the Colonial Lounge staircase, The Cloister Wine Cellar exudes old-world character from the antique oak ceilings, brick-lined arches, wrought iron chandeliers and long tapered candelabras, including more than 10,000 bottles and 1,000 labels of Old World and New World vintages. For private parties, the Wine Cellar is available for special seatings of eight to 14 guests.

The Sea Island Shop is one part of a half-dozen elegant stores featuring fine labels, specialty clothing lines and charming mementos that enhance lasting memories of this legendary American resort.

Among treasured Cloister traditions are nighttime Bingo games, Camp Cloister, and Gold Brick sundaes. The planting of live oaks to commemorate visits from presidents and royalty to Sea Island has been a revered tradition begun by President Calvin Coolidge in 1928.

With rich stories and artifacts that date back almost 90 years, The Cloister at Sea Island is the unequivocal grande dame of historic American hotels. Lured by privacy, impeccable service, elegance, and a tranquil setting, noteworthy guests have included seven U.S. presidents, royalty, sporting legends, and generations of families who return to Sea Island year after year.

While its grand history and multigenerational traditions remain in place, The Cloister has entered a new era as an American icon for the 21st century. To make reservations at The Cloister at Sea Island, call 855-231-6761 or visit the web site at [www.seaisland.com](http://www.seaisland.com).

## **About Sea Island**

Since 1928, Sea Island has been known as an exceptional destination appealing to those who appreciate gracious service and heartfelt hospitality. With four Forbes Five-Star experiences – The Cloister at Sea Island, The Lodge at Sea Island, The Spa at Sea Island, and the Georgian Room restaurant – Sea Island entices families, outdoor enthusiasts, and those simply wanting to refresh. It is the only resort in the world to have received four Forbes Five-Star awards for 13 consecutive years. As the only U.S. resort to host a G-8 Summit of world leaders, Sea Island provides exceptional settings and service for conferences and executive retreats.

Located on the southeastern coast of Georgia, Sea Island features five miles of private beach, a Beach Club, tennis center, Yacht Club, Shooting School, and children’s programs, as well as three championship golf courses, including Seaside and Plantation, home of the PGA TOUR’s RSM Classic. Located on St. Simons Island, The Inn at Sea Island offers casual accommodations with access to many Sea Island amenities. Broadfield, a Sea Island Sporting Club and Lodge, offers seasonal hunting and fishing opportunities.

Sea Island continues to add to its legendary offerings including a bowling alley and pub at the Beach Club and refreshed rooms in The Cloister. Recent enhancements at The Lodge include seven cottages, an oceanfront pool, pool house, an 18-hole putting course, a 17,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art Golf Performance Center, and complete redesign of one of the golf courses by PGA TOUR player and local resident Davis Love III and his brother, Mark Love, of Love Golf Design.

Those seeking adventures in the spirit of the American west may choose to visit The Broadmoor, the other member of the Sea Island family. Opened in 1918 and situated at the gateway to the Colorado Rocky Mountains in Colorado Springs, The Broadmoor is the longest consecutive winner of the Forbes Five-Star and AAA Five-Diamond awards. Like Sea Island, the resort offers guests a unique way to experience one of the country’s most beautiful settings, and is known for its history, tradition, and service excellence.

## **About The Broadmoor – Sea Island Company**

Under one ownership, the historic and independent sister properties of Sea Island in Georgia and The Broadmoor in Colorado offer multifaceted destinations with an array of accommodations, amenities and activities tailored to meet the specific needs and desires of nearly all individual guests and groups. The diversity of experiences, each delivered with the best in service, truly makes this marriage of two iconic luxury resorts one of the most unique in the world. Under the direction of The Broadmoor-Sea Island Company, both properties share best practices, training and development, as well as joint marketing initiatives and combined sales efforts. Between them, these two independent resorts have the unique distinction of holding seven sets of Forbes Five Star awards for service excellence.

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