



## **The Lodge at Sea Island Debuts New Amenities in \$25+ Million Enhancement Project**

*Top-ranked Georgia Resort Unveils New Oceanfront Guest Cottages, Pool, and Pool House*

*Future Enhancements Include New Golf Performance Center and Renovation of Plantation Course*

**SEA ISLAND, Ga. (November 30, 2018)** – Sea Island, a Forbes Five-Star resort on the coast of Georgia, announces the opening of key components of its \$25+ million enhancement program at [The Lodge at Sea Island](#), including six new guest cottages, an 18-hole putting course, an oceanfront pool and pool house, an expanded driving range tee, and a new putting green and short game area. Work on these additions began in December 2017 and debuted during the week of the [RSM Classic](#), an official PGA TOUR event held annually at Sea Island Golf Club.

Built on the western side of The Lodge, the six new guest cottages offer a total of 14 new bedrooms with stunning views of the Atlantic Ocean, ideal for golf groups, corporate groups, couples or multi-generational families. Five of the cottages feature two bedrooms and a living room, and one larger cottage features four bedrooms and a living room. Wide plank hardwood floors, beams, iron lighting and fireplaces create a cozy atmosphere in the living spaces, and bedrooms are adorned with elegant furnishings and charming details including paintings by local artists, custom framed television cabinets, and white marble bathrooms. As with all other accommodations at The Lodge, guests in the cottages will have personal butler service.

Designed by Love Golf Design, a golf course architecture firm founded by Sea Island's own Davis Love III and his brother Mark, the new 18-hole Driftwood putting course on the ocean side of The Lodge opened in summer 2018 and provides a new dimension to the golf experience during the day and evening, perfect for both golfers and non-golfers alike.

To further enhance the guest experience off the course, Sea Island has added an oceanfront pool and pool house that embodies the look and feel of The Lodge, with double fireplaces, a wrap-around porch, food and beverage service, and indoor and outdoor event space.

As part of the next phase of the enhancement program, Sea Island will unveil an all-new 17,000 square-foot Golf Performance Center in early 2019. This state-of-the-art facility will replace the resort's existing Golf Performance Center, widely recognized as one of the finest golf centers in the country. The new facility will feature industry-leading technology, six instruction and club fitting bays, a putting studio designed by world-renowned putting instructor Phil Kenyon – who serves as the Director of Putting Instruction at Sea Island – a full-service golf club workshop, fitness center with locker rooms, spacious retail area, and indoor and outdoor meeting and event spaces.

Additionally, in December 2018, Love Golf Design will embark on a full redesign of Sea Island's Plantation Course, which along with the signature Seaside Course serves as the site of the annual RSM Classic. The Loves intend to draw on the history of the course, using classical architectural features and historical hardscape and landscape elements. They will create new and interesting strategic elements

while retaining the course's character and routing, passed on by previous architects, beginning with Walter Travis' original 1928 design of the golf club's first nine holes. The Plantation Course is expected to reopen in October 2019, ahead of the RSM Classic.

"We are very excited to play a role in the enhancements taking place at The Lodge," said Davis Love III. "Mark and I have been redesigning Plantation in our minds for over 20 years as we have played it."

These enhancements come on the heels of the completion of three new guest rooms with adjoining parlor in The Lodge's main building, along with an expansion of the Trophy Room, a special event space that celebrates Sea Island's rich golf history through unique memorabilia.

"This is another very exciting time at Sea Island," said Scott Steilen, President and CEO of Sea Island. "Rather than resting on our laurels of being consistently ranked among the top hotels in the country, we are taking these steps to transform the overall experience and expand the appeal of The Lodge. When combined with the additional recreational amenities and access to all that Sea Island has to offer, we believe The Lodge will become an unequaled destination for a luxury golf experience or couples getaway."

Reminiscent of an English manor, The Lodge at Sea Island exudes warm Southern charm and hospitality. The intimate boutique hotel, now with 57 rooms, has received top accolades including twice being named the #1 hotel in the country by *U.S. News & World Report*, and receiving the Forbes Five-Star and AAA Five Diamond awards since its opening in 2001.

For additional information on Sea Island or to book a reservation, please visit [www.seaisland.com](http://www.seaisland.com) or call 1-800-SEA-ISLAND.

### **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.

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