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Located six miles off the Georgia Coast, Jekyll Island is one of Georgia’s sea islands known as the “Golden Isles.” This barrier island is connected by causeways through extensive salt marshes, channels, and winding rivers. The coastal islands are characterized by moss-draped live oaks, pines, and beaches. In 1886, a group of America’s wealthiest families, including J.P. Morgan and the Vanderbilt family, purchased Jekyll and made it into a private resort. In 1947 the state of Georgia bought it from the exclusive Jekyll Island Club. The state now mandates that no more than 35 percent of the island ever be developed.

The mandate has resulted in the preservation of much of the island’s natural habitats. Today it provides an excellent way to witness a true barrier island: its ecology, geologic history, and importance in the ecosystem. There’s an abundant year-round bird population on Jekyll, and the island is part of the Atlantic flyway, host to many other species during spring and fall migration.

A full day nearby at Cumberland Island National Seashore, accessible only by boat, provides a wonderful example of island life, the shore teeming with wildlife as wild horses roam over the mansion ruins. Its name is an Indian word meaning “land of the trembling earth.” Okefenokee Swamp is a vast and mysterious place that has remained unchanged for centuries. The narrated boat tour through the swamp and walks on the trails will offer chances to see the endangered Red-cockaded Woodpecker, alligators, and much more. Enjoy southern hospitality, explore the unspoiled natural beauty of the islands, and delight in the freshest seafood.

Join us as we bid farewell to summer and search for birds migrating south to their wintering grounds. Enjoy beautiful scenery, unique experiences, and wonderful spectacles of birds, all while taking part in a unique small group setting that will result in many great memories!