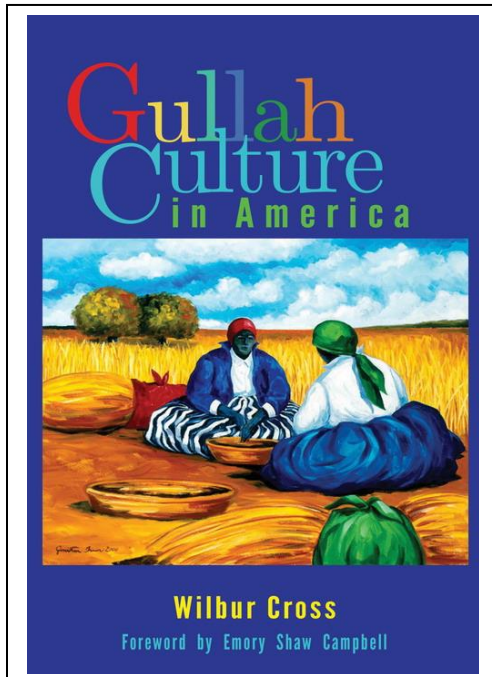


## Hike, Kayak and Camp: The Coastal Islands of Georgia

### Quietly Kept, Wild, and Astoundingly Diverse

Overall: The Georgia coastal islands and towns are deeply connected to U.S. history from before the Revolutionary War to the present. See what has drawn freedom-seekers, armies, navies, environmentalists, the unique West-African Gullah culture, pioneers, the U.S. National Park Service, and some of America's most famous entrepreneurs and titans (Thomas Edison, the



Carnegies, Henry Ford, the Kennedys) to visit and own and settle among these incredibly scenic and diverse shores over the centuries and to the present day.

Days 1-3. Gather in Savannah, GA. – Travel to Gullah Hamlets.

As the major port to Georgia, one of the original 13 Colonies, Savannah boasts a rich history concerning Pirates, pre-Revolutionary War, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, and beyond. Visit and learn about the Gullah people who still live in pockets along the Carolina and Georgia coast and their unique West African based language and culture.

Days 4-9. Sapelo Island Scout Coastal Ocean Kayaking: "Sea Dawgs". (See Attachment)

Day 10. Altamaha: Day trip on the Little Amazon: Vibrant, Wild Ecosystem Known as the "Little Amazon," the Altamaha is a mighty river. It drains the second largest

watershed on the east coast into the Atlantic Ocean at a rate of over 100,000 gallons per second. Its main stem, forming in Lumber City at the confluence of the Oconee and Ocmulgee rivers, is undammed and free-flowing, creating a relatively intact and healthy ecosystem with some of the nation's highest concentrations of wildlife as it is home to *more than 100 rare and endangered species*.

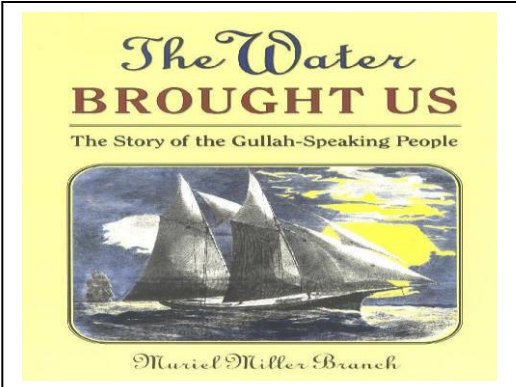
Days 11-14. Cumberland Island National Seashore: One of a kind ecosystem combination: An increasingly wild island, Cumberland offers hikers and backpackers a unique combination of ecosystems in a way that no other southeastern barrier island of its kind can. Towering dunes, freshwater lakes, maritime forest, salt marsh, deserted beach - *Cumberland has it all*.

Cumberland Island is located seven miles east of St. Marys, Georgia, and is only accessible by boat.

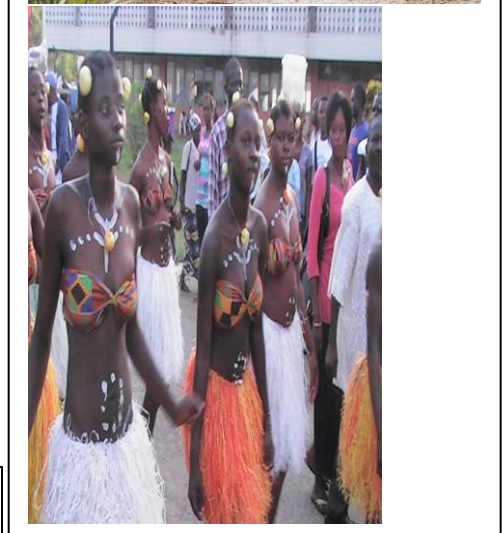
Total Cost: \$1100

Cumberland Island: Bobcat





Historic Savannah: Amazing food, Pirates, Forts, haunted cemeteries.



Altamaha: Wild & undammed. Massive water flow. Home to over 100 rare and endangered species. America's Amazon.



Pure White Buck grazing on Cumberland Island: These unique deer are not albinos, as their eyes are not pink.



The Gullah people lived throughout these coastal regions. The Gullah [ring shout](#) is similar to ecstatic religious rituals performed in West and Central Africa. Gullah stories about "[Bruh Rabbit](#)" are similar to West and Central African [trickster](#) tales about the clever and conniving rabbit, spider, and tortoise. Gullah spirituals, shouts, and other musical forms employ the "[call and response](#)" method commonly used in African music. Gullah "sweetgrass baskets" are almost identical to coil [baskets](#) made by the [Wolof people](#) in [Senegal](#). Gullah "strip [quilts](#)" mimic the design of cloth woven with the traditional strip [loom](#) used throughout West Africa.