

Romancing St. Marys



Sometimes, you just want a getaway that takes you out of the time-crunched everyday world and gives you the space to relax and reconnect with the one you love. During the quiet fall season, the picture-perfect little village of St. Marys on the Georgia coast makes an ideal romantic getaway, and we've got the info you need to plan the perfect trip.

Plan your perfect romantic Georgia Coast getaway

Where to Stay



You'll feel right at home at the cozy [Spencer House Inn](#) (pictured at left) This 1870s bed and breakfast is the ultimate in low-key luxury, with friendly innkeepers, afternoon tea and delicious breakfasts. If it's available, ask for room 100, a corner suite with a gorgeous pineapple four-poster bed and whirlpool tub.

Where to Eat



Share a bottle of wine and a plate of cheese and fruit, or coffee and dessert at the [Blue Goose](#) (pictured at right) on Osborne Street. Fried rock shrimp, with its sweet, almost lobster-like flavor is a local specialty worth seeking out. Have yours with a view of the water at [Lang's Marina Restaurant](#). Have lunch at the charming [Mad Hatter Tea Shop](#)—ask the inn to call for the shop's current hours, which can be eclectic.

What to Do



Bike to [Crooked River State Park](#) (pictured at left)—about a 30-minute ride from St. Marys. The 500-acre park is a great spot for hand-in-hand bird-watching. Tour [Orange Hall Museum](#), one of the best examples of Greek Revival architecture in Georgia. Take a leisurely sunset stroll along the shore at Howard Gilman Memorial Waterfront Park.

Catch the ferry to Cumberland Island, and explore the protected [Cumberland National Seashore](#), where you might be lucky enough to spot some of the island's wild horses. Browse the titles together at Once Upon a Bookstore. Make a tee time at [Laurel Island Links](#), designed by Davis Love III, and play eighteen holes through the marshlands.

For more ideas for planning your perfect romantic Georgia Coast getaway, visit the [St. Marys Convention and Visitors Bureau at Visitstmarys.com](#)

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