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JEKYLL ISLAND, FOR THE PERFECT FAMILY GETAWAY

Jekyll Is., GA---From preschoolers to parents and grandparents, the Jekyll Island Club Hotel has a summer of fun planned for your family's next vacation. Located on a barrier island with ten miles of ocean beach, this National Historic Landmark resort, offers a Summer Family Getaway Package that is an adventure opportunity for every member of the family. The Family Beach, Bed and Breakfast Package during other seasons of the year also offers special features and value.

The SUMMER FAMILY GETAWAY package, available Sunday through Thursday May 26 through August 15, 2008, includes overnight accommodations and a children's program of activities. The rate for a three-night package is \$719.00; four-night package, \$819.00; or five-night package, \$919.00. The package is based on up to two adults and two children; each additional child is \$20.00 per night.

The FAMILY BEACH, BED AND BREAKFAST package is available Sunday through Thursday nights on a space available basis. Features include double/double accommodations, free breakfast buffet for the children, a Jekyll Island Club Hotel beach towel with logo, and a pail full of beach items for the entire family. The package is per night based on a maximum of two adults and two children; each additional child per night is \$20.00. Taxes and resort fee are extra.

03/14/08 – 09/01/08	\$249.00
09/02/08 – 11/30/08	\$219.00
12/01/08 – 3/12/09	\$189.00

Jekyll Island's nine-mile long beach offers an opportunity for exploring that seems unending. From Driftwood Beach at the north end of the island, barefoot beach walkers can look across St. Simons Sound to see the historic St. Simons Light. Advancing southward, observers will note the change from beach, to dune, to maritime forest. Along this beach can be found sand dollars, sea whips, witch's purse, and horseshoe crabs. About mid way, when it's time for a snack, walkers often stop at the Hotel's

Beach Pavilion for ice cream or a soda. At the south end, the beach along St. Andrews Sound is on the Atlantic flyway where migratory birds stop for lunch and a visit with shorebirds of many kinds. It's not uncommon here in summer to spot dolphins from the shore.

Nestled in Jekyll Island's lovely natural setting are 63 holes of challenging golf. Demanding and picturesque, Dick Wilson's **Oleander** design is consistently ranked among the state's best. The *Atlanta Journal Constitution* has called Oleander's 12th hole "the most demanding par 4 of any daily fee course in the state." **Pine Lakes**, recently opened after a \$3.1 million renovation, has the longest layout, while **Indian Mound** winds through Jekyll Island's woods and beside the lakes.

Far and away, the best way to see the Island is by bicycle. The 22 miles of bike trails take your family along the vast salt marsh and beaches, through the maritime forest and the historic village. Along the way, you might spot a family of deer or shy wild turkeys, a rascally raccoon or young marsh hares. Beautiful shorebirds rise up in a flurry from the sandy beach. Lucky ones may see ospreys or wood storks. You'll smell the piney woods and salt air and be tempted to touch tiny wildflowers along the dunes. Bicycles are available for children of all ages.

Jekyll Island's playground for the younger set is a colorful array of imaginative equipment designed to develop balance, coordination, and other motor skills. Full of new ideas in equipment design, the playground has two sections. One section is designed for preschoolers; the second, for children a little older. Adjacent to the playground are two miniature golf courses for children of all ages.

"Club Juniors," a summer program for children ages five through twelve, has adventure packed into every day, Monday through Friday. "My children had a wonderful time learning about the ecology of the beaches and forests here. At the end of the day they could hardly wait to tell us about their activities and their trip to the Georgia Sea Turtle Center, one of the highlights of my kids' summer. They couldn't get over the fun of seeing dolphins right off the shore." said one mother whose family visited the hotel. Ocean experiences are interspersed with art workshops and bicycle safaris as well as trips to Summer Waves Water Park and the Jekyll Island Airport.

Loggerhead turtles swim 2000 miles or more to Jekyll Island in the summer to lay their eggs. Travelers from around the world come to see this night time crawl, June through mid-August.

For thousands of years, turtle mothers have been driven by instinct to leave the ocean for the protection of grasses growing along the edges of these dunes. Once the eggs have been laid, the mothers return to sea, and the eggs are left to hatch in good time. Later when the baby turtles hatch, they immediately begin the trek to the shore and life in the sea. Guided, night time turtle walks are scheduled in the summer by the Georgia Sea Turtle Center.

Teenagers have many recreation choices on Jekyll Island. A first class tennis center, golf, Summer Waves Water Park, and boating are all within a mile of the hotel. Inshore and off shore fishing can easily be arranged at the wharf, just a five minute walk away. Sea kayaking in ocean waters or paddle boating on the lake also provides an exciting experience. Trail riding at Clam Creek is an opportunity to ride horses along the driftwood beach and through the forest; sunset rides are especially popular. It's easy to meet other visiting teenagers at the poolside grill after an afternoon swim.

When it's time to break for lunch, or dinner for that matter, the Café Solterra and the Poolside Grill are the kid-friendly favorites. Café Solterra offers a wide variety of made-to-order deli sandwiches; fresh garden, pasta and fruit salads; juices and soft drinks; and home made pizzas, desserts and pastries including over-sized cookies. Three choices for seating are in the fountain court, on the veranda, or inside. The Poolside Grill is handy after an afternoon swim for burgers, grilled chicken, hot dogs and beverages enjoyed under the shade trees.

Every member of your family will find exciting, fun things to do together at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel. It's truly a landmark experience.

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