

# Eagle Island – A Unique and Beautiful Destination in Our Own Backyard

*Waterside is pleased to bring you another great boating destination! A back barrier island only 10 minutes by boat from Darien, this private retreat offers up coastal beauty with unsurpassed comfort for a 5-Moon experience.*

by Amy Reynolds

## DAY ONE:

Get there! Captain Andy will transport you and your group on his boat or you can arrive on your own vessel (discounts apply!). Easy access from the ICW or Altama-

ha Sound, or put your trailered boat in the water at the Darien public boat ramp. Once you've made your way to Eagle Island, Captain Andy is available for orientation: a tour of the lodge in which he'll share with you the stories behind some of the amazing features the lodge has

to offer, such as the 5-moon outdoor shower, Medusa, the outdoor kitchen complete with repurposed oyster roaster, and the luxurious yet oh-so-comfortable sleeping accommodations. From there, he'll lead you along the walking trail with its hidden fire pit and sunset hammock, along stretches of wooden walkways over marsh mud alive with fiddler crabs and back around to the lodge while sharing the history and bits of information about the local flora and wildlife of the back

barrier islands. Back at the main compound, while gathered around another fire pit, he'll point out the pine tree towering over a small pond, at the top of which is the nest of a mating pair of American Bald Eagles, for whom he named the island. The refrigerator has been stocked with your provisions and your evening meal might be a communal effort in the well-stocked indoor kitchen or a Low Country Boil in the outdoor kitchen. Afterwards, build a bonfire in the fire pit, kick back in the swing and watch the stars reflected in the pond to the music of the island's nocturnal creatures.

## DAY TWO:

Slip into the plush robe on the back of your door and take your morning coffee on the back steps to watch the sun rise. After breakfast, take advantage of an outgoing tide and head down to the dock – fishing rods and frozen bait are provided – to see what you can catch for lunch. Not sure of your fishing skills or want to venture further? Local guide Captain Wendell Harper will pick you up at the dock and take you fishing if you'd prefer.

If fishing isn't your thing, make use of the kayaks and either



Tiki torches designed by Capt. Andy and local artist Tyler Dominey dot the landscape.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Captain Wendell Harper's Free Spooling Charters for half- and full-day fishing, inshore or offshore. (912) 437-8200 or (912) 222-0591
- Altamaha Coastal Tours for kayak canoe rentals, guided tours and eco-tours (912) 437-6010 or info@altamaha.com
- Colonial Coast Eco Tours with Captain Sheryl Schooley (912) 996-3531 or visit
- www.ColonialCoastEcoTours.com
- The Shops at 107 Broad – a gallery of local art (including the creations of Tyler Dominey) and other decorative and useful items.
- (912) 437-2340
- Private Islands of Georgia also offers rustic campsites and glamping – just ask for information!

For more information contact  
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The Lodge at Eagle Island.



This arbor, the entryway to the Eagle lodge and one of Andy's many inspired creations, is constructed entirely of driftwood found on the islands.



Gather with your companions for a bonfire - firewood provided!

## EAGLE ISLAND AMENITIES

- A beautiful lodge with sleeping accommodations for 10 to 12 (two private rooms, the loft, and the lower level dormitory-style area with two sets of full-sized bunk beds and another full sized bed)
- A common area with fully equipped kitchen, dining table, and sitting area with full working fireplace
- All bathrooms (including the fun and funky outdoor shower) are 5-moon with dual waterfall shower heads and include the Private Islands of Georgia's own line of shampoos, soaps, and other toiletries
- An outdoor kitchen equipped with prep-table, repurposed oyster roaster, large stock pot on a propane cooker, two grills (gas and charcoal, both provided), large sink with hot and cold water and hanging sprayer, and a commercial ice machine
- A wrap-around screened porch with swinging couch, hammock, plenty of seating, an open balcony, and a hot tub for six (though the record is 10!) facing a working fireplace.
- Two outdoor brick fire pits for cozying up with your group for evening bonfires, one with a swing, one with a sunset hammock; firewood and kindling provided
- A private dock with a deck for entertaining, fishing, or just enjoying the view; deep-water access at all tides
- Plenty of gear for fun, including fishing rods, crab traps, frozen bait for both, and kayaks (all inclusive)
- All the wildlife you could ask for: American Bald Eagles nesting outside your window, native shore birds, wild boar (they usually make an appearance early mornings and evenings, but no worries, they're terrified of humans!), mink, otters, plenty of fish, and even dolphins playing in the river.
- Peace, quiet, tranquility, seclusion, and complete privacy. But if that doesn't meet your needs, there's also full internet access, DIRECTV®, you're within cell phone range, and a ten minute boat ride will take you to historic sites, shopping, and excellent dining.