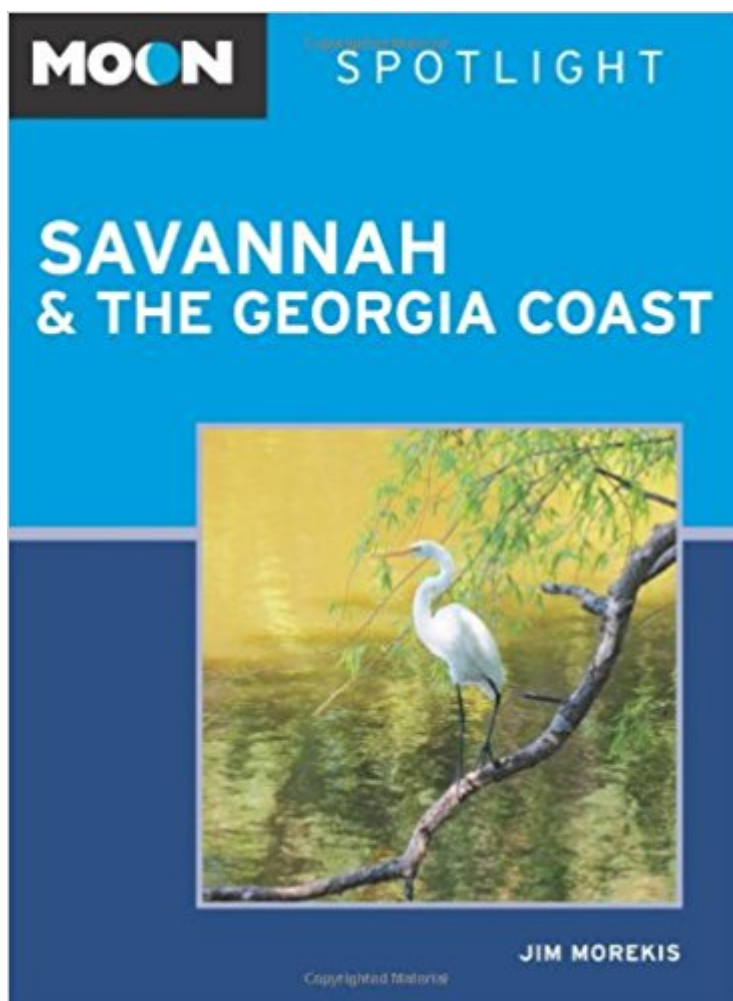




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Synopsis

Moon Spotlight Savannah and the Georgia Coast is a 145-page compact guide covering historic Savannah and the Golden Isles, including Brunswick and Glynn County, Jekyll Island, St. Simon's Island, Darien and McIntosh County, Cumberland Island, St. Mary's, and the Okefenokee Swamp. Author Jim Morekis offers seasoned advice on must-see attractions, and includes maps with sightseeing highlights so you can make the most of your time. This lightweight guide is packed with recommendations on sights, entertainment, shopping, recreations, accommodations, food, and transportation, as well as easy-to-read maps, making navigating these historic areas uncomplicated and enjoyable. This Spotlight guidebook is excerpted from Moon Charleston & Savannah.

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Customer Reviews

Maybe it's because he was born in the same hospital as Flannery O'Connor's; the old St. Joseph's in downtown Savannah; but there's no doubt that Jim Morekis has writing in his blood. As the longtime editor-in-chief of the weekly newspaper Connect Savannah, the University of Georgia graduate has written about and experienced pretty much every cultural happening in the area. He credits his love of travel to his mother Elizabeth, who was John Berendt's travel agent during his stint in Savannah while writing *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. Jim currently serves on Savannah's Cultural Affairs Commission, happily spending taxpayer money on the city's many festivals. As for the ongoing debate over which city is better, Charleston or Savannah, Jim

calls it a tie: Charleston has better long-term planning, but Savannah has to-go cups (allowing anyone to explore the Historic District with a beer or cocktail in hand). When not busy writing, Jim enjoys spending time with his two beautiful daughters, Alex and Sophia, and his dear wife Sonja, who gets his deepest gratitude for opening his eyes to the true wonder and mystery of the Georgia coast.

We have been to the Savannah area several times. On a trip last month we used the Moon Spotlight book exclusively. We found the book to be very accurate and well organized. An afternoon in the historic district was planned using the map on page 15 in conjunction with the following pages of dialogs covering each historic square. It took about 30 minutes to map out an itinerary for the whole afternoon in the district. We felt that we had the best orientation to the historic district in this very small book. We believe that this book is the only guide you need in order to enjoy Savannah and the South Georgia Coast. Highly Recommended. R McClerin

When I walk, I carry the iPad in a shoulder bag. Therefore, the Moon guide is lighter than carrying the physical book. Searching the iPad in the Kindle app helped find houses, other sites I wanted to review. One fun part was the content - the Herb House is described as being built in the mid 1700s and the oldest house in town. The Savannah Walking Guide I carried (5 x 7 paperback), approved by Savannah Historical Society, dates the house to 1835 or so (can't recall exact year).

Great information for an area of the country that is both over-looked and under-appreciated!

For a week I visited St. Simons, Brunswick, St. Mary's, Darian etc. and I took with me three guides: Fodor's: Carolinas & Georgia, Frommer's: Carolinas & Georgia and Moon's. Of these guides, especially for this area, Moon's was, hands down, the best. Moon's 'Spotlight' series are taken from the full Moon travel guide. Spotlight selects a unique area and, in the case of this guide, does a brilliant job. This guide will lead you to places that you may not have discovered and sights that you could have otherwise passed by. The accommodation and dining recommendations are great and on the money. This guide lists the best restaurants that this area has to offer. I like reading author Jim Morekis' reviews, he is candid; pointing out the flaws a place has, as well as heaping on the praise. He has a flair for spotlighting the unique. In one eatery, The Crab Shack on Tybee Island, he writes, "So don't expect fine gourmet fare... the emphasis is on mounds of fresh, tasty seafood, heavy on the raw bar action, all in a very casual and boisterous outdoor atmosphere... Did

I mention the alligators?..." I also commend Morekis for his historical tidbits. Also, a nice extra in this guide was the section on the Okefenokee Swamp. Kudos. There is no history or culture section per se, it is actually the entire book. Wonderful. Unlike Frommer's or Fodor's this book does have maps that help locate the restaurants and lodging, but, sadly, they are not easy to read, too crowded and busy. Moon could take a lesson from Lonely Planet on how to design great locator maps. So, if you are just going to Savannah or the Ga. Coast then "Moon Savannah and the Georgia Coast" should be at the top of your list. Highly recommended. 4.5 Stars.

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