

# Sea Island Summiteer<sup>TM</sup>



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### MESSAGE FROM THE G8 SUMMIT PLANNING ORGANIZATION

The Sea Island Summit 2004 will provide a wonderful opportunity to display Georgia's natural beauty, share its Southern hospitality, and showcase its world-class businesses. Here at the 2004 G8 Summit Planning Organization (SPO), we look forward to working with many different individuals and enterprises to make the Summit a success.

The Summit will generate many legitimate economic opportunities for the Georgia coastal region. However, please be cautious of anyone who offers to:

- Place your advertisement on an "official" G8 Summit Web site or in an "official" G8 Summit publication. The official U.S. Government sources of information for the 2004 G8 Summit are the Web site, [www.g8usa.gov](http://www.g8usa.gov) and newsletter, the *Sea Island Summiteer*—both of which are published by the SPO. We do not solicit or accept commercial advertisements or sponsors for either publication.
- Facilitate contracts with the SPO or offer access to U.S. Government officials. The SPO will be contracting with Georgia firms for Summit-related business. We will work with you directly—you do not need to go through a middleman.
- Designate your firm as an "official" or "exclusive" sponsor of the 2004 G8 Summit. All Summit-related vendors can take pride in their support of the Summit. However, the SPO will not designate a firm that provides goods and services to the Summit as an official or exclusive sponsor.
- License the official Sea Island Summit 2004 logo. The official logo, depicting a Georgia oak and the coastline, is for use exclusively by the SPO for official, non-commercial U.S. Government purposes.
- Reserve hotel rooms for the G8 Summit. The 2004 G8 SPO is responsible for booking hotel accommodations for the Sea Island Summit. To book rooms during this period all Summit participants should contact the SPO—not individual hotels or other intermediaries.

Once again, the SPO looks forward to working with the residents and businesses of Georgia and appreciates the cooperation of the Brunswick and Golden Isles of Georgia Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce, and the Savannah Area Convention and Visitors Bureau in preparation for the Sea Island Summit next June. If you have any questions about the legitimacy of solicitations to participate in any aspect of the Summit, please contact us at our toll free number, (866) 249-4804, or via E-mail at [info@g8usa.gov](mailto:info@g8usa.gov).

Sincerely,

2004 G8 Summit Planning Organization

### SEA ISLAND SUMMIT NEWS

In October, the appointment of Frederick E. Cooper of Atlanta as Chairman of the G8 Summit Host Committee was announced by Georgia Senators Zell Miller and Saxby Chambliss and Georgia Governor, Sonny Perdue. The Summit, hosted by President Bush, will be held at Sea Island, Georgia, June 8th, 9th, and 10th, 2004.

Mr. Cooper is a prominent leader in the Georgia business community. He is the former president of Flowers Industries and the current chairman of Cooper Capital, LLC. In addition, Mr. Cooper also serves on the Board of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and the University of Georgia Foundation.

Mr. Cooper, a part-time resident of Sea Island, has long held an interest in the Georgia coast.

As chairman of the G8 Summit Host Committee for the Sea Island Summit 2004, Mr. Cooper, will assemble leaders from Georgia and across the country to help ensure the Summit's success.

### SEA ISLAND SUMMIT TOWN HALL MEETINGS

The 2004 G8 SPO will host a series of Town Hall meetings outlining the Sea Island Summit 2004 and its impact on the local community. The first meeting will be held in November in Brunswick, Georgia followed by a second Town Hall meeting in Savannah in December, 2003.

If you or a representative from your organization would like to attend the Brunswick or Savannah Town Hall meeting, please visit [www.g8usa.gov](http://www.g8usa.gov) or contact us at [townhall@g8usa.gov](mailto:townhall@g8usa.gov).



## TURTLE TRACKS THE SEA ISLAND ENVIRONMENT

It is impossible to visit the Golden Isles and not be struck by the breathtaking beauty of the vast marshlands.

The coastal marshes that will greet the many international G8 visitors next June are not only an introduction to Georgia's natural resources, but also to the critical economic and environmental roles that they play.

Beneath the beauty of the marshes lies the engine that helps drive Georgia's coastal economy. The fish, shrimp, crabs, and oysters that support Georgia's fishing industry, draw their life from the food chain that begins in the Golden Isle marshes.

The benefits of the marshes do not end there. When visitors look out over the sea of reeds, they are in fact looking at a massive filtration system of plants and microorganisms that trap and consume the sediments and nutrients that would otherwise pollute the coastal waters.

One of the benefits of the Sea Island Summit is that it will provide the opportunity to highlight coastal Georgia's environmental stewardship to the world and display how it compliments the state's economy. There is no better example of this than the marshes that will stretch before the eyes of each and every Sea Island Summit visitor.

## FOCUS ON SAVANNAH

Anthony "Tony" Schopp is the President of the Savannah Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. Tony discovered the Low country of coastal Georgia when working with Hyatt Hotels in Washington, D.C., and moved to the area five years ago with his wife, Georgeanne. Coastal Georgia's emergence as a national destination was a major factor for their move to Savannah, and with the announcement of next year's G8 Summit 2004, Tony looks forward to the region being showcased on a world stage.

The Savannah Area Convention and Visitors Bureau could not be more pleased with the cooperation of Georgia businesses in preparing for the Sea Island Summit. Realizing the importance of the Summit to their community, Georgia businesses were gracious in relocating conventions and meetings to free up space for the world's leaders next June.

Tony views the Sea Island Summit 2004 as a wonderful opportunity for coastal Georgia's businesses and communities to grow closer together. The Georgia coast has wonderful potential, and the Savannah Area Convention and Visitors Bureau is focused not just on short-term benefits from the Summit, but on using the Summit's exposure to market the area as a residential and tourism location to the rest of the world.

## SEA ISLAND SUMMIT Q & A

One of the G8 SPOs main objectives is to keep the residents of Sea Island, St. Simon's Island, and coastal Georgia informed about the Sea Island Summit. Questions and answers will appear monthly in the *Sea Island Summiteer* and online at [www.g8usa.gov](http://www.g8usa.gov).

### What is the 2004 G8 Summit Planning Organization?

The 2004 G8 Summit Planning Organization (SPO) is part of the U.S. Department of State, and its staff are U.S. Government employees. The SPO is responsible for developing all the logistical needs for the Summit, including preparing the meeting site for the G8 leaders, creating the International Media Center in Savannah, and booking accommodations for all Summit participants.

### What G8 Summit events will involve public participation?

The U.S. Government is very proud to team up with the State of Georgia in hosting the 2004 G8 Summit on Sea Island, where the heads of state will discuss issues of worldwide importance. Although this official government function will bring economic benefits to the region, the Summit will not be accessible to the public.

### When was the first Summit?

The first Summit was held in France in 1975. Since 1975, the Summits have become an annual event.

### What is the purpose of the G8 Summit?

The purpose of the G8 Summit is for the Leaders of the world's major industrial nations to meet in an informal setting and discuss the major issues facing the world.

### Do the countries vote on issues at the Summit? And if so, does the majority prevail?

The countries do not vote on issues at the Summit. Agreements are based on consensus.

### What are the typical issues that have been recently addressed by the G8?

While the global economy has traditionally been a key topic on the Summit agenda, the G8 Leaders have taken action to address such major global challenges as: terrorism, proliferation of the weapons of mass destruction, the spread of HIV/AIDS, and famine.





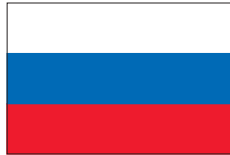
## G8 LEADER PROFILE

## RUSSIA



**His Excellency  
Vladimir Putin**

**President of the  
Russian  
Federation**



### Quick Facts

His Excellency President Vladimir Putin was born in Leningrad on October 7, 1952. He received a degree in law from Leningrad State University and later completed a doctoral thesis in economics.

After graduation, Mr. Putin worked for the Foreign Intelligence Service. From 1985-1990, he was stationed in East Germany.

Mr. Putin served in a variety of political posts throughout the 1990s. In 1999, he was named Prime Minister of Russia. Later that year, he became acting President.

In March of 2000, Mr. Putin was elected President of Russia and was inaugurated on May 7, 2000.

Mr. Putin is married and has two daughters.

In 2006, Russia will host the G8 Summit for the first time.

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| <b>Official Name:</b> | <b>Russian Federation</b>  |
| <b>Population:</b>    | <b>145 million</b>   |
| <b>Language:</b>      | <b>Russian</b>   |
| <b>Capital:</b>       | <b>Moscow</b>  |
| <b>Region:</b>        | <b>Eurasia</b>   |
| <b>Government:</b>    | <b>Federation</b>  |
| <b>Currency:</b>      | <b>The Ruble</b>   |
| <b>GDP (2002):</b>    | <b>\$287.7 billion</b>   |
| <b>Climate:</b>       | <b>Ranges from subarctic to subtropical</b>  |
| <b>Fun Fact:</b>      | <b>At 6.5 million square miles, Russia is the largest country in the world by landmass</b> |

### SUMMIT SECURITY

The security plan for the 2004 G8 Summit has been in development since the selection of Sea Island, Georgia and is truly a collaborative effort among local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. The United States Secret Service is leading a wide range of local and state agencies in the planning process.

State agencies involved in security assessments and implementation of the security plan include: Georgia State Police, Georgia Bureau of Investigations, Georgia Emergency Management Agency, Georgia National Guard, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Georgia Department of Transportation, Georgia Department of Motor Vehicles, Georgia Port Authority Police, and the Georgia Department of Homeland Security. In addition, the following local agencies are engaged in the primary security planning: Savannah Police Department, Chatham County Police, Chatham County Sheriff's Office, Glynn County Police Department, Brunswick Police Department, and the Glynn County Sheriff's Office.

Each of these agencies brings not only their human and technical resources, but their operational expertise as well. Other state and local agencies will also provide manpower and equipment to ensure a safe and secure environment for both the event participants and the local area residents.



White House photo by Eric Draper

## 2001 G8 SUMMIT GENOA, ITALY

President George W. Bush and the G8 Summit leaders pose for a photo in Genoa, Italy, July 22, 2001. The leaders in the photo are (left to right): Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan, Prime Minister Tony Blair of Great Britain, President George W. Bush of the United States, President Jacques Chirac of France, Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy, President Vladimir Putin of Russia, and Prime Minister Jean Chretien of Canada.

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