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TURTLE TRACKS THE SEA ISLAND ENVIRONMENT

There are many reasons to visit coastal Georgia—the beaches, the seafood, an international summit—whatever the reason, thousands of tourists flock to Georgia's coast every summer. This summer, the Sea Island Summit will bring visitors from all over the world. Guestrooms will be booked, and the international community will be enjoying the many comforts of Georgia's hospitable hotels. The Sea Island Summit creates an excellent opportunity for Georgia to showcase one of its greatest assets—its tourism industry.

To show the world they know how to do tourism right, Georgia's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has teamed up with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the non-profit organization Green Seal to implement a new program that will lower hotel operating costs, help the environment, and promote Georgia as a desirable travel destination to an international audience.

The Georgia Green Hotel Program, introduced by the Georgia DNR, will identify, certify, and recognize lodging properties throughout the state that adopt practices to reduce waste and minimize their impact on the environment. One of the country's leading environmental standard-setting and certifying organizations, Green Seal, has been brought in to certify participating hotels. Showing federal support for the project, U.S. EPA will fund the Green Seal certification for the first 20 qualified applicants across the state.

Joining DNR and EPA, the Sea Island Summit Planning Organization, the Georgia Hospitality and Travel Association, and the Georgia Department of Industry, Trade, and Tourism are helping to promote the Georgia Green Hotel Program—the benefits of which will last for many years and will make a lasting impression on thousands of tourists.

The Georgia Green Hotel Program is just one of the initiatives that the Sea Island Summit Planning Organization is working on to preserve the coastal Georgia region before, during, and after the Sea Island Summit.

SEA ISLAND SUMMIT IMPROVEMENTS ON THE HORIZON

Planning for the Sea Island Summit 2004 requires an array of resources—everything from accommodating thousands of members of the media and foreign delegations to infrastructure augmentation—all of which must be planned for and implemented in preparation for the Summit.

Verizon, Southern LINC, and Georgia Power are making a number of enhancements to voice, data, and power infrastructure prior for the Sea Island Summit.

Verizon is currently in the planning stages of installing permanent cellular towers in the Brunswick, Georgia, area to enhance cell phone coverage on both St. Simons Island and Sea Island—these towers will accommodate all cell providers.

In addition, Southern LINC has already begun installation of a cellular tower in the northeast sector of St. Simons Island, which will continue to increase cell phone reliability on both St. Simons Island and Sea Island.

Georgia Power is working to ensure improved electrical power service in the Brunswick area. Although originally planned to begin over the next several years, Georgia Power is in the process now of implementing \$3 million worth of upgrades to provide electrical power redundancy and increased reliability of service to the Sea Island area.

This expansion of infrastructure enhancements in the Brunswick area will aid in hosting the G8 Summit, as well as increase service and reliability for the residents of Brunswick and the Golden Isles for generations to come.

G8 LEADER PROFILE

GERMANY



**His Excellency
Gerhard Schröder**

**Chancellor of the
Federal Republic
of Germany**



Quick Facts

His Excellency Gerhard Schröder was born on April 7, 1944, in Mossenburg/Lippe. He studied law at Gottingen University, and practiced as an independent lawyer in Hanover.

Mr. Schröder joined the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD) in 1963, and began his political leadership career as Federal Chairman of the Young Socialists in the SPD in 1978. Throughout the 1980s, he held several membership positions within the SPD.

From 1990 to 1998, Mr. Schröder served as Minister-President of Lower Saxony.

His Excellency Gerhard Schröder has been Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany since 1998.

Official Name: The Federal Republic of Germany

Population: 83 million

Language: German

Capital: Berlin

Region: Continental Europe

Government: Federal Republic

Currency: The Euro

GDP (2001): \$1.8 trillion

Climate: Temperate with more rainfall than much of the United States

Fun Fact: Germany is Europe's largest economy, and the 3rd largest economy in the world

OFFICIAL SEA ISLAND SUMMIT 2004 LOGO

During the summer of 2003, the students of the Savannah College of Art and Design designed the official Sea Island Summit 2004 logo. The elements incorporated into the logo are the live oak, Spanish moss, and the ocean along the Georgia coast. The Sea Island Summit logo is symbolic of the elegance, history, and natural beauty of Georgia's coastal region.



AIR FORCE ONE: THE PRESIDENT'S PLANE

Upholding the proud tradition and distinction of being publicly known as “Air Force One,” the Presidential air transport fleet of U.S. Air Force planes has a rich history dating back to the 1940s.

A one-of-a-kind aircraft, Air Force One includes extensive accommodations including an executive suite and two galleys which can serve up to 100 meals at one sitting. Assuming the radio call sign “Air Force One” whenever the President is aboard, these aircraft are flown by the Presidential Airlift Group, and are assigned to Air Mobility Command’s 89th Airlift Wing, Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland.

Presidential air transport began in 1944 when a C-54, the “Sacred Cow,” was put into service for President Franklin D. Roosevelt. President Harry S Truman was transported aboard a DC-6 named “Independence.” From 1953 to 1961, President Dwight D. Eisenhower traveled on “Columbine II” and “Columbine III.” While the call sign “Air Force One” was first used in the 1950s, President Kennedy’s aircraft, a VC-137 or more commonly known as a Boeing 707, was the first aircraft to be popularly called “Air Force One.”

In 1962, a C-137C was specifically purchased for use as Air Force One. This aircraft is perhaps the most widely known and historically significant Presidential aircraft—it was the aircraft that carried President John F. Kennedy to Dallas, November 22, 1963, and returned his body to Washington, D.C., following his assassination. Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn into office as the 36th President of the United States on board this aircraft at Love Field in Dallas. In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon made historic visits aboard the plane to the People’s Republic of China and to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. In 1998, the plane was officially retired from service and placed on display at the U.S. Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

Air Force One, now a 747, used first by President George H. W. Bush in 1990, will usher Presidential travel into the 21st century, and continue to represent the United States around the world.



Air Force One is pictured on the tarmac as the sun rises at Andrews Air Force Base. WHITE HOUSE PHOTO BY ERIC DRAPER



The American Flag waves on the Presidential Limousine as Air Force One is pictured in the background. WHITE HOUSE PHOTO BY PAUL MORSE



President George W. Bush works at his desk in his office aboard Air Force One during a flight to Medford, Ore. WHITE HOUSE PHOTO BY ERIC DRAPER



President George W. Bush waves from Air Force One as he departs Ellington Field, Houston. WHITE HOUSE PHOTO BY ERIC DRAPER



Associated Press Photo/Stephen Morton

SEA ISLAND SUMMIT VEHICLE UNVEILED TO PUBLIC

In early February, the Sea Island Summit Planning Organization unveiled to the public the first of the many different modes of transportation that will be used during the Sea Island Summit in June. The GEM Car, a zero-emissions vehicle provided by Global Electric Motorcars, was adorned with a U.S. flag. With a top speed of 25 mph, each of the G8 leaders will be provided with a country-specific decorated GEM Car for use while on Sea Island.

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