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## The Tidelands of Georgetown

Georgetown County lies 60 miles north of Charleston and 30 miles south of Myrtle Beach. It is home to the third oldest city in the state (Georgetown), the oldest resort area in America (Hawley Island/Litchfield), the seafood capital of the South (Marrells Inlet), and the quaint, rustic town of Andrews. There are plenty of activities for visitors to see and do. From boat tours to plantation tours, outdoor sculpture gardens to fresh seafood and unique shopping.

The first African American to serve in Congress was born June 21, 1832, in Georgetown. Joseph H. Rainey served in Congress from 1870-1879 and valiantly fought for the rights of his people. His first major speech, a vigorous plea for legislation to enforce the Fourteenth Amendment, was a call for action against outrages of the South Carolina Polls.

The house that was left to him by his father, Edward Rainey, known as the Rainey Camlin House, is one of the most important homes in Georgetown's historic district. The two and one-half story house was restored in 1975, and received the Distinguished Preservation Award from the Historic Georgetown County Foundation. **For more information, contact the Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce at 803-546-8436**

## The Sea Islands of South Carolina

Dotting the Lowcountry coastline is a strand of about 35 islands with populations of African-Americans who have held to traditions passed down from their African ancestors. This includes Gullah, a musical language that is a blend of King James English and the languages of several West African countries. One of the sea islands, St. Helena, is home to the Penn Center Historic District, site of the first school for freed slaves in the South.

Daufuskie Island is a self-sufficient and inhabited by Gullah people who make their living primarily from traditional trades. Access is by boat only. Kiawah Island, named for the Indian tribe that inhabited it, is one of the state's most posh golf and tennis resorts featuring beaches that offer excellent shelling. Yonkers Island is a resemblance to African life. The gullah language is spoken and many of the customs and religious practices are African with houses clustered as in African villages.

No visit is complete without seeing one of my favorite cities in the world - Charleston. A veritable archive of our history, Charleston is graced with beautiful 18th century homes with intricate wrought iron gates, most created by black artisans. Stroll through Cabbage Row, the colorful rowhouses and shops on Church Street that show a West Indian influence. The setting became the model for "Catfish Row" in the opera Porgy and Bess. **For additional information call 1-800-255-2059.**

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