



**PREPARING FOR YOUR DAUFUSKIE ADVENTURE**

**No Bridge...No Problem!!**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO BRIDGE TO DAUFUSKIE ISLAND, AND IT IS NECESSARY TO TAKE A FERRY OR WATER TAXI TO GET HERE. ALSO YOU WILL NEED TO BOOK GROUND TRANSPORTATION FROM THE DOCK TO THE RENTAL AND RENT A GOLF CART IF IT WAS NOT ADVERTISED "INCLUDED" WITH YOUR PROPERTY. WE ARE HAPPY TO ASSIST WITH THOSE ARRANGEMENTS. BELOW IS AN IMPORTANT DOCUMENT, SO PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AFTER REVIEWING THIS AT [info@vacationsdi.com](mailto:info@vacationsdi.com)

Congratulations on choosing our special island for your upcoming vacation! The following information is designed to help you better prepare for your upcoming visit.

### **Key Contact Information**

Daufuskie Rental Group Team- 843-540-8986 (9am-5pm)

### **Check-in/Check-out Times**

The check-in time at your vacation home is 4:00 pm, and check-out time is 10:00 am. If you arrive early/depart late, you can leave your belongings near your front door, however, Daufuskie Rental Group is not responsible for personal belongings left unattended.

-A DRG team member will text you on your arrival day and let you know when your property is ready.

-Please DO NOT try to enter the property until you get that text, even if the cleaners look like they are done. (An inspection and amenities check are also part of the process to make sure your vacation home is ready.)

*-Daufuskie Rental Group makes a good faith effort to describe island amenities, including restaurants and pools. However, please note that we are not responsible for the availability of amenities that we do not operate and that are beyond our control.  
\*Pricing and availability changes regularly. Please contact all vendors directly for days and hours of operation.*

*-Your rental agreement contract's cancellation policy states that we are not responsible for events that are beyond our control, such as hurricanes. We strongly encourage our guests to purchase travel insurance, and especially recommend "cancel for any reason" policies. (These must be purchased shortly after your reservation is made.)*

*-Please note that because the Melrose Resort is in transition, our Melrose guests may*

*notice a certain level of deterioration in the resort-owned buildings but will also see that renovation efforts are now underway. Our vacation cottages are in well-maintained areas and continue to be extremely popular.*

### Other

Please let us know if the number of people in your group changes from the number you provided when you made your reservation. Also, please make sure we have the phone number where we can reach you while you are on the island.

If your property did not advertise an included golf cart, you will need to arrange a cart rental, and in the "Getting Around Daufuskie" section we provide a list of cart providers. Should the number in your party exceed that legal limit, you will need to rent an additional cart.

### Getting to Your Departure Dock

From the Savannah Airport, we recommend Diamond Transportation (<https://hiltonheadrides.com>); (843) 247-2156). You may prefer a taxi, Uber, or Lyft.

### Boat Service

You will be taking a boat to Daufuskie. (Island motto? "No Bridge - No Problem!") You will be able to leave your car in a parking lot maintained by your ferry or water taxi company.

### Important Notes

There has been extra demand for boat services to Daufuskie this year, and you should call as soon as possible for reservations. Contact us if you have any difficulties getting reservations.

Tell the water taxi services that you were referred by Daufuskie Rental Group.

### From Hilton Head/Bluffton Area:

Hilton Head Island Boat Charters: [www.hhiboatcharters.com](http://www.hhiboatcharters.com). 843-892-9440. Captain Neil and Captain David.

Hilton Head by Boat: Goes out of Palmetto Bay Marina. Call Captain Jimmy for availability: 843-304-3847

Sky Pirate Parasail: Goes out of Broad Creek Marina (843) 842-2566. Note: You may be parking a little way from the dock, so drop off your bags first and then go to the park.

Lowcountry Ferry Company (formerly Daufuskie Island Ferry) Please check out the website for new departure location and procedures: [Lowcountry Ferry \(lowcoferry.com\)](http://LowcountryFerry.com)

### **From Savannah area:**

Savannah Ferry Services: Private water taxi by Captain Dan. Recommended for Savannah transport. 912-657-5222.

Bull River Marina. [www.bullrivermarina.com/savannah-to-daufuskie-island](http://www.bullrivermarina.com/savannah-to-daufuskie-island); 912-897-7300. This service is located between Savannah and Tybee Island.

### **Arriving by Private Boat - Docking Options**

Freeport Marina: 843-785-8242.

### **Getting to Your Vacation Home**

You will need to arrange ground transportation from your arrival dock to your vacation home. This is a curb-to-curb service. In making the reservation, they will need the address of your vacation home. (Contact us if you are not sure.)

Daufuskie Transit - [daufuskietransit@gmail.com](mailto:daufuskietransit@gmail.com); 843-338-2570

[www.daufuskietransit.com](http://www.daufuskietransit.com) for online reservations (preferred)

### **Additional Info Relating to Your Trip**

#### **Cart Policy**

Please do not ask to have your golf cart dropped at the dock for transporting your group, luggage, coolers, etc. to avoid the ground transportation costs. Carts are not designed for this purpose.

#### **Departure Request**

For departures, please be ready at your reserved time with luggage ready to be loaded. If you are not ready at the appointed time, they may have to leave to pick up another group, and you can end up missing your boat.

#### **Grocery Shopping Services**

For Hilton Head/Bluffton boat services, the following grocery shopping service is available and will deliver groceries to your departure dock. (This service is NOT available

for Savannah boats nor for HHI Boat Charters.) Please call as soon as possible for this service as they get quite busy.

Low Country Grocery Runner

1)Online : [www.cybervaletgrocery.com](http://www.cybervaletgrocery.com)

2)Email : [keri@lowcountrygroceryrunner.com](mailto:keri@lowcountrygroceryrunner.com)

3)Phone : 843-505-8568

### Special Vacation Home Requests

1. Sand can be a terrible problem with a beach home, both in terms of keeping it clean and with clogged drains. Please remove your shoes before entering your villa, shake out clothes before putting them in the washing machine, and rinse off using the hose at the south end of your building after being at the beach.
2. If you hook up a device to a TV or in any other way modify the TV settings, PLEASE make sure the TV is back the way you found it when you leave. Make sure remotes are back in their original rooms. Sign out of Netflix or other streaming services.
3. Help keep your air conditioning in working order by always having doors closed when the air conditioner is running. If not and the system freezes up, it may have to be shut off for 24 hours to get back in working condition.
4. Managing bugs in a coastal property is challenging. Regular pest service is critical to prevent roaches and other bugs. If a pest service requests entrance for a regular treatment, PLEASE given them access to your vacation home. They use a product that is not toxic to children and pets.
5. Please only put small debris down your garbage disposal. No coffee grounds, lettuce, raw meat, lemon/orange peels, etc. We will assess a charge should you disregard this rule and clog the disposal, resulting in a service call.
6. Upon departure, please leave your property in the same condition you found it, so that it is ready for cleaning and disinfecting. Check for belongings, including chargers, in every room before departing.
7. Problems? Please let us know so that we can address the issue. (We hate to hear about any issues the first time when reading your property review!)

### What To Bring and What's Provided in Your Vacation Home

#### Groceries

You will be provided with a STARTER SUPPLY of soap, dishwasher soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels and trash bags. There are usually enough of these items to last two or three days. (Bringing extra trash bags is always a good idea.)

There is no grocery store on the island, so most groceries need to be brought over here by boat. (There is, however, a General Store with basic supplies.) For convenience, you may want to utilize [cybervaletgrocery.com](http://cybervaletgrocery.com), an online grocery shopping service, which will do your grocery shopping for you and deliver it directly to your boat dock.

Your vacation home has a fully equipped kitchen, as well as a washer and dryer. Salt and pepper can usually be found in the vacation homes, but not necessarily spices, condiments, oil, and vinegar etc.

There will be several ready-to-brew coffee packs and filters in your vacation home. Coffee makers are drip versions unless otherwise indicated.

Most people end up packing more than they need. This is a very casual island, and your vacation home does include a washer and dryer.

Avoid coolers with bags and bags of heavy ice. Soft-sided coolers are preferred, but one way or another utilizing ice packs, dry ice, or frozen food instead of heavy ice is much preferred. Our water is a public utility and very safe...no need to bring cases of bottled water. (Our two historic district houses are on well water, but they are regularly tested, and the water is pure.)

### **Clothing and Towels**

Your vacation home includes bed and bath linens, but not beach towels.

**Beach Chairs** - Your property should have at least 4 beach chairs, but no beach umbrella because of recent liability concerns. If one or more of your beach chairs are missing or broken, please contact us for a replacement. No beach towels.

### **Essential Supplies**

Don't forget bug spray, sunscreen/sunblock. Many sunburns have ruined a good vacation! A light rain jacket may also come in handy, and a heavier jacket during our winter months.

Bring any medications you might need, and you may especially want to bring Benadryl or another allergy medication, pain relievers, anti-nausea medication (e.g., Pepto Bismol), and pediatric forms of such medications for your children. Bringing a thermometer is also a good idea.

### **Grills**

All DRG vacation homes have access to a grill.

There is a small gas grill area at the Sandy Lane Villa complex, located around the end of the north building.

Important: We ask that you clean your grill prior to your departure so that it is ready for the next guests. (Da Dreams House and Tree House guests should clean out their fire pits after they use it and replace the protective covers.) We will charge any guests \$35 who leaves their grills dirty.

### Medical Emergencies

Should you have need of medical services, call 911 and tell them you are on Daufuskie Island and what your vacation home address is. (Found on the front cover of your welcome notebook.) When necessary, our paramedics will transport emergency patients to the appropriate medical facility by boat or helicopter. Please call/text us after calling 911 so that we can help if needed.

### Power Outages

Power outages will happen on Daufuskie from time to time, so we try to keep flashlights on hand for guests to use. However, we recommend that you bring at least one flashlight per family just in case our supplies are limited, especially during high season.

### Pets

Not all properties are "pet friendly." Even those that do accept dogs require a non-refundable pet fee. If you have not paid that fee through the reservation process, please contact us about bringing a dog, and we will be happy to discuss. We do have pet guidelines, and please let us know if we did not send you those guidelines before your trip or if they are not posted in your vacation home. If you bring a pet, upon departure your property should look as though no pet as there.

### Getting Around on Daufuskie

#### BIKES-

Sports Addiction at (843) 815-8281, [Sports Addiction - Bluffton SC Bike Repair, Sales & Fitness](#)

Fuskie Bikes- electric bikes- [Fuskie Electric Bike Rental and Tours \(fuskiebikes.com\)](#)

### GOLF CART

[Island Essentials](#) is DRG's exclusive golf cart provider, and they offer discounted golf cart rates for all DRG guests if you book 5 or more nights. **Book now at**

<https://www.eaglenest.co/booknow> or 843-441-8585. NOTE: If your DRG property booked advertised an included cart, then you are all set! If you need to rent additional carts, please contact Island Essentials.

Please note that SC Rules of the Road are in effect for carts, and that careless driving can and has resulted in serious accidents. Any drinking on the cart or evidence of inebriation will be grounds for terminating your cart contract, as will any other deviation from the rules set forth in your cart contract.

Carts should NEVER be driven on the beach because of turtle nests.

Children cannot drive carts! By law, only licensed drivers are allowed to drive.

Drive defensively, and especially at night when visibility can be an issue. Always pull over to the side of the road to let cars and trucks pass you. Make sure you know how to turn on the cart's lights before you go out at night for the first time.

If you have a dog with you, keep a firm grip on his/her collar. (There has been several incredibly sad incidents when unsecured dogs fell out of carts and broke their necks.)

The bottom line is that carts are fun, but everyone on the cart needs to be careful!

### **Restaurants and Other Eating Options**

There are restaurants on the island, which you can reach by golf cart or by pre-arranged ground transportation. (Note we are expecting a deli/restaurant at the county dock to open soon.)

#### **1) Old Daufuskie Crab Company at Freeport Marina**

TEL: 843-785-6652

Website: [www.daufuskiefreeport.com/old-daufuskie-crab-company.htm](http://www.daufuskiefreeport.com/old-daufuskie-crab-company.htm)

Can be crowded. Outside and inside eating; Take-out, lunch and dinner

#### **2) D'Fuskie's**

New general store/deli/pizza place (with an adjoining bar) located at the county/public dock (site of the former Marshside Mama's. [www.dfuskies.com](http://www.dfuskies.com) (843) 686-3200

#### **3) School Grounds**

School Grounds is a charming coffee shop located in the back of the Mary Fields School



on School Road. Traditional coffee (iced and hot), lattes, frappes, and chai tea are now available. Pam usually has homemade muffins or cookies. Outside service now provided. **FACEBOOK- School Grounds Coffee**

#### 4) Home Delivery Services

Enjoy a home-cooked Southern meal prepared and delivered to your vacation home by Ernestine Smith, whose family has been on Daufuskie for more than 150 years. (Tip: Ask that your meal included her famous "Devil Crab," a Daufuskie Gullah delicacy.) Call Ernestine at least a week in advance at 843-298-1880 or 843-842-3011. This service is not always available, depending on Ernestine's schedule.

**Chef Mau Plascencia- Bringing high quality and delicious meals to the comfort of your vacation**

home. <https://www.facebook.com/Chefmauplascencia>

Renowned chef and cookbook author Sallie Ann Robinson will come to your property and provide a cooking lesson while she prepares an authentic Gullah meal. For groups of 8 or more. Call Sallie Ann at (912) 604-8210 for prices and availability.

#### 5) Seafood/Produce

Most Saturdays you will find a shrimp and produce stand from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm on Haig Point Road near the intersection of Church Road. Call us Saturday morning to confirm that this mini market will be taking place that day. Go early.

6) The Savannah-based Burger Boat comes to Daufuskie occasionally. Check the company's FB page for a schedule: <https://www.facebook.com/TheBurgerBoatSAV>

7) Daufuskie Transit provides dinner transportation from your vacation rental to a restaurant of your choice. Call for rates and availability 843-338-2570 or visit [DaufuskieTransit.com](http://DaufuskieTransit.com) to book a reservation.

8) The Island Shack- lunch- [Island Shack Cafe | Facebook](#)

9) Fryes Corner- lunch - [Facebook](#)

10) Dine on the Deck - lunch- The Daufuskie Rum Company (270 Haig Point Road) store: [www.daufuskierum.com](http://www.daufuskierum.com) or (843) 342-4786.

Freeport General Store

The Freeport General Store is located at the Freeport Marina and carries snacks, soda, bottled water, and tourist gifts, and has an ATM and an ice machine. You can usually find some basic food items here, but we don't recommend depending on the store for any groceries that you absolutely have to have.

Shopping Tip: Amidst all the touristy items at this store is a selection of Spartina purses and other accessories, developed by a former Daufuskie resident who now provides her overstock items to the store. All items are half-priced.

#### Daufuskie's Resorts and Private Communities

Daufuskie's resorts are currently in a transition period and are not currently open.

Melrose visitors will note a certain degree of deterioration with some of the Melrose buildings. However, there are promising developments with pool/restaurant (still not determined if it will be open in 2022) and equestrian center is operated by a private group.

#### Other Activities (Subject to restrictions because of COVID-19)

##### Beach and Water Activities

Tour Daufuskie offers beach items such as tents, umbrellas, chairs, coolers, etc for rent. The company also offers kayaking and paddle boarding excursions. Go to [www.tourdaufuskie.com](http://www.tourdaufuskie.com) for details.

##### Fishing and Related Activities

Captain Chris offers dolphin-watching, fishing, crabbing, and shrimping excursions. Go to [www.mayriverexcursions.com](http://www.mayriverexcursions.com) for more information. Please tell him we referred you.

##### Tours

Tour Daufuskie offers a variety of golf cart tours, including a historic tour and eco tour. Go to: [www.tourdaufuskie.com](http://www.tourdaufuskie.com) .

A wonderful historic van tour is conducted by our own Sallie Ann Robinson, a 6th generation native islander, and a student of the author, Pat Conroy. Call 912-604-8210

##### Locations of Special Interest

There are many interesting places to visit on Daufuskie, including the locations described below.

The Daufuskie Rum Company (270 Haig Point Road) store: [www.daufuskierum.com](http://www.daufuskierum.com) or (843) 342-4786. Dine on the Deck - Lunch available!

The Iron Fish Art Gallery (Benjie's Point Road) is always open. [www.ironfishart.com](http://www.ironfishart.com) or (843) 842-9448.

The Bloody Point Lighthouse and Silver Dew Winery (intersection of Beach Road and Pappy's Landing. Open most days, year-round.

Daufuskie Blues (Mary Fields School on School Road)- (843) 707-2664

Daufuskie Soap Co (228 School Road) [www.daufuskiesoapco.com](http://www.daufuskiesoapco.com)

The Daufuskie Island Museum (Old Haig Point Road) is comprised of the historic buildings formerly called the Jane Hamilton School and the Mt Carmel Baptist Church.

The Daufuskie Island Community Farm (tel: 843-842-8999) on Haig Point Road.

The Rob Kennedy Historic Trail contains numerous landmarks of great historic and cultural importance.

### Church Services

The First Union African Baptist Church holds services every Sunday, and visitors are welcome. Vacation attire is fine. For more information go to [www.fuabchurch.org](http://www.fuabchurch.org).

### Island Etiquette and Tips

1. Slow down a bit. You will enjoy your time here more if you can adapt to "Daufuskie Standard Time!"
2. Our vacation home areas are meant to be peaceful destinations for families and others looking for a quiet and secluded stay. If you are coming here to party loudly and consume substantial amounts of alcohol, we respectfully ask you to choose another destination.
3. Get to know us. Get off the beaten path! Talk to the local folks who are glad to chat with visitors and share stories about Daufuskie's people, history, and culture.
4. Keep our island beautiful. Even one discarded beverage can or plastic bag on the roadside diminishes the beauty of our island. Please do not litter... and go one better by pledging to pick up one piece of roadside trash every day.

5. Protect our wildlife and natural resources. Do not drive your cart on the beach (you can destroy all the eggs in a Loggerhead turtle nest); leave starfish and live sand dollars on the beach and check larger shells for hermit crabs.

Yes, we have alligators, and these fascinating animals are part of our coastal world. They are usually more wary of people than we are of them. NEVER feed an alligator, as such a practice causes them to lose their fear of humans. It is NEVER acceptable to throw rocks or torment an alligator or any other wildlife. Keep your dogs out of the ponds.

6. Support Our Local Economy Tourism is the lifeblood of the island, and we ask our visitors to keep in mind that working folks here face extra economic challenges. Please support our local businesses, and gratuities for good service are always appreciated.

7. Wave! There is a long-standing tradition on the island of waving at the people you pass in golf carts or other vehicles. Show us that you are glad to be here by joining in that tradition!

Other questions prior to your visit? Contact us so that we can help. In the meantime, we look forward to seeing you on our beautiful island!

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE RENTAL AGREEMENT YOU APPROVED IN MAKING THIS RESERVATION STATES "THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS FOR ANY EVENT BEYOND OUR CONTROL SUCH AS HURRICANES OR TROPICAL STORMS." We recommend our guests consider purchasing a "Cancel for Any Reason" Travel Insurance policy to protect themselves against circumstances that could lead to the cancellation of your trip to Daufuskie.**