

Walking Tour of Kingsley Plantation

Kingsley Plantation is a renowned historic site on Fort George Island – a small sea island located between Amelia Island and Jacksonville. **Kingsley Plantation is the finest example of plantation-era culture in Florida.** The grounds have many original structures, and overlooks a magnificent Aquatic Preserve of pristine waterways, marshes and undeveloped islands.



EcoMotion Tours provides special, **one-hour tours for groups.** Our knowledgeable guides will escort guests around the grounds, recounting facts and fables from the past. Highlights of the tour include:

Kingsley Plantation Complex

This site is a remarkably intact example of an **early 1800's Sea Island cotton plantation.** Preserved by the National Park Service, Kingsley Plantation gives you the rare opportunity to see original plantation structures including: the **Plantation Owner's House, Kitchen House, Barn,** and the remains of **23 Slave Cabins.** The plantation house dates to 1798 and is the oldest plantation house still standing in Florida. As we walk the grounds, we'll be truly stepping back in time.

Original Tabby Buildings

Tabby is an old-time coastal building material that utilized oyster shells, sand, lime and water. Many of structures you'll see were built from oyster shells taken from ancient **shell mounds left behind by early Florida Indians** and their ancestors. Hear about this culture from thousands of years ago, now hidden in the walls of these buildings.



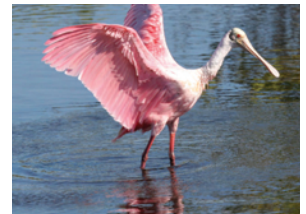
The Garden

During the late 1700's Fort George Island was cleared and planted in fields of **Sea Island cotton, sugarcane and indigo.** In the sample garden, you'll see growing specimens of these plantation-era cash crops as well as some food crops that define Southern cooking today! You'll also enjoy all the winged beauties flitting about the **butterfly garden.**



Birds, Water Views and Wildlife

The maritime forest, and the vast salt marshes and estuaries surrounding the island, attracts a large diversity of bird and marine life. Depending on the season, **Wood storks, Roseate Spoonbills, Ospreys, Egrets, and Bald Eagles** can be seen along the plantation's waterways. Dolphins, manatees, and river otters may also be spotted. **Gopher tortoises and armadillos** are often seen along the grounds.



Tour Leaders

Maren and Greg Arnett are the owners of EcoMotion Tours, Inc. They operate eco-historic tours on Fort George Island and Little Talbot Island. These local Islanders enjoy sharing information about their Island's rich history and natural beauty.

One-hour tours can usually be arranged from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM, Wednesday – Sunday, and in any one-hour block of time from 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM every Monday and Tuesday. All tours need to be pre-arranged with EcoMotionTours. Call for price quotes: (904) 251-9477

Maximum group size: 50 per tour
Minimum group size: 10 per tour

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