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LOOKING TO BUY A SECOND HOME?

Check out these eight communities, all located in (or near) Georgia BY SHIVANI VYAS

Thinking about purchasing a second home? Now might be a good time, according to many financial experts, who say that owning a second home not only offers security in uncertain times and yields a number of tax benefits but also can provide a source of income via seasonal or monthly rentals. Mainly, though, a second home—especially one close by—provides an easy way to disconnect

from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, whether for the weekend or an extended stay.

With these drive-to destinations, you can overpack worry-free, skip the hassle of crowded airplanes, and create flexible plans on your schedule. So, whether you like the mountains or the beach, you prefer golfing or just relaxing with a good book, there's something here for you.

MCLEMORE RESORT

Perched atop Lookout Mountain in northwest Georgia is McLemore Resort, named in honor of the Scottish family who settled in the area in the early 18th century. With sweeping views of the valley below, the community offers an abundance of outdoor activities and experiences, including mountain hiking, hang gliding, rock climbing, and more. Guests



and residents also have access to an award-winning, cliff-edge par 71 course—recognized by *Golf Digest* as home to the “22nd best hole in the country”—in addition to the brand new 18-hole course, The Keep. Tucked within the community, the Cloudland hotel, a Curio Collection by Hilton, offers four dining outlets, daily activities, a cliff-edge pool, and a full spa. mclemoreresort.com

AIRABELLA LAKE OCONEE

With 140,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space and easy access to Lake Oconee’s many recreational opportunities, this golf cart-friendly community in Greensboro, Georgia, serves as the perfect setting to shop, socialize, and relax. Ideal for families, young professionals, and retirees, the mixed-use community, which began construction last year, is just a 90-minute drive from Atlanta. Amenities include a golf course, walking

paths, and an expansive resort-like pool area. The community offers a range of townhouses and single-family homes. helloairabella.com

HAIG POINT

Located on Daufuskie Island, just seven minutes from Hilton Head’s Harbour Town, is the charming community of Haig Point, which boasts one of the longest private beaches in the Carolinas. It’s also home to a top-rated golf course, a racquet club, and an equestrian program that offers lessons, boarding, and trail rides. Arrival is by water only—18 round trips per day by private ferry as well as a 24-hour private water taxi. The concierge valet system delivers all the creature comforts including Amazon Prime, grocery delivery, and even takeout pizza. The lighthouse now serves as a guesthouse and is also used for weddings, special events, and parties. haigpoint.com

OLD TOCCOA FARM

Located along the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains just minutes from downtown Blue Ridge, Georgia, this semi-private resort community offers both solitude and convenience. A haven for outdoor enthusiasts, it features a 125-acre Bunker Hill–designed golf course with more than 280 feet of elevation change, offering breathtaking views of the Chattahoochee and Cherokee National Forests. Residents also enjoy an abundance of walking trails as well as kayaking and paddleboarding on the Toccoa River. (The community boasts more than 4,000 feet of river frontage.) Sites at Old Toccoa Farm range from one-half to three-quarters of an acre. oldtoccoafarm.com

REYNOLDS LAKE OCONEE

This waterfront community in Greensboro, Georgia, offers something for everyone, including seven golf courses, 11 restaurants, five full-service marinas, walking and biking trails, and numerous wellness pursuits. You’ll also find one of the only lakefront Ritz-Carltons in the world here, complete with luxury dining and a full-service spa. Sandy Creek Sporting Grounds features a variety of shooting challenges as well as other recreational activities such as fishing and off-roading. And with 350 miles of shoreline, residents have plenty of space to simply unwind and connect with nature. reynoldslakeoconee.com

RUSSELL LANDS ON LAKE MARTIN

This community on picturesque Lake Martin in Alexander City, Alabama, consists of more than 15 waterfront neighborhoods with homes ranging from custom cabins to large lakefront estates. The lake, which boasts nearly 900 miles of shoreline and more than 40,000 acres of crystal-clear blue water, is a boater’s paradise. Amenities include an old-fashioned Town Green, amphitheater, more than 100 miles of trails, an artisanal food market, a coffee shop, and casual and fine dining options, including

The Cliffs



the award-winning SpringHouse. The Heritage, Russell Lands' latest development, features lakefront estate homesites and a Coore & Crenshaw golf course. russelllands.com

THE CLIFFS

The Cliffs consists of seven luxury communities in the Carolinas: three on Lake Keowee near Clemson, three in the Greenville region, and one near Asheville. Each community offers top-tier amenities and activities, including seven award-winning golf courses, seven state-of-the-art wellness centers, tennis

and pickleball courts, a watersports program, and an outdoor pursuits team to lead private excursions such as kayak tours and hiking and biking. Home to a vibrant cycling culture, 17-time Tour de France rider George Hincapie leads the program. Best of all, a single club membership grants residents access to the amenities at all seven communities. cliffsliving.com

THE RESERVE AT LAKE KEOWEE

With stunning views of the Blue Ridge Mountains and more than 30 miles of shoreline on Lake Keowee, the

Reserve is an exclusive, waterfront mountain community spanning 3,900 acres. Offering five distinct dining experiences, each with its own unique style and menu, the Reserve's restaurants also offer handcrafted cocktails that rotate each week. The community is home to a Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course, a comprehensive marina, and a lively village hub offering dining and shopping options. Residents can also take advantage of a wide range of outdoor activities throughout the year, including paddelboarding and boating. reserveatlakekeowee.com