

AMELIA & ISLAND

F L O R I D A



INSPIRATION GUIDE

AmeliaIsland.com

COME MAKE MEMORIES ON AMELIA ISLAND, FLORIDA

It's the warmth of the sun on your shoulders that puts you on cloud nine.
The laid-back nature tour that becomes the adventure of a lifetime.
The 13 miles of pristine beaches that simply take your breath away.

It's an Island thing.

It's a special feeling that's difficult to put into words, but once you visit Amelia Island, you'll know it well. It's a real thing. It's an Island thing.





DISCOVER

The southernmost jewel in the barrier island chain, Amelia Island beckons with 13 miles of uninterrupted, pristine Atlantic beach, arrayed with the lush natural beauty of giant oak trees draped in Spanish moss that highlight the maritime forest canopy.

Just over 18 square miles (the size and shape of Manhattan), it is the only place in America that has lived under the dominion of eight different flags. Along the way, this barrier island has drawn lively characters including adventurers, pirates, princesses, robber barons, and artists of all varieties. When you visit, you'll understand why this small island has exerted such a powerful pull throughout the centuries.

The island is home to Civil War-era Fort Clinch, historic American Beach, and a 50-block National Historic District in downtown Fernandina Beach that is a thriving neighborhood rich with eclectic shops and restaurants. The modern shrimping industry began here and shrimpers still ply these waters. To taste the difference, ask for wild-caught shrimp, available at many Amelia Island restaurants and grocery stores.

Whether you're looking for a family vacation, a romantic getaway, an unforgettable wedding, or just the chance to reconnect on the beach or under the live oaks, you'll return with great memories.

See for yourself, and, just like the sea turtles who hatch here on summer nights, you'll find yourself drawn back to this enchanted island time and time again.

Come Make Memories.

NATURE & OUTDOORS

Beloved by naturalists, conservationists, birders, and adventure enthusiasts alike, Amelia Island is an eco-tourism paradise. Situated along the Atlantic Coast, all 13 miles of pristine quartz beaches are open for running, walking, or just enjoying. Visitors seeking a dose of fresh air can also enjoy trails at **Fort Clinch State Park**, **Amelia Island State Park**, and **Egans Creek Greenway**. You might even spot some local wildlife, including gopher tortoises, dolphins, North Atlantic right whales and many species of birds and fish.



Scan the QR code and see the
splendor of Amelia Island.





SEE & DO

Escape the everyday with experiences you won't forget. On Amelia Island, you can easily do as much—or as little—as you want. Here is just a sample of the experiences awaiting you.

ON THE WATER

- 🦋 See the island and its surroundings (including neighboring Cumberland Island) from the deck of an **Amelia River Cruise** or numerous sightseeing charters.
- 🦋 **Amelia Boat Club & Rentals** can put you on the water for fishing, cruising or sightseeing, with or without a captain.
- 🦋 Bring home your own fish story with an excursion on one of 40 fishing charters. **Amelia Island Charter Boat Association** and **Amelia Island Guides Association** can help you find the perfect fit.
- 🦋 Come face-to-face with nature in the natural backwaters in a kayak or on a SUP board. Choose from nearly a dozen expert, local tour guide companies for an experience to remember.
- 🦋 Set off on a two-person catamaran excursion from **Egans Creek to Historic Fort Clinch** and then to Cumberland Island with **Backwater Cat Adventures** or **Riptide Watersports**.
- 🦋 Take a privately chartered sunset sail with **Windward Sailing** or **Follow That Dream Sailing**.

ON LAND

- 🦋 Immerse yourself in the history of the island by visiting one of our museums. Downtown hosts the **Amelia Island Museum of History** (located in the old county jail). Enjoy historic **American Beach** and the **A.L. Lewis Museum** built upon the memories and memorabilia of several generations of African-American residents and visitors.
- 🦋 Discover the rich arts scene guided by the mobile **Art Passport** by visiting artisan galleries, studios, makeries and public art installations perfect for Instagram-able backdrops! Check in, collect points and choose cool prizes.
- 🦋 There are a variety of tours to discover the wonders of Amelia Island year-round from **Anchor Trolley and Coast One Tours**, to **Amelia Island History Tours** and even ghost tours led by the **Amelia Island Museum of History** and **Amelia Island Ghost Tours**.
- 🦋 Amelia Island has incredible foodie experiences including the monthly Sprouting Project themed farm-to-table dinners at **Omni Amelia Island Resort**, monthly Chef's Theatre live demonstrations at **The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island** and walking and tasting tours by **Amelia Island Downtown Tasting Tours**.

- 🐾 Golf the links of Amelia Island offering 99 holes of championship golf. From the incredibly smooth greens at **The Amelia River Club** to the **Little Sandy** short course, you'll leave the island having perfected all aspects of your game.
- 🐾 Take a horseback ride on the beach with **Happy Trails Walking Horses** or **Amelia Island Horseback Riding**.
- 🐾 Take to the trails in **Fort Clinch State Park**, or in the **Egans Creek Greenway**, watching for birds and other wildlife.
- 🐾 Spend the afternoon at **Pirate Playground**, **Egans Creek Park**, **Simmons Road Park** or **Central Park** for active outdoor fun.
- 🐾 Cycle on the **Amelia Island Trail**, one of several multi-use paths, that wind past century-old, moss-laden live oaks and natural waterways on a smooth scenic coastal path.
- 🐾 Train your eye to spot even the smallest of sharks teeth on an eco-tour with **Amelia Shark Tooth Adventures**.
- 🐾 Go on a Segway™ adventure including seaside, marshside, and canopied trails with **Amelia's Wheels** at Omni Amelia Island Resort.
- 🐾 Practice yoga at an island studio like **Community Yoga & Wellness**. For a scenic backdrop, try yoga beachside at **Elizabeth Pointe Lodge**, at a historic venue at **The Williams House** or poolside at **The Courtyard by Marriott**.
- 🐾 Relax and rejuvenate in a luxury resort spa at **The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island** or **Omni Amelia Island Resort**.

IN THE AIR

- 🐾 Take in the views on a discovery flight by **A-Cent Aviation**, offering a variety of options including a romance sunset tour complete with champagne and chocolates onboard the aircraft.
- 🐾 Swing your feet over Amelia Island while enjoying the unobstructed views in the front seat of an open air paramotor trike piloted by **Barefoot Flyers PPG**.
- 🐾 Freefall in love with Amelia Island's coastline with **Skydive Amelia & World Skydiving Center** both offering tandem skydives with breathtaking views.



EAT & DRINK

Cuisine on Amelia Island means Florida seafood straight from the birthplace of the modern shrimping industry, enjoying farm-to-table cuisine, or dining with an international flavor. With more than 100 distinctive restaurants to choose from, this small island offers a large variety for every palate and mood.

FINE DINING

Watch the chefs of **The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island** showcase their culinary talents at the resort's exclusive cooking events or at the 5 Diamond restaurant, **Salt**, or try **David's Restaurant & Lounge** for a unique dining experience inspired by travel and a passion for different cultures.

SEAFOOD

From **Espana's** lush, colorful gardens and traditional flavors from Spain and Portugal to the edge of the ocean with **Salt Life**, Amelia Island let's you dine with a side of fun, fresh flavor.



KID FRIENDLY & CASUAL

The menu is as creative as the atmosphere at **Cantina Louie** for fresh Mexican street eats. Or, combine playgrounds with casual fare at **Timoti's Seafood Shak** in downtown Fernandina Beach or **Sliders** right by the beach.

BARS & BREWERIES

Celebrate a day of inspiration at **The Decanter**, the island's premier wine, craft beer and cocktail lounge. Then wander to **The Palace Saloon** for a Pirate's Punch like the old-time bootleggers. Discover craft beers and more at local breweries like **Mocama Beer Company**.

STAY

Find your perfect setting for making memories at one of Amelia Island's resorts, inns, condos, hotels, or vacation rentals. There's a stay for every style on Amelia Island.

WORLD-CLASS LUXURY

Amelia Island is home to two award-winning resorts: **Omni Amelia Island Resort** and **The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island**. Indulge in lush golf courses, rejuvenating luxury spas, restaurants, and shops along miles of Atlantic shoreline.

HISTORIC TREASURES

Charming bed & breakfast inns can be found in historic downtown Fernandina Beach.

SIMPLE COMFORTS

Familiar hotels and motels offer great value without sacrificing quality or service. The island also boasts a collection of condominiums, villas, townhouses and other vacation rentals.



PLAN

ARRIVING BY AIR

Just 30 minutes from Amelia Island, Jacksonville International Airport (JAX) links Northeast Florida with cities across North America and around the world. Passengers have many airline options, including: Allegiant Air, American Airlines, Breeze Airways, Delta Air Lines, Frontier Airlines, JetBlue, Silver Airways, Southwest Airlines, Sun Country Airlines, and United Airlines.

ARRIVING BY CAR

Two bridges connect the island with the mainland. From the south, take I-295 north to Heckscher Drive, then go north on 105. Or, if traveling on A1A, take Florida A1A to the Mayport auto ferry which traverses the St. Johns River to 105 North. From I-95, take Exit 373, turn east onto A1A, travel 15 miles crossing the Intracoastal Waterway onto Amelia Island.



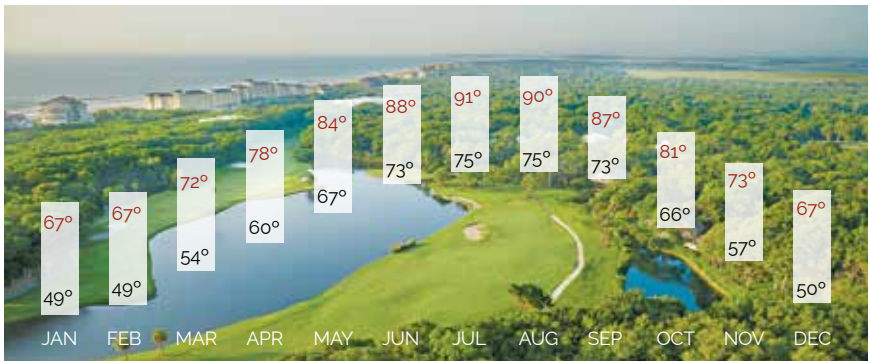
- ATLANTA — 356 mi/573 km
- BOSTON — 995 mi/1,601 km
- CHARLESTON — 227 mi/365 km
- CHARLOTTE — 372 mi/599 km
- CHICAGO — 1,070 mi/1,725 km
- DALLAS — 1,023 mi/1,645 km
- FORT LAUDERDALE — 360 mi/579 km
- HILTON HEAD — 159 mi/255 km
- JACKSONVILLE — 33 mi/53 km
- MIAMI — 379 mi/610 km
- NASHVILLE — 490 mi/790 km
- NEW YORK — 920 mi/1,481 km
- ORLANDO — 177 mi/285 km
- PHILADELPHIA — 835 mi/1,325 km
- SAVANNAH — 127 mi/204 km
- ST. AUGUSTINE — 69 mi/111 km
- TAMPA — 233 mi/375 km
- WASHINGTON, DC — 630 mi/1,014 km



CLIMATE

With abundant sunshine and mild temperatures year-round, it's always a perfect time to visit Amelia Island! Spring brings blue skies and breezy days with average high temperatures in the 70s. Summer offers warmer daytime temperatures with sea breezes for that much-needed beach day. The island experiences nice changes in autumn as average temperatures decline, perfect for an afternoon kayak outing along the Intracoastal Waterway. Winter on Amelia Island is usually characterized by drier, crisp air and comfortable weather that is just right for walks on the beach, a round or two of golf, or spotting wildlife.

AVERAGE MONTHLY TEMPERATURES (FAHRENHEIT)



ACCESSIBLE TRAVEL

Amelia Island is committed to creating a welcome and accessible environment for all to enjoy.

 AmeliaIsland.com/ACCESSIBLETRAVEL



AMELIA ISLAND OCCASIONS



DICKENS ON CENTRE

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Find your unforgettable moment with annual events in music, theatre, literature, and visual arts throughout the year. From Dickens on Centre to the Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival, come celebrate the island's colorful past and present.



AmeliaIsland.com/EVENTS

MEETINGS

We think your next meeting or group event should be in a place that not only offers flexible group space and outstanding accommodations to fit every budget, but also provides an abundance of charm, recreation and world-class dining.



AmeliaIsland.com/MEETINGS



WEDDINGS

There's no better place to celebrate the moment it becomes official than within the stunning natural beauty of Amelia Island.



AmeliaIsland.com/WEDDINGS



10 TRAVEL GUIDES

Explore Amelia Island no matter what your tastes or passions. Check out our 10 Travel Guides for inspiration for your perfect getaway!



Beach – With 13 miles of wide, uncrowded beaches framed by sand dunes, Amelia Island’s shores have long been a source of beauty.



Family – Bring the whole family and discover a timeless, friendly place with experiences for all ages.



Downtown Fernandina Beach – This enchanting Victorian seaport village was once a stomping ground for pirates, Gilded Age millionaires, bootleggers, shrimpers, and other colorful characters.



Nature & Outdoors – Home to a rare maritime forest ecosystem and unique array of flora and fauna, Amelia Island offers an escape to the wonders of nature and the sea.



Golf – As part of Florida’s First Coast of Golf, one of the country’s premier golfing regions, Amelia Island is a true golfers’ paradise for players of every skill level.



Romance – Connect with one another during your enchanted getaway on Amelia Island.



Spa & Wellness – The best in coastal luxury, world-class spas, uncrowded beaches, eco-excursions and sustainably sourced dining options, Amelia Island is a destination for transformation.



Foodies – Discover more than 100 independent eateries featuring local seafood, international delicacies and more, all served with beach charm and Southern hospitality.



Arts & Culture – Amelia Island is alive with theater, art walks, concerts, and acclaimed music festivals.



History – Eight official flags have claimed dominion over this barrier island, earning Amelia Island the moniker “Isle of Eight Flags.” Discover the rich history of Amelia Island.

AMELIA ISLAND

F L O R I D A



Amelia Island, Florida



AmeliaIsland.com

102 CENTRE STREET, FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034