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Growing up in a military family, and later being married to a soldier, I understand the difficulties relocating your entire family across country. When my husband got out of the military we relocated one last time to the Jacksonville area. We have called Jacksonville our home since January of 1998. Northeast Florida is a place I am proud to call my home, so many beautiful places to explore. I am happy to help you find your new home, or help you find the perfect buyer for your current home. Let me help take some of the stress off of your plate. Like a friend, *I've got YOUR back!*

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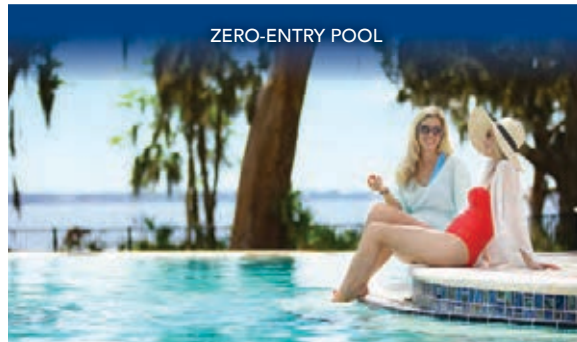
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**Welcome** to the 2020 *First Coast Relocation Guide*™!

This wonderful publication will be your go-to resource as you settle into your new home. For two decades, this guide has served to introduce newcomers to the First Coast. Within these pages you will find information to help you have a successful move to the area and get familiar with all the great things to see and do here!

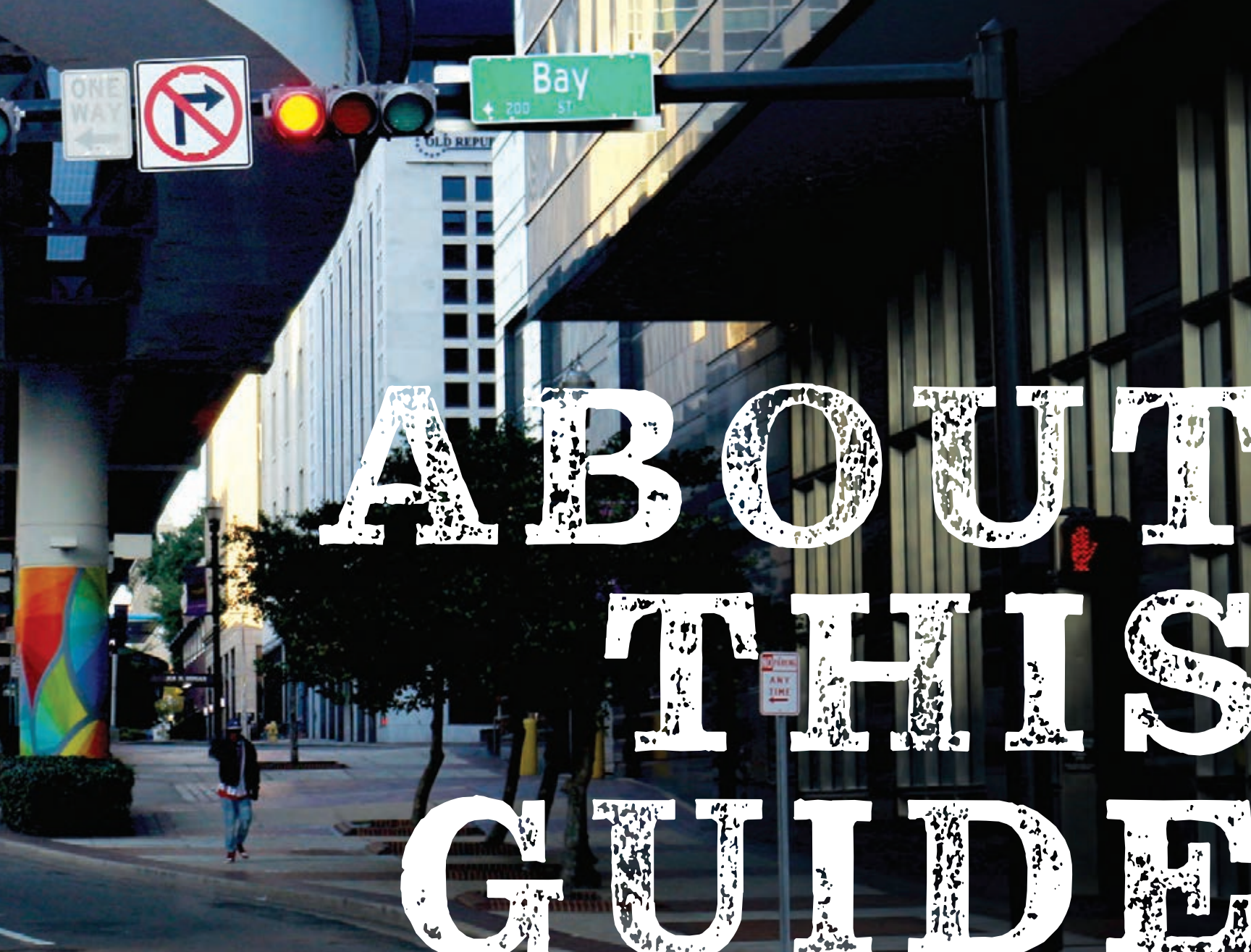
The First Coast truly has it all, which makes it the best place to Live, Work and Play! We have some of the best health care facilities in the nation; a superb education system that accommodates all types of learners; top-notch sports teams and events; and a vibrant cultural and art community.

The Live Section includes descriptions of the many First Coast neighborhoods and master-planned communities, in addition to information about apartment living, the current real estate market and

more! We have also compiled all the vital information you need as you settle in, such as internet and utility providers. For those with furry family members, we have included a special pet section where you can find information on area dog parks, pet-friendly beaches, doggy day cares and animal hospitals.

In the Work Section, you will discover what makes Northeast Florida an economically sound region and why it's one of the fastest growing areas in the U.S. We delve into the major industries that drive the economy in Northeast Florida, including financial services, logistics and distribution, top employers and the many successful Jacksonville-area businesses. Additionally, we have included the newest and most up-to-date happenings in the First Coast business sector.

The Navy has a strong presence in Northeast Florida, making it a great place for active-military members and veterans. Naval Air Station Jacksonville is the



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largest navy base in the Southeast, with 20,000 military personnel. Naval Station Mayport, also located in Duval County, is home to the Navy's U.S. Fourth Fleet, the third-largest naval surface fleet concentration area in the country.

When moving to a new city, we know how important it is to have all the information about getting from point A to point B. Learn about the many transportation services around the First Coast that make it a major logistics center. Additionally, we have included information on the new toll roads in the area.

In the Play Section, you'll find everything there is to know about having fun on the First Coast! Here, we have enjoyable weather all year round, making it the perfect place to explore the beautiful outdoors. You will be amazed by the miles of beaches and coastline in addition to a large, urban park system that is second to none.

There are endless entertainment opportunities here as well. You will have no problem finding an electrifying concert, an inspiring Broadway performance, an exciting festival or an action-packed professional sporting event. The First Coast is also a foodie's paradise. Satisfy your taste buds by sampling some of the many eclectic fusions of flavors at award-winning restaurants. After dinner, hit the town and experience our bustling nightlife.

It is our hope that this publication helps you discover everything that makes the First Coast such a great place to Live, Work and Play. We are so glad that you decided to make it your new home!

Downtown Jacksonville, photo by Stephanie Marty

# NOTE

# FROM THE EDITOR

First and foremost, let me welcome you to the First Coast. Having grown up right here in Jacksonville, I am proud to call it my hometown. I've seen this area grow and expand before my very own eyes. Over the past two decades, Jacksonville and the surrounding area has transformed into a destination for business, entertainment, sports, shopping and dining. As more and more people relocate to the First Coast, many new residential and commercial developments have emerged to keep up with the demand, and it's clear why. The First Coast has everything you could ever want in a hometown.

Upon moving to the Jacksonville area, I'm sure the first thing you'll notice is how vast this area really is! The multitude of neighborhoods make the First Coast so diverse and multifaceted. On weekends I love exploring all the different communities here, from Amelia Island to St. Augustine and everything in between. Even though I've lived here a long time, I keep discovering new things time and time again.

Another exciting aspect of the First Coast is its rich history and vibrant culture. One of the most iconic sites is the Castillo de San Marcos, or simply "the fort," which was built by Spanish settlers in the 17th century. There are always exciting events happening and shows to see at our many entertainment venues like Daily's Place, VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, Florida Theatre and The Amp St. Augustine. Jacksonville is a great place for sports fans as well. One of my favorite pastimes is watching the Florida Gators at the annual Florida-Georgia game played right here at TIAA Bank Field. On Sundays it's always a blast to root on the Jacksonville Jaguars!

I feel so fortunate to have grown up near the First Coast's beaches, and now you have that advantage as well! We are blessed to have beautiful weather all year round, meaning it's always a good time to catch some rays, feel the sand between your toes and splash around in the water. Northeast Florida is also a great place to explore nature, especially Big Talbot Island State Park near Fernandina Beach. Stroll along the park's Boneyard Beach and see the salt-washed remnants of live oak and cedar trees that now resemble skeletons, hence the name.

When there are errands to be run, it's great to have a premier shopping destination like the St. Johns Town Center, where you can find a wide variety of stores and shops from big box stores to high-end retailers. I also love that the First Coast is home to shopping districts with one-of-a-kind shops in neighborhoods like San Marco, Riverside, Fernandina and historic St. Augustine.

Even though Jacksonville has seen immense growth over the years, it still has the feel of a small town where communities are close and neighbors are friendly. Perfectly combining big-city conveniences with a laid-back atmosphere, the First Coast is a special place to call home. I'm thrilled that you are now a First Coast resident and I'm so glad you're here!

Monica Gutos  
Lead Editor



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GOVERNOR

January 2020

Dear Friends:

Welcome to Northeast Florida! Casey and I are glad you have chosen the Sunshine State as your home. As the parents of a growing family, we are confident you and your family will enjoy the natural beauty and charm that make Florida's First Coast unique.

As Governor, I am implementing a bold vision for a brighter future and am committed to taking Florida to the next level. Priorities include continuing to make key investments in our K-12 education system so our students and teachers have opportunities to be successful; protecting our water and natural resources; and ensuring the safety and well-being of our families and communities.

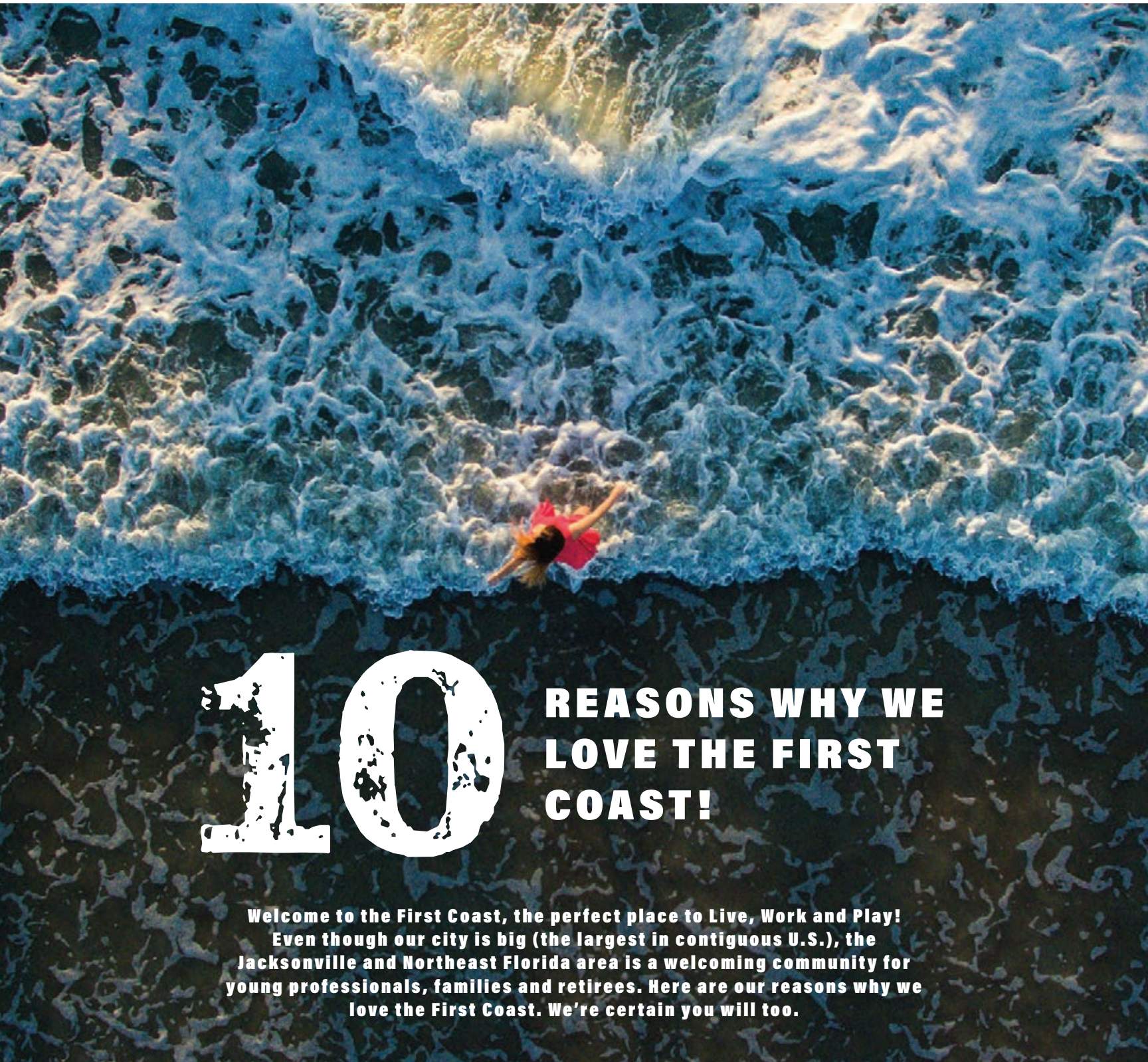
In my first year as Governor, we have secured historic achievements for our state, including more than \$21.8 billion in total funding for K-12 education and more than \$625 million for Everglades restoration and initiatives to protect our water resources while providing nearly \$400 million in tax relief.

My administration is working hard every day to expand and diversify our economy so we can secure the best jobs and opportunities for all Floridians. We are determined to do all that we can to best address the issues of the day, confident that Florida's future has never been bolder, brighter or better than it is today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis  
Governor



# 10 REASONS WHY WE LOVE THE FIRST COAST!

**Welcome to the First Coast, the perfect place to Live, Work and Play! Even though our city is big (the largest in contiguous U.S.), the Jacksonville and Northeast Florida area is a welcoming community for young professionals, families and retirees. Here are our reasons why we love the First Coast. We're certain you will too.**

Jacksonville Beach, photo by Lance Asper on Unsplash

# Beautiful Beaches

Here on the First Coast, we are fortunate to have miles of sandy beaches, ideal for beachcombing, surfing, fishing or simply enjoying the sunshine. Jacksonville even has more coastline than any city in the country! See our Beaches and Waterways section on page 149 to find the perfect beach spot for you.



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# Friendly Neighborhoods

When you move to the First Coast, you'll delight in the vast selection of neighborhoods, each with a special personality and appeal all its own. No matter what your style or budget is, your perfect home awaits you here. Choose from neighborhoods that have historic homes, new-builds in planned communities, beachside cottages, downtown lofts and modern apartments. Check out our list of neighborhoods starting on page 20.



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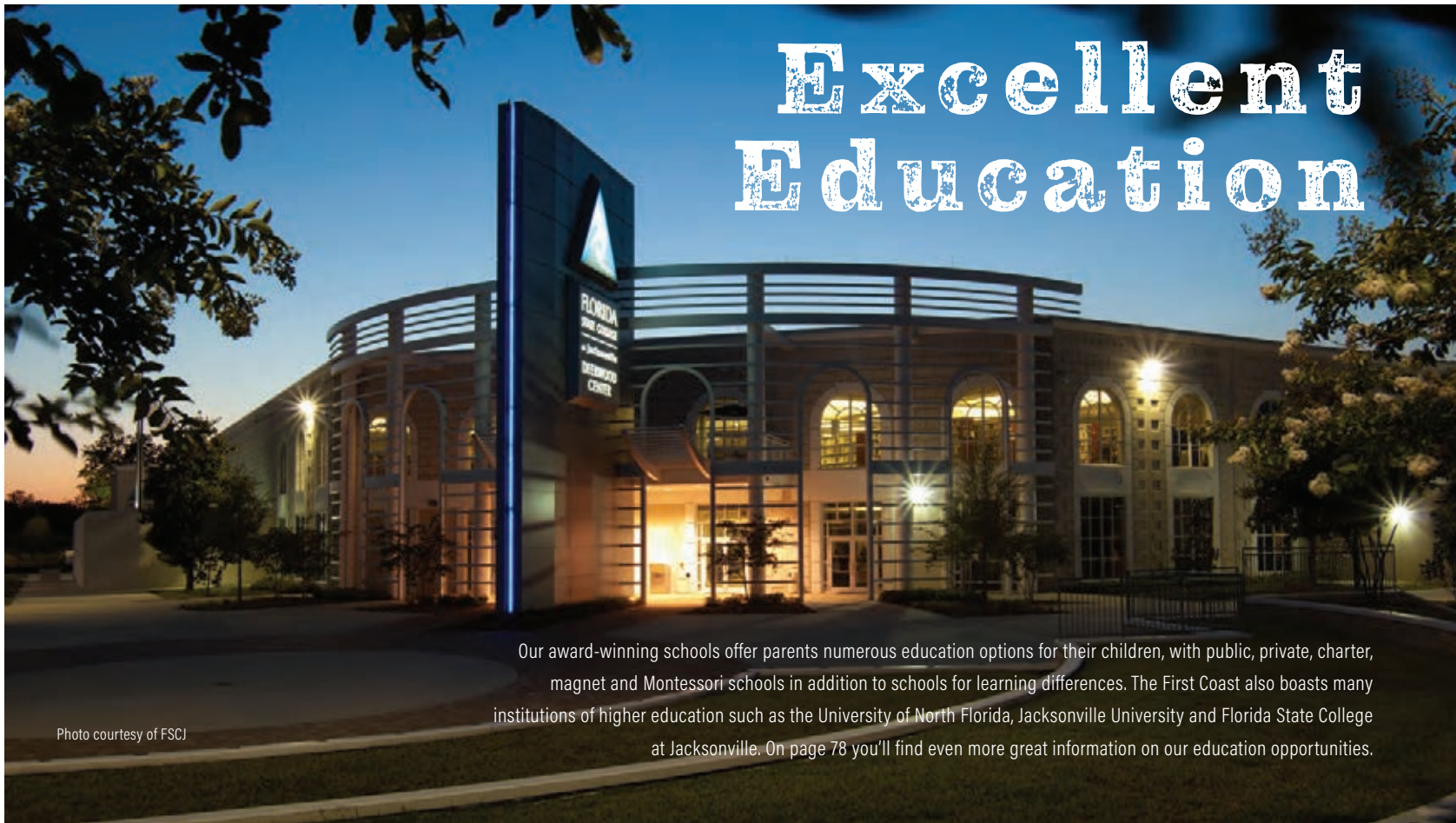


# Top-Notch Health Care



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The First Coast has some of the best health care providers and medical centers in the nation. We have one of only three Mayo Clinics, an MD Anderson Cancer Center and major health care systems such as UF Health, Baptist Health and Ascension St. Vincent's. Our children's health care is also at the forefront of innovation with Wolfson Children's Hospital and Nemours Children's Specialty Care. To learn more about health care on the First Coast, see page 100.



# Excellent Education

Our award-winning schools offer parents numerous education options for their children, with public, private, charter, magnet and Montessori schools in addition to schools for learning differences. The First Coast also boasts many institutions of higher education such as the University of North Florida, Jacksonville University and Florida State College at Jacksonville. On page 78 you'll find even more great information on our education opportunities.

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# Devoted Military

The First Coast has a large military presence that significantly impacts our economy by employing thousands of active duty, reserve and civilian men and women. Jacksonville is home to the largest Navy base in the Southeast, Naval Air Station Jacksonville located on the Westside. North of Atlantic Beach is Naval Station Mayport which is home to the Navy's 4th Fleet and Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay in nearby Southeast Georgia. To learn more about our military, flip to page 135.



Sea and Sky Air Show, photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville

# Exciting Sports



Photo by Ryan Ketterman, courtesy of Visit Jacksonville

There's always a game to watch or tailgate here! Head to TIAA Bank Field and cheer on the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars, where fans aptly refer to our town as "Sacksonville." Our annual sporting events such as the Florida-Georgia game, the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl and THE PLAYERS Championship draw visitors from all over. See our Sports section on page 173 to see all the teams in our area.

Hamilton, photo courtesy of FSCJ Artist Series

# Electrifying Entertainment

We love to have fun on the First Coast, as evident in our many concert venues and performing arts centers, such as Daily's Place, VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, The Amp St. Augustine and the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts, just to name a few. Each year, popular recording artists and performers visit the First Coast and put on spectacular shows. For a list of all the entertainment options in our area, see page 166.





# Booming Business

It's no wonder why *Forbes* magazine ranked Jacksonville as one of the best places for business and careers. We are home to three Fortune 500 companies, 80-plus industry headquarters and an energetic, skilled workforce. To see more about what makes the First Coast a great place to do business, see our Work section starting on page 114.

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## Amazing Shopping

The First Coast is the best place for some retail therapy! Our very own St. Johns Town Center is a premier shopping destination, with more than 150 retailers, including many high-end brands. To find quaint, locally owned boutiques visit any of our historic neighborhoods to find something unique. Our shopping section starting on page 182 will be your go-to resource for First Coast shopping centers.



Photo by Monica Gutos

## Delicious Dining

Take a culinary adventure on the First Coast, where you can sample cuisines from all over the globe in addition to some of the best seafood you can get your hands on! With everything from upscale bistros to quaint eateries and everything in between, the First Coast is a foodie's paradise. Check out our list of restaurants starting on page 185.

**It is our hope that this publication will guide you through everything you need to know about living here. We love life on the First Coast, and we're excited for you to get out there and discover it for yourself. Soon you'll see why this is the best place to call home.**



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**In the Live Section,  
you'll find all the  
essential information  
for day-to-day living  
on the First Coast.**

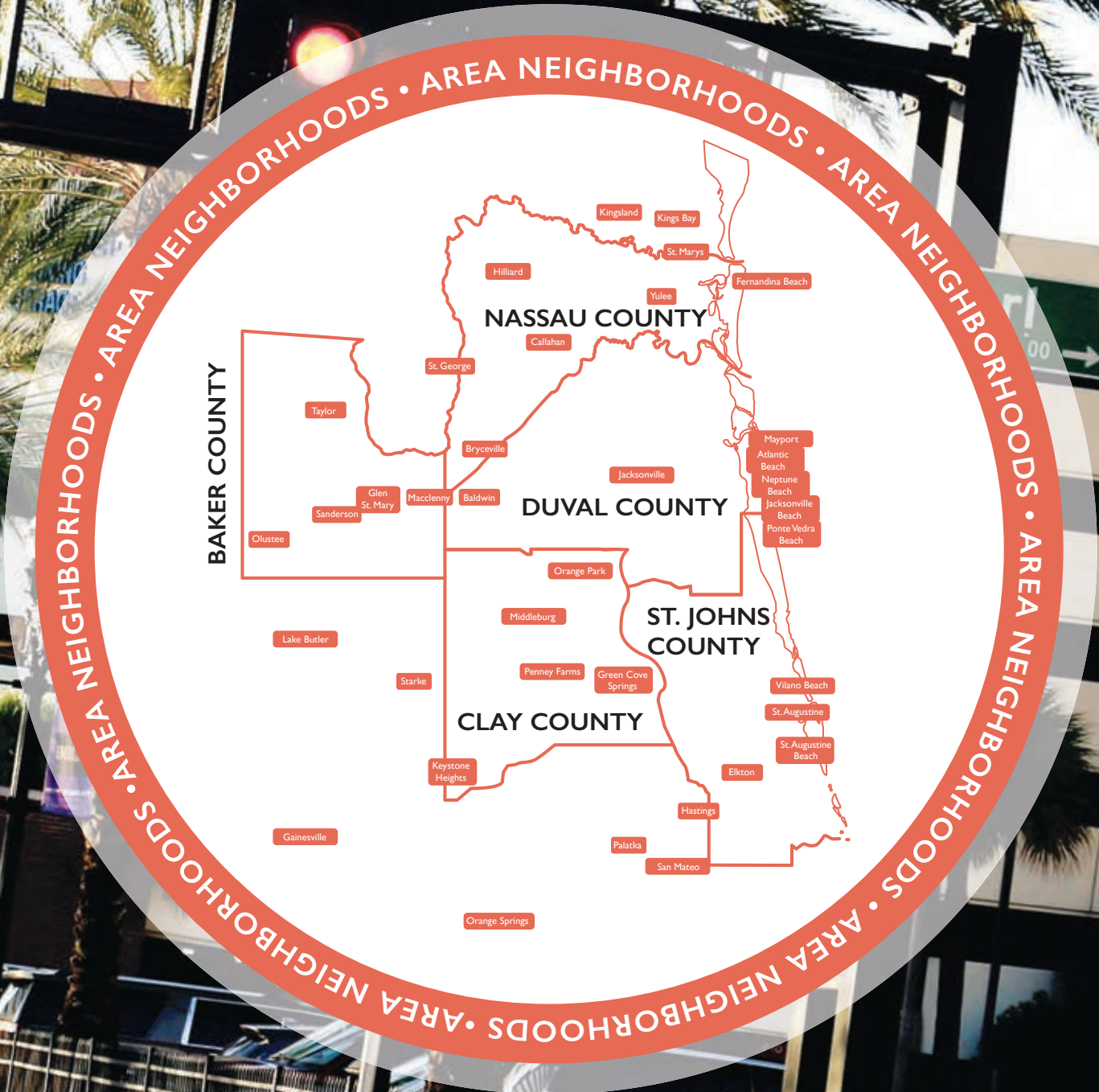


# Where to Hang Your Hat: Finding the Perfect Neighborhood

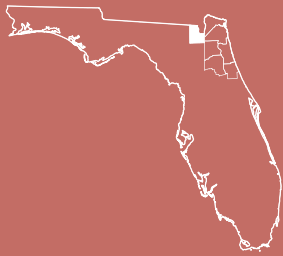
For those hunting for the ideal home, the First Coast has so many great neighborhoods to choose from! To help you navigate this vast region, we have put together a brief description of the many different neighborhoods in the five First Coast counties. Whether you are looking for a brand-new home in a master-planned community, a historic renovated home on a tree-lined street, a luxury condominium or a beach bungalow, there are so many types and styles of homes to choose from.



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# BAKER COUNTY



Area:

589 square miles



Estimated Population:

28,355 (2018)

**Baker County has a quaint country atmosphere with all the conveniences of a big city nearby, with downtown Jacksonville being only a short 20-minute drive away. The region has preserved the beauty of old Florida, which can be readily explored in the Osceola National Forest that falls within the county's boundaries.**

## Glen St. Mary/Macclenny

If the fast-paced city life isn't your cup of tea, Glen St. Mary's small-town atmosphere might just be the perfect spot for you. Approximately 420 people call Glen St. Mary home, with additional residents in the

surrounding areas. Choose from family-friendly neighborhoods with single-family homes, larger properties with sprawling acreage and gated communities. The county seat of Baker County, Macclenny was established in 1890 but had settlers as early as 1829.

Today, the town has a population of around 6,400 and is located 35 miles west of Jacksonville. When looking for a home in this history-rich town, you will find several subdivisions that offer single-family homes and several apartment complexes.



Home in Macclenny



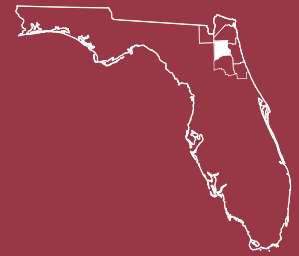
# CLAY COUNTY

Photo courtesy of Eagle Harbor



## Fleming Island

Fleming Island is a blossoming residential and commercial area that has unique, planned neighborhoods that provide centrally located amenities, some even within walking distance. Shopping centers, entertainment and restaurants are abundant here, bringing more convenience to those who have made Fleming Island home.



**Area:**  
644 square miles



**Estimated Population:**  
216,072 (2018)

**Located southwest of Jacksonville and west of historic St. Augustine, Clay County is a diverse mix of friendly suburban neighborhoods, meandering rural roads and up-and-coming communities, and was founded over 160 years ago.**

## Green Cove Springs

Best known for its natural sulfur spring, Green Cove Springs is an easy-going town rich in history. Many older homes line the St. Johns River, and the town has seen the emergence of new housing developments within recent years. Residents participate in the city's many events, including the annual Memorial Day Riverfest.



Spring Park in Green Cove Springs, photo courtesy of Clay County Tourist Development Council



### Keystone Heights

In the southeast corner of Clay County lies the lakeside community of Keystone Heights. Home searchers here will find cozy cottages, luxurious estates and tree-lined streets. The many parks and sand bottom lakes add to the city's family-friendly appeal.



### Middleburg

Middleburg has rapidly grown into a suburban community in central Clay County near Black Creek, a tributary of the St. Johns River. With Jennings State Forest close by, Middleburg residents enjoy hiking, biking, swimming and observing the area's natural scenery.



### Orange Park

In the northeastern section of Clay County, Orange Park is a friendly town with everything from waterfront estates along the St. Johns River and Doctors Lake to new housing developments inland and rural homes on sprawls of land further to the west. Residents enjoy the many shopping and entertainment options as well as convenient access to I-295 and NAS Jacksonville.

Eagle Landing



### Oakleaf Plantation

Situated in Clay County, with a small area lying in Duval County, OakLeaf Plantation is a family-oriented planned community with multiple village-style subdivisions. OakLeaf Plantation residents have access to two athletic centers, which include baseball and soccer fields, tennis and basketball courts, and a water park. The OakLeaf Town Center is home to various retailers and restaurants. Newcomers who choose this idyllic plantation as their home can choose from single-family homes, multi-family homes, luxury condominiums and apartments.

### Eagle Landing At Oakleaf Plantation

Eagle Landing at Oakleaf Plantation is a resort-style community adjacent to the Jennings State Forest that has several neighborhoods with an abundance of amenities, including an 18-hole championship Clyde Johnston-designed golf course. A full-time staff organizes activities such as "dive-in" movies, summer camps, golf clinics and tennis leagues at the award-winning amenity complex. There is a full-size gymnasium with fitness center, Swim Park, golf clubhouse with pro shop, eight lighted Har-Tru tennis courts, a Kid's Club and a Village store with a café, and more. Residents are also near shopping areas, A-rated schools and Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County. Eagle Landing also allows golf cart access everywhere within the community, adding more convenience for those who call it home.



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We are poised to welcome new businesses to Northeast Florida and provide a quality of life matched by no other. We'll also roll out the "red carpet" for the military men and women who are assigned to serve at one of our three major regional military bases. We thank our service members for their sacrifices and desire to serve, and look forward to placing them in high quality housing.

As a new resident of Northeast Florida, your search for a home will be welcomed with diverse options. There is a tremendous variety of new home communities located throughout the eight-county area. There are family-oriented communities with indoor and outdoor amenities, luxury waterfront homes, maintenance-free condos and townhomes, golf course homes and even communities designed for horse lovers. Whether you are looking for a starter home or a luxury retirement home, First Coast builders have thousands of floor plans in every price range.

With a low cost of living and high quality of life, the First Coast has a lot to offer newcomers. The *First Coast Relocation Guide*<sup>™</sup> can help you search for the perfect community to live in and help you find your new home.

Welcome Home!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Garrison". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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I extend a special welcome to the brave men and women in uniform who are relocating to be stationed at one of the three major military installations here on the First Coast. We are proud to be one of the most military- and veteran-friendly cities in the nation. You'll find that Jacksonville embraces its long military history and supports our community members who have faithfully served our country.

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With the St. Johns River at its centerpiece, Jacksonville features a wealth of natural resources, including the largest urban parks system in the country with several waterfront access points and activities, and the longest shoreline in all of Florida. Our vibrant city features a wealth of natural resources, a thriving arts and cultural scene, diverse and exciting sports teams, expansive entertainment venues, and a bustling business environment.

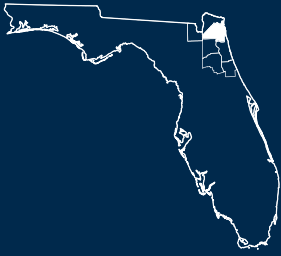
As you will see in the pages of this year's guide, Jacksonville is a very special place. Again, I thank you for choosing us and welcome you to your new home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lenny Curry".

Lenny Curry  
Mayor

# DUVAL COUNTY



Area:  
918 square miles



Estimated Population:  
950,181 (2018)

**All the different neighborhoods within Duval County and the city of Jacksonville make it one of the most diverse parts of the First Coast. For your convenience, we have broken down the major areas into Beaches, North, South and West. Within each larger area that makes up Duval County are dozens of smaller neighborhoods.**



Jacksonville Beach, photo by Lance Asper on Unsplash

## DUVAL-BEACHES

This lively yet laid-back area is comprised of Jacksonville Beach, Neptune Beach, Atlantic Beach and Mayport. These tightknit seaside communities offer an assortment of residential areas with many beachfront properties. Jacksonville Beach has numerous clubs, bars and restaurants offering some of the best nightlife and

entertainment. Neptune Beach, the youngest and smallest of the beach communities, encompasses 2.5 square miles between Atlantic Beach and Jacksonville Beach. Through strict growth management benchmarks, Neptune Beach maintains a tranquil standard of living. Atlantic Beach is mostly residential, with a majority of the developed areas being single-family homes. Mayport is one of

the nation's oldest fishing villages and is located just north of Atlantic Beach. Here, freshly caught seafood (especially Mayport shrimp—a culinary staple on the First Coast) is readily available. Mayport offers many types of housing and apartments, which is convenient for military personnel and civilians who work at nearby Naval Station Mayport.

**DUVAL-NORTH**

**Arlington/Fort Caroline**

Bordered by the St. Johns River to the west and north, the Intracoastal Waterway to the east and Atlantic Boulevard to the south, Jacksonville's Arlington/Fort Caroline area offers single- and multi-family developments, condominiums, townhomes, waterfront properties and golf communities. The community has a rich history, with European settlements dating back to the 1500s.

**Northside/Oceanway**

Consisting of neighborhoods north of the downtown area and a large portion of undeveloped land above the St. Johns River, the Northside offers quick access to the airport, the Jacksonville Zoo and River City Marketplace. Oceanway covers the northern section of Duval County, stretching from U.S. 1 to the Atlantic Ocean and from the Duval/Nassau county line to the St. Johns and Trout rivers. New housing developments, neighborhoods and apartment complexes are increasingly emerging in Oceanway.



Arlington, photo by Lance Asper on Unsplash



**Nicknames for Jacksonville include: Bold City, Jax, River City, J-Ville**

**DUVAL-SOUTH**

**Intracoastal West**

Bordered by the Intracoastal Waterway on the east and Kernan Boulevard on the west, the Intracoastal area features a multitude of apartments, condominiums, retirement communities and subdivisions. Residents enjoy being near the Jacksonville Beach and Southside areas as well as major roadways, such as John Turner Butler Boulevard (JTB), Beach Boulevard and Atlantic Boulevard.

For those looking for a community nestled between the city and the sea, **Tamaya** is a new home community in the Intracoastal area that offers spacious homes with Tuscan, Mediterranean and Spanish architectural styles. For more information on Tamaya, please see page 51.



Tamaya, photo by Stephanie Marty



***Hello new neighbor!*** The Northeast Florida Association of Realtors welcomes you to Florida's beautiful First Coast. We are delighted that you have chosen to become a part of our slice of Florida. Whether you prefer a bustling city like Jacksonville, or the slower pace and small-town ambience of Palatka, you will find that the communities in Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns counties offer something for everyone.

Our area features a strong economy, including an increasing foreign business presence. Employment opportunities abound, with health care, finance, insurance and the military being among Northeast Florida's major industries. Multiple area colleges, universities and business schools ready residents to successfully compete in our growing work force.

Entertainment choices are plentiful and diverse. Museums, a planetarium, Broadway shows, and many fairs and festivals mean there is always something to do. Miles of ocean beaches, the Intracoastal Waterway, the Timucuan Preserve and the mighty St. Johns River that runs through many Northeast Florida communities offer fishing, boating, kayaking, swimming and more water activities. Our area is also a golf destination of choice, and offers numerous golf courses. Spectator sports are well represented, including an NFL football team.

Now that you have chosen to reside in Northeast Florida, one of the most important decisions you will make is the purchase or rental of a home. Be it in an oceanfront relaxation location, a country club setting, a quaint historical neighborhood, or a riverfront high-rise with the latest in technological advances, Northeast Florida has it all.

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Once again, welcome to the neighborhood ... and make yourself at home.

William "Glenn" East  
Chief Executive Officer, Northeast Florida Association of Realtors

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## Mandarin

Named in 1830 after the area's major crop, Mandarin oranges, this historic neighborhood was once the home of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* author Harriet Beecher Stowe. Recognized for its majestic oak trees draped in Spanish moss, Mandarin has more water views than any other area in Jacksonville. Beauclerc and San Jose are two older neighborhoods that lie between the San Marco area and Mandarin. Most of the homes along Beauclerc Road are a mixture of architectural styles such as brick rambler homes and two-story contemporaries. San Jose has many historic homes built back in the 1950s and 1960s, along with new developments.



eTown, photo by Stephanie Marty



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**San Marco**

The beloved San Marco area is a trendy neighborhood that honors the past, with a dedication to restoring the community's historic properties to their original beauty. Located south of downtown Jacksonville's Southbank, San Marco offers potential residents numerous housing options such as small bungalows, riverfront mansions and brick apartment complexes. At the center of the neighborhood is the tree-lined San Marco Square, which is home to many locally owned businesses.

**Southside/Baymeadows**

Jacksonville's vast Southside/Baymeadows region offers the largest selection of apartment complexes in town—many new and luxurious. It also offers a variety of residential options such as single-family homes and gated communities. Shopping options are never an issue, with the Avenues Mall located here. The Baymeadows neighborhood consists of the area surrounding Baymeadows Road. The area is home to several corporate office parks, retail centers and residential communities.

Centrally located off 9B in southern Duval County, eTown is Jacksonville's up-and-coming master planned community featuring single-family homes, apartments, and retail areas. With a focus on smart living, eTown's homes are designed with sustainability and energy efficiency in mind. Still in the process of construction, eTown's 5-acre amenity center, Recharge, will include a resort-style zero entry pool, a high-tech fitness center with an outdoor yoga lawn, a rooftop bar, playground, event lawn and a lakeside dog park.

**Town Center**

The ever-expanding area around the St. Johns Town Center is also home to several luxury apartments and condominiums. Those who live near the Town Center love being in close proximity to the best shopping Jacksonville has to offer, in addition to exciting entertainment, top restaurants and the University of North Florida.



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## **DUVAL-WEST**

### **Downtown**

Not only is downtown Jacksonville an epicenter for entertainment, business and culture, there are numerous residential options for those who wish to live among the skyscrapers. Choose from riverfront condominiums, lofts and townhomes. Many of the loft apartments are found in renovated buildings dating back to the early 1920s. Residents also enjoy living within walking distance to restaurants, nightclubs and bars. There is never a dull moment downtown, with sporting events, concerts and festivals happening here all the time!





**Riverside/Avondale**

One of the largest historic districts in the Southeast, the Riverside and Avondale neighborhoods combine historic charm with hip culture. Here you'll find trendy restaurants, cafés, antique shops and boutiques. Many homes on these tree-lined streets have been restored to keep the diverse architecture and history alive. This community also features brick quadruplexes and duplexes, as well as other multi-unit buildings.

For urban living with modern comforts, **The Brooklyn Riverside** apartments have spacious floor plans, luxurious amenities and convenient location. New residents take pleasure in exceptional interior features, unmatched amenity spaces and convenient access to all things in the Riverside neighborhood.

**Springfield**

Founded in 1869 as Jacksonville's first subdivision, Springfield is a diverse neighborhood that has experienced marked revitalization in recent years, with many renovated prairie-style and Queen Anne homes. Bordered to the west by Boulevard Street, to the east and north by railroad tracks and to the south by Hogan's Creek, the area is filled with hip restaurants, local shops and parks with majestic oaks.

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**Westside**

Jacksonville's Westside is a diverse region made up of smaller communities including the town of Baldwin, Marietta-Whitehouse, Normandy and Maxville. Many Westside residents are military personnel stationed at nearby NAS Jacksonville. Also on the Westside is the affluent and historic neighborhood of Ortega (pronounced

Or-Tee-Guh) lying just south of Riverside and north of Naval Air Station Jacksonville, between the St. Johns and Ortega rivers. With its ancient live oak trees, waterfront mansions and serene parks, many of the homes in Ortega reflect the Mediterranean and Tudor Revival styles of the past.



Memorial Park in Riverside, photo courtesy of Visit Florida

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**“Founded in 1869 as Jacksonville’s first subdivision, Springfield is a diverse neighborhood that has experienced marked revitalization in recent years.”**



Ortega River, photo courtesy of Marinas.com

# NASSAU COUNTY

Photo courtesy of Amelia Island Tourist Development Council

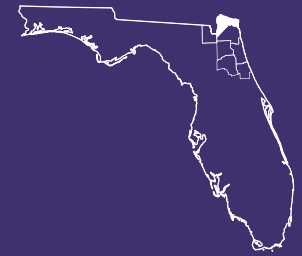


## Amelia Island/ Fernandina Beach

Right on the Georgia border and about 30 minutes north of downtown Jacksonville, Amelia Island is rich in history. Eight national flags have claimed ownership of this enchanted island, giving it the nickname Isle of Eight Flags. Downtown Fernandina Beach is a 50-block historic seaside district with classic Victorian architecture and the oldest saloon in Florida. Amelia Island and Fernandina are made up of many sought-after neighborhoods and communities, each with their own beauty and highlights. Large developments include Amelia Park and Amelia Walk.



Williams House, photo by Dawna Moore Photography, courtesy of Amelia Island Tourist Development Council



**Area:**  
726 square miles



**Estimated Population:**  
85,832 (2018)

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### Callahan

If rural life is calling your name, Callahan may be the town for you. Located in the southwestern corner of Nassau County, Callahan has single-family homes, large properties and several subdivisions. Many Callahan residents spend their free time enjoying the outdoors or cheering on the local high school football team on Friday nights.



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**Hilliard**

With a rich agricultural history, Hilliard is a small town in northwestern Nassau County that continues to have an active farming community today. Residential options include single-family homes and apartments.

**Yulee**

The largest unincorporated area of Nassau County, Yulee is an ever-growing community west of Amelia Island and the Intracoastal Waterway with an abundance of housing options that include waterfront properties, planned communities, condominiums and apartments. Residents can enjoy

hunting, fishing, golfing or just the peace and quiet of nature.

Nestled in Florida's low country, **Wildlight** is a new community in Yulee that embraces nature. Half of Wildlight's total acreage is preserved for bike trails, bike lanes and parks. With distinctive Southern-style architecture, Wildlight homes cater

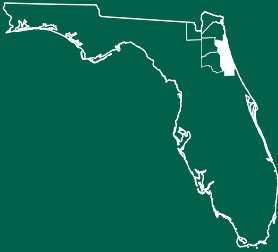

to front porch living with country flavor. New schools, shopping, dining and everything in between can be found in this new Florida gem. "We've reimagined how we live and work so that play is in everything we do and part of every day," according to Wildlight.




**“With distinctive Southern-style architecture, Wildlight homes cater to front porch living with country flavor.”**

Wildlight, photo courtesy of D.S. Ware Homes

# ST. JOHNS COUNTY

**Area:**  
822 square miles



**Estimated Population:**  
254,261 (2018)

**Beautiful St. Johns County lends itself to be a haven for those who love the beach, golf, world-class shopping and entertainment. It has seen exponential growth in recent years and continues to attract new residents. The county has also become one of the highest-income areas in the U.S.**

## Nocatee

See an in-depth description of everything the community of Nocatee offers on page 47.

## Northwest St. Johns

The northwest area of St. Johns County encompasses numerous neighborhoods and ever-expanding developments. The family-oriented neighborhood of Julington Creek encompasses 4,120 acres and offers everything from modest starter homes and townhomes to expansive estates in gated communities. The idyllic Fruit

Cove community is great for those who wish to enjoy the benefits of a country setting with the convenience of being near urban amenities. Located just east of the St. Johns River and south of Mandarin, recreational activities are abundant in this area with multiple parks and the William Bartram Scenic and Historic Highway's (SR 13) interconnected trail system.

Spanning 2,000 acres, **Durbin Crossing** is a master-planned community in northwest St. Johns County that perfectly entwines natural beauty with state-of-the-art amenities. The close

by Pavilion at Durbin Park is a large mixed-use development at the corner of Race Track Road. Several stores and restaurants are already open with more to come. Upon completion, the development will span 2.4 million square feet. About 44,000 new residential units are proposed within 5 miles of the area.

A St. Johns County gem, the **Shearwater** community offers beautifully built homes along with amazing amenities. Residents can get active at the Fitness Lodge, hike through the extensive trail system,



Beachwalk, photo by Stephanie Marty

## Beachwalk

Bring the beach to your backyard at **Beachwalk**, a one-of-a-kind community located in northern St. Johns County on County Road 210. Comprised of five neighborhoods from notable builders Lennar, Americrest Luxury Homes, Dream Finders Homes, and Vintage Estate Homes, Beachwalk provides residents with unbelievable amenities that personify the resort lifestyle. This West-Indies inspired community is anchored around a 14-acre Crystal Lagoon where you can relax on the white sandy beach, kayak across the waves, swim in the clear blue water, or make a splash from the dual 40-foot-high waterslides. Other resort-style amenities include tennis courts, dog splash park, a swim-up bar, 24-hour fitness center, beach club dining, and a golf putting course. And coming soon to Beachwalk is a 2 million-square-foot retail center, open to the public, further making this community the most convenient and unique in the area.



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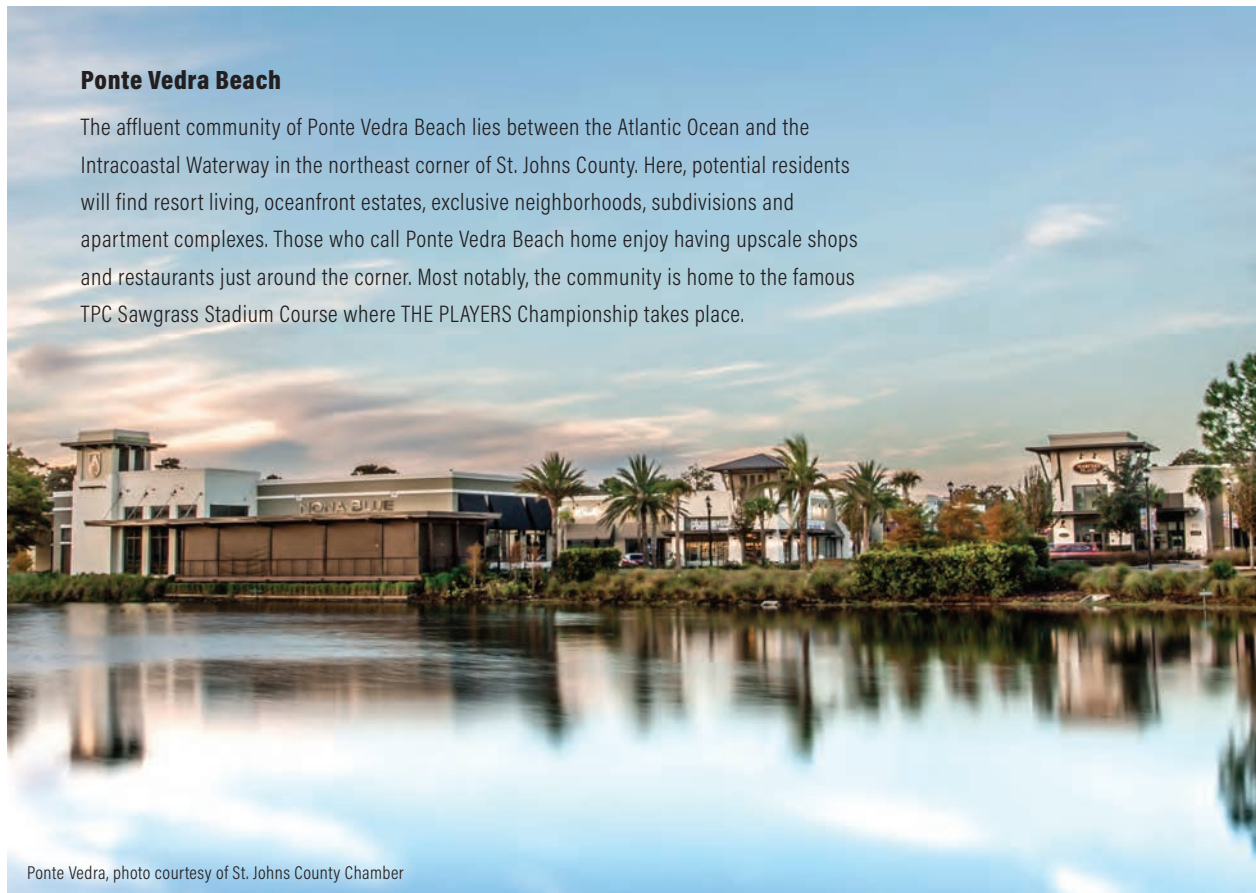
enjoy programs and events at the Kayak Club, play a round of tennis or relax at the resort-style lagoon pool and lazy river.

Located on the banks of the serene St. Johns River, **RiverTown** offers the best of waterfront living. The community has several home designs that will fit any budget as well as world-class amenities, all centered around the river. The community's RiverClub has an infinity edge pool, a boardwalk, waterfront dining, kayak launch, trails, playground and waterfront amphitheater.

**Silverleaf** is an up-and-coming master-planned community along St. Johns Parkway south of CR 210 that encompasses approximately 8,500 acres. Upon completion, the community will include parks, amenities as well as many living options for families.

### **Ponte Vedra Beach**

The affluent community of Ponte Vedra Beach lies between the Atlantic Ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway in the northeast corner of St. Johns County. Here, potential residents will find resort living, oceanfront estates, exclusive neighborhoods, subdivisions and apartment complexes. Those who call Ponte Vedra Beach home enjoy having upscale shops and restaurants just around the corner. Most notably, the community is home to the famous TPC Sawgrass Stadium Course where THE PLAYERS Championship takes place.



Ponte Vedra, photo courtesy of St. Johns County Chamber



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- Active Economic Development by both the Chamber of Commerce and the St. Johns County government
- Dynamic business opportunities
- St. Johns County School District is recognized as the top school district in the state
- Home of the World Golf Hall of Fame and Museum
- Small town community with large town shopping and dining
- Fantastic weather
- Miles and miles of spectacular beaches
- World class golf, restaurants, museums and tourist attractions
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- Marineland

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# ST. AUGUSTINE IS ONE OF THE TOP 20 MUST SEE PLACES IN THE WORLD



St. Johns County is home to the Nation's Oldest City, St. Augustine. *National Geographic Traveler Magazine* rated St. Augustine as one of the top 20 must see places in the world. The Society of American Travel Writers recently named St. Augustine as number four on the Top 10 Holiday Lights Sites.

Not only is St. Johns County a great place to visit, but it's the perfect place to live. With St. Johns County School District recognized as the top school district in the state of Florida and *CNN Money* naming the area "one of the best places to retire," you and your family can't go wrong with a home in St. Johns County.

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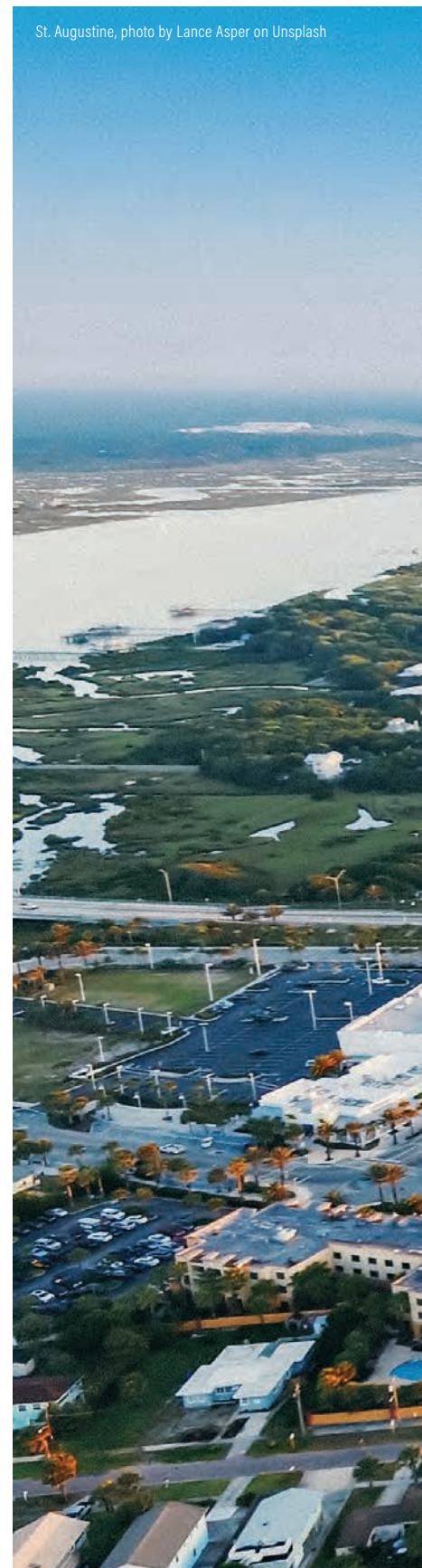
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### St. Augustine

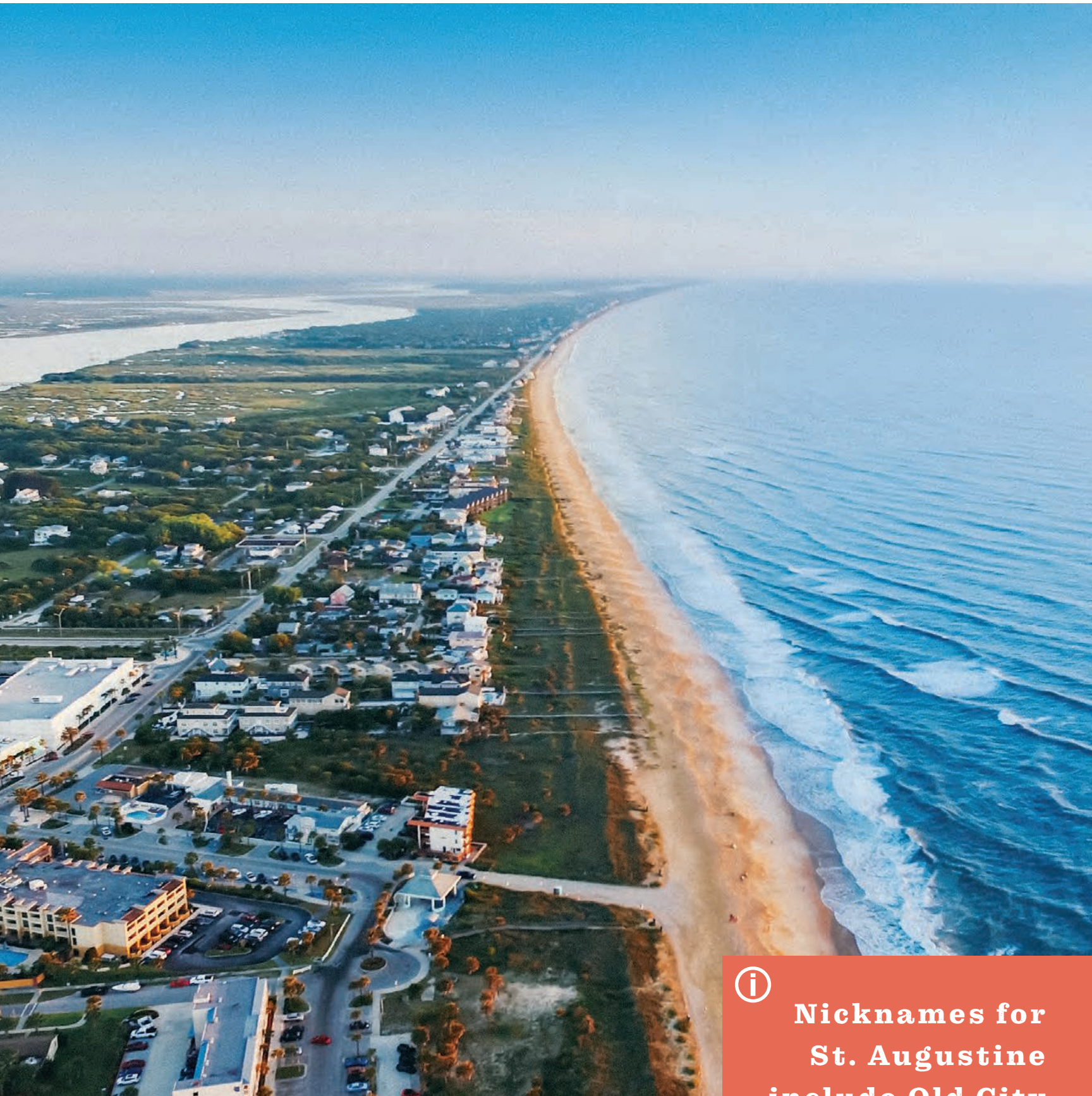
Founded back in 1565, St. Augustine holds the title of the nation's oldest city. To this day, St. Augustine continues to draw in newcomers with its beauty. Renovated homes near the

historic district, planned communities, oceanfront estates and condominiums are just some of the many housing options. Residents of St. Augustine can enjoy reminders of the city's fascinating history through its Spanish

Colonial architecture, 19th century mansions, grand hotels and the famous Castillo de San Marcos.

Those looking for a community with plenty of amenities in a quaint atmosphere, **Markland** is a 314-acre

master-planned residential community that offers a beach entry pool, fitness opportunities, a dog park, a kayak launch, fire pit and more.



**Nicknames for  
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include Old City  
and Ancient  
City.**

**St. Augustine Beach**

St. Augustine Beach is a great place to call home and known for its breathtaking ocean views. Spend some time outdoors at the beach or bird watching on the Great Florida

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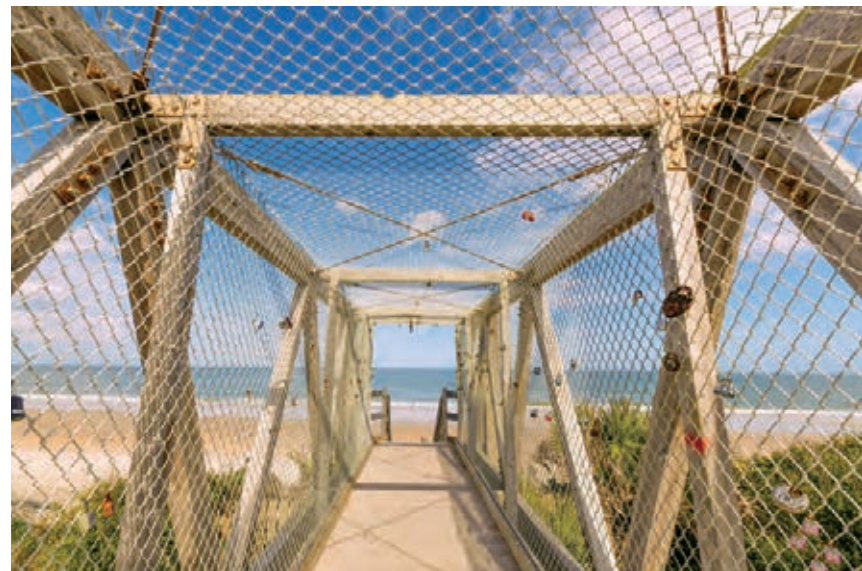
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**Vilano Beach**

A short drive northeast of St. Augustine is Vilano Beach, a pleasant seaside community that lies between the Atlantic Ocean and the Tolomato River. Vilano is primarily a residential community with several small businesses. The Vilano Beach Fishing Pier is great for those who love to fish, and Surfside Park provides beach access.



Vilano Beach, image provided by [FloridasHistoricCoast.com](http://FloridasHistoricCoast.com)

**The Neighborhoods Of World Golf Village**

This unique, luxurious residential community offers several different neighborhoods with custom estates, condominiums and townhomes. Residents enjoy the privacy of their intimate neighborhoods within a world-class vacation destination. The World Golf Village includes the World Golf Hall of Fame, an IMAX theater, restaurants and shops.



The Ranch at Twenty Mile



# The Communities of Nocatee

**Nocatee is one of the best-selling master-planned communities in the nation, and its many neighborhoods have homes that combine luxury with convenience. Each with its own style and personality, these village-like neighborhoods offer a variety of beautiful abodes, including single-family homes, luxury estate homes, condominiums, townhouses and apartments from the best home builders in the state. There are also exclusive communities for those 55 and up.**

### **Del Webb Ponte Vedra**

Del Webb Ponte Vedra is active-adult living at its finest. For those who long to live close to the beach, this 55-plus gated community is conveniently located minutes from the ocean as well dining, shopping and recreation. The adjoining Nocatee preserve spans 2,400 acres along the Intracoastal Waterway, perfect for outdoor exploring. Del Webb Ponte Vedra offers a variety of condominium designs that range from 1,538 to 1,868 square feet. The community's Anastasia Club has indoor and outdoor pools, a state-of-the-art fitness center, arts and crafts facilities, multi-purpose rooms, social café, grand ballroom with stage, and outdoor courts for tennis, bocce ball and pickleball.

### **Del Webb Nocatee**

This 55-plus active adult community has traditional, coastal, and craftsman style homes and villas starting from the mid \$200s. The community's 12 Next Gen floor plans are the first to be released in the country and range from 1,488 to 3,361-plus square feet. Del Webb Nocatee's club house and recreation area has everything active adults could ever want, such as a resort-style pool with lap lanes, tennis and pickleball courts, fitness center and more. There is also a full-time Lifestyle Director onsite to plan exciting events, clubs and classes.

### **Liberty Cove at Crosswater**

Travel back to old-town America in this new neighborhood that has beautiful tree-lined streets, houses with quaint white fences, large front porches and American flags waving in the breeze. David Weekley Homes, ICI Homes and Providence Homes are offering desirable floorplans throughout this 138 homesite community. Homes in Liberty Cove start in the high \$200s and range from 1,500 to over 2,300 square feet. All homes are located south of Nocatee Splash Waterpark and Nocatee Spray Park. Residents will also have access to The Schoolyard, a new Crosswater resident-only park that includes dog parks, nature trails, a playground, open-air pavilion and playfield.



The Hammock at Twenty Mile



### **Artisan Lakes**

This low-maintenance gated community for those 55 and better has a multitude of exclusive private amenities such as a clubhouse, fitness center, demonstration kitchen, zero entry pool with infinity edge, two pickleball courts, two bocce ball courts, event lawn, putting green, swing arbor and pocket parks throughout the community. Made up of 196 homesites, Artisan Lakes is a picture-perfect neighborhood with many homes backing up to preserve, water or parks. New homes start in the mid \$300s.

### **Pioneer Village at Crosswater**

Those who move to Pioneer Village at Crosswater will be delighted by the large front porches and American flags proudly displayed throughout the 159-home community. Residents can even walk or ride a bike to Crosswater Park, a spectacular amenity center opening spring 2020. Top-notch builders David Weekley Homes, Providence Homes and Riverside Homes offer several appealing floorplans. Homes start in the low \$300s and range from 1,576 to over 2,748 square feet.

### **Tidewater at Nocatee**

Tidewater at Nocatee by Pulte Homes offers stunning three-story townhomes with two-car garages starting from the low \$300s. Residents have access to a private amenity center, pool and clubhouse as well as Nocatee Community Park. This gated community is also close to Nocatee Town Center for even more convenience.

### **Timberland Ridge at Nocatee**

For those seeking a quaint neighborhood bordered by pristine preservation and water, Timberland Ridge is the perfect option. Home builders David Weekley Homes, ICI Homes and Providence Homes offer one- and two-story single-family homes from the



# Live the Lifestyle

Nocatee is more than a community, it's a lifestyle. Located in beautiful Ponte Vedra, Nocatee is just minutes away from pristine beaches and shopping destinations. With two resort-style waterparks in your backyard, it's no wonder that Nocatee is the **#1** place to call home in Northeast Florida!

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The Outlook at Twenty Mile

low \$300s. Homes range from approximately 1,800 to 3,200 square feet. Located in Duval County, Timberland Ridge is within biking distance of Twenty Mile Park and Cypress Park where residents will find pools, playgrounds, dog parks and much more.

### **Oakwood at Nocatee**

Opened in February 2020, Oakwood at Nocatee by Toll Brothers includes 43 townhomes from the mid \$300s. These homes range from 2,250 to 2,500 square feet and feature a first-floor master bedroom, two-story family room, lanai, loft and beautiful kitchen island. Within the gated community, residents can meander through majestic oak trees and a small park. Most of the townhomes even have scenic views of the woods. Additionally, Oakwood residents have access to Nocatee's wide array of amenities.

### **Heritage Trace at Crosswater**

Located in the heart of Nocatee, Heritage Trace at Crosswater is a carefully designed community of 188 homesites. Surrounded by preservation and stunning lake views, homes range from 1,900 to 3,200 square feet and start in the mid \$300s. David Weekley Homes, Dostie Homes, ICI Homes, Providence Homes and Riverside Homes offer unique floorplans that

incorporate an Americana theme. Residents will also have access to The Schoolyard, a new Crosswater resident-only park that includes dog parks, nature trails, a playground, open-air pavilion and playfield.

### **Freedom Landing at Crosswater**

Nestled away in stunning preservation, Freedom Landing features 240 homesites, many backing up to lush preserve or a glistening lake. Each of the floorplans offered by David Weekley Homes, Dostie Homes, ICI Homes, Providence Homes and Riverside Homes integrate a nostalgic, Old Towne feel. Homes in Freedom Landing range from 1,900 to more than 3,200 square feet and start in the mid \$300s. Residents can also explore the new Crosswater resident-only park, The Schoolyard, that includes dog parks, nature trails, a playground, open-air pavilion and playfield.

### **Daniel Park at Town Center**

Located just a short walk from all the wonderful Nocatee amenities, Daniel Park at Town Center is the perfect place to call home. Homes in Daniel Park are built exclusively by David Weekley Homes, priced from the mid \$300s, and range from 1,477 to 3,000 square feet.



### **Coastal Oaks**

In this Nocatee neighborhood, luxurious single-family estates are situated among grand oak trees and tranquil nature preserves. Homes in Coastal Oaks by Toll Brothers start in the high \$300s and appeal to many potential homeowners. Families will delight in the beautiful clubhouse and recreation complex that includes a fitness center, soccer field, softball field, tennis courts, basketball court, two outdoor pools and a children's splash pool.



### Starling at Nocatee

Offering Independent Living, Assisted Living and Memory Care, this community is the ideal place to live a vivacious lifestyle. Starling at Nocatee's three lifestyle options provide the appropriate care each resident needs. Conveniently located across from Splash Water Park, Starling is also close to Nocatee's Town Center and other amenities. Residents can enjoy relaxing surroundings, quaint landscapes and resort-style facilities.

### The Reserve at Nocatee

The Reserve at Nocatee offers luxury one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments with upscale amenities. Each apartment's kitchen features granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, modern 42-inch cabinetry and USB ports in the kitchen island for convenience. Perfect for those who live an active lifestyle, the community's clubhouse has state-of-the-art fitness facilities, a beach entry pool, dog park with a dog wash, and even a bike care facility.

### Olea at Nocatee

Opening in summer 2020, Olea at Nocatee is an active-adult apartment community that perfectly

blends easy living with the spirit of adventure.

Located just minutes from Ponte Vedra's beaches, this neighborhood offers beach living in close proximity to Jacksonville and St. Augustine. Olea will feature brand new 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom apartment homes, a wellness program, resort-style amenities, and onsite management services so residents can enjoy maintenance-free living. Residents of Olea will also have access to Nocatee's amenities such as the Swim Club, Fitness Club, monthly community events and more.

### Twenty Mile Village

Nocatee's historic Twenty Mile community of homes are designed around Twenty Mile Park, which boasts a swimming pool, Waggin' Tails Dog Park, nature trails and more. Twenty Mile is one of Nocatee's most distinctive communities, with large oak trees, split-rail fencing and a rustic, old-Florida style. **The Outlook at Twenty Mile** offers spacious lots in a peaceful neighborhood. The neighborhood's one- and two-story single-family homes by Providence Homes start in the high \$500s. The closest Nocatee neighborhood to the Intracoastal Waterway and Ponte Vedra Beaches, **The Ranch at Twenty Mile** has luxurious homes starting

in the low \$600s. **The Vista at Twenty Mile** is a gated neighborhood of 44 modern estates featuring bold Spanish and Mission-style elevations built exclusively by The Pineapple Corporation. Homes in The Vista start in the high \$700s. **The Hammock at Twenty Mile** is a collection of nine private custom homes from local home builder of the HGTV Smart Home, Glenn Layton Homes that start in the mid \$800s and range from 3,500 to 7,500 square feet. **The Junction at Twenty Mile**, located in the historic Twenty Mile area, features homes by Dostie Homes. Floor plans range from 2,494 to 3,500 square feet and start at the high \$400s. **The Settlement at Twenty Mile** is a peaceful, secured access neighborhood with one- and two-story single-family homes ranging from 2,100 to 2,900 square feet. These spacious homes from ICI Homes and Toll Brothers start in the high \$300s. Many even have water or preserve views. Also in the Twenty Mile collection of neighborhoods is **The Colony at Twenty Mile**, which features one- and two-story single-family homes ranging from 2,450 to 3,800 square feet of living space. David Weekley Homes, Providence Homes and ICI Homes offer new homes starting in the low \$400s.

Perfectly situated between the city and the sea, Tamaya is a master-planned community from ICI Homes in the heart of Jacksonville. These lakefront and conservation homes are great options for buyers.

Centrally located in Jacksonville's Intracoastal area at the intersection of Kernan and Beach Boulevards, this gated community offers everything newcomers and established residents alike could ever want and need in a neighborhood. When you live in Tamaya, you are a short drive from job sites, 6 miles from the beach, minutes from Mayo Clinic, close to top rated schools as well as shopping and entertainment.

This custom-built home community also offers lush landscaping, walking paths, crystal lakes and more. Residents of this incredible community also have access to many luxurious

amenities and opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and stay active. The 10,000-square-foot clubhouse has a cabana surrounding a competition-style pool with lap lanes and a zero-entry pool, with comfortable lounge chairs to host summertime get-togethers.

The outdoor recreation area comes equipped with Har-Tru tennis courts, a basketball court, a children's playground, and an event lawn large enough for a multitude of activities. A recent addition includes a \$12 million cigar club that brings more luxury and relaxation to the desirable community. Additionally, the interior—professionally designed by some of the most respected designers in the country—contains a meeting and event space as well as a state-of-the-art 5,000-square-foot fitness room. Residents will be in awe of the clubhouse's vast great room

filled with light anchored by sculpted wooden ceiling beams and plush seating, beautiful furnishings and light-magnifying windows. With a grand salon, pavilion, pools, a cigar bar and events going on almost every day, the community has added a second full-time lifestyle coordinator to organize fun events such as pool parties and dress-up dinners.

New homes in Tamaya start from the \$300,000s and range from 1,800 square feet to over 4,000 square feet. Boasting Spanish, Mediterranean and Tuscan designs, Tamaya homes offer the attention to detail and luxurious amenities Florida families are looking for in a community. With 31 customizable floor plans, buyers can tweak and customize their home. At Tamaya, building a brand-new, one-of-a-kind home has never been easier and more affordable.

This one-of-a-kind community is continuously growing and offers more than 500,000 square feet of commercial and retail space. A new shopping center, Tamaya Market, is in the works and will span 75,000 square feet once it is fully built and operational. The shopping center will be anchored by organic and health food grocery store Sprouts. The market will also include other businesses that residents will love.

So whether it's being close to the beach, great schools, entertainment or shopping, location is without a doubt a top reason for choosing Tamaya as your new home. Their custom homes built at almost any budget, incomparable amenities and a sense of community makes Tamaya a Jacksonville gem that all newcomers simply must discover. Tamaya truly is a little slice of paradise between the city and the sea.

# TAMAYA :

## Between the City and the Sea



Tamaya, photo by Stephanie Marty



# BIG Growth, SMALL Town Feel

If you are reading this and considering a move to Florida's First Coast, we've got you covered. Of course, I think it's a great place to live, work and play, so naturally I can talk for hours on end about it. Area residents seem to agree and allowed Watson Realty to assist them with over 14,000 real estate transactions totaling over \$3.3 billion in closed business last year.

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In this section, you'll see St. Johns County featured which has a small town feel in a big city. What more could you ask for? It's the best of both worlds. With World Golf Village, sunny beaches, incredible restaurants and shopping just 15 minutes or less

away, St. Johns is arguably one of the best areas in town. St. Johns attracts individuals, couples and families to this vibrant and diverse part of Florida where the past meets the present. Residents in this commuter-friendly community enjoy outdoor activities in the nearby nature preserves, parks along the St. Johns River, and modern golf courses with scenic views of the surrounding area. Veterans Park, with its soccer fields, basketball courts, playgrounds, and dog park, is a popular weekend spot where families relax and enjoy the fresh air. Nearby St.

Augustine is an option for day trips to explore the historic sites of the nation's oldest city, from the Castillo de San Marcos to the legendary Fountain of Youth. During the holiday season, you must visit St. Augustine's Nights of Lights event which was deemed one of the Top 10 Light Displays in the World by *National Geographic* (2011-2012). Did we mention St. Johns County holds the title for the No. 1 school district in the state? Now that's something to be proud of. With a student-teacher ratio of 14:1, incredible technology, stellar test scores, and first-rate programs, it's





no wonder how the county achieved this accolade.

Some of St. Johns' most bustling and coveted communities include Nocatee, with a sprawling water park and nature trails galore. Or if you prefer older communities with mature trees and larger lots, consider Julington Creek or nearby St. Augustine. Residents enjoy areas like Fruit Cove along the shores of the river, more than 4,000 acres near the county's northern border in Julington Creek Plantation, and St. Johns Golf and Country Club close to Interstate 95.

Planned communities throughout the area feature single-family homes and condominiums along with amenities like community recreation centers, golf courses, walking and biking paths, and landscaped roads. The area has exploded with growth, earning eighth-fastest growing county in the country in 2018 (*Jax Daily Record*).

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River House Apartments, photo by Stephanie Marty

# Apartment Living

**As the First Coast continues to grow, so does the residential rental market. To accommodate all of the newcomers young and old, apartment complexes are popping up everywhere.**

**According to Colliers International Group Inc., the Jacksonville area has seen a massive growth in multifamily housing, with over 7,000 units under construction during 2019, especially around Southside and the downtown Jacksonville regions. Colliers also found that the median rent falls around \$1,003, which is much lower than many other large cities and another perk of moving to the First Coast.**



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## Benefits of Apartment Living

Everyone talks about the benefits of owning your own home, but often neglect the wonderful perks that come with renting apartments. Below are just some of the reasons many First Coast residents prefer renting to owning.

- Costly repairs and replacements are covered by landlords
- Lawn maintenance is no longer a tedious weekend chore
- Amenities like gyms, appliances, and recreational areas are generally included
- A sense of community with close neighbors and fun events hosted by the complex managers
- The ability to become familiar with an area before settling in a house

## Picking the Right Neighborhood

Within the five counties of the First Coast there's no shortage of neighborhoods, meaning choosing where to live can seem a daunting task. Do you want to wake up to the sound of waves crashing along the shore? If so, head to one of our coastal towns like Jacksonville Beach or St. Augustine for their selection of apartments. For shoppers who love convenience, take a gander at the numerous new apartment complexes popping up around the St. Johns Town Center. Those who want to be near our ever-improving downtown Jacksonville area and all it has to offer, there are plenty of options to suit your needs whether it's just one person looking for a studio or a family of four who needs a little more space.

Luckily, our relocation guide provides information on our neighborhoods. For a better look at our cherished neighborhoods, head to page 20.



### What Do You Need?

Before signing a lease and moving in, there are a few things that apartment complexes generally need in order to rent a unit.

To start, make sure you have photo identification and proof of residency

on hand. Many places won't allow potential renters to even tour without first seeing an ID. Proof of employment is also required. Generally, a W-2 or last few paystubs will cover this requirement, but it doesn't hurt to call the leasing office to see which one

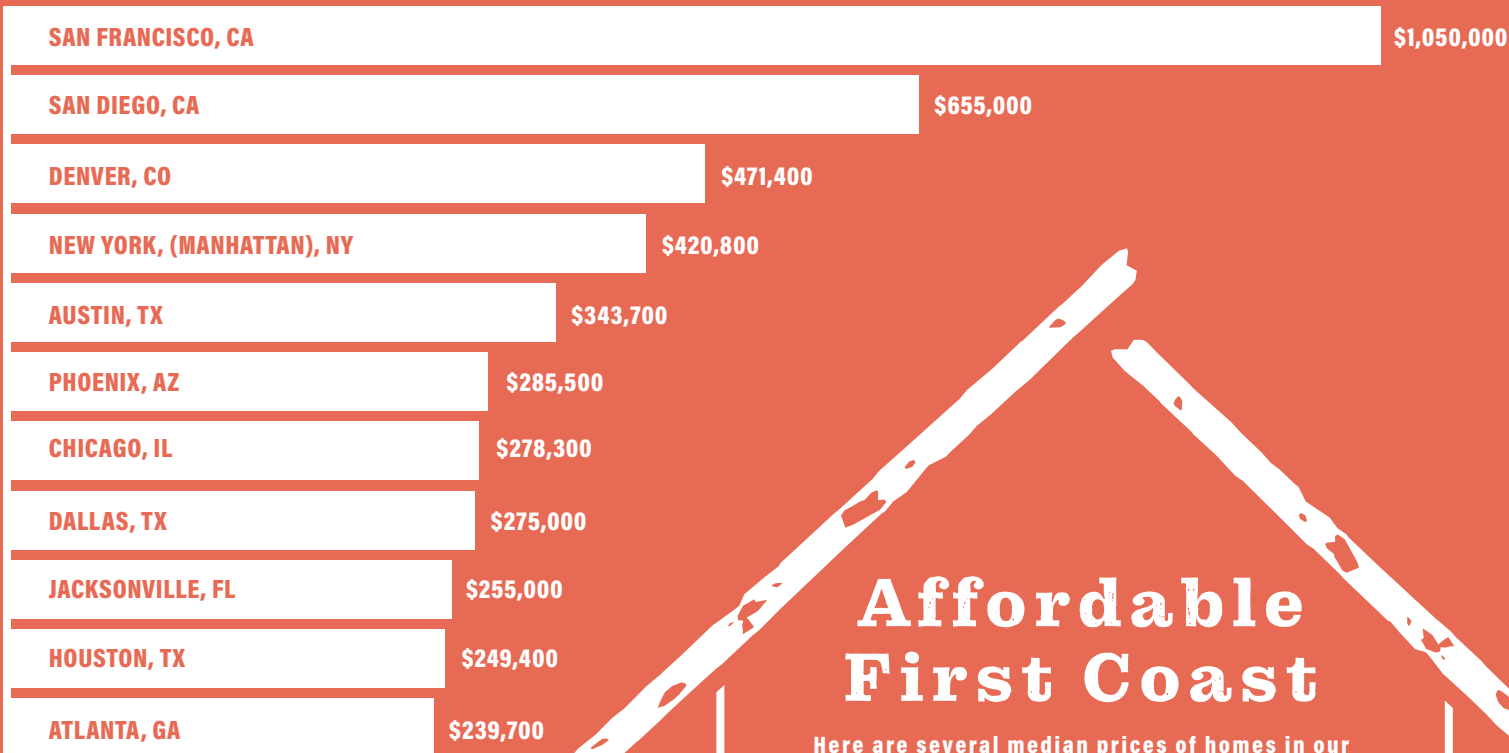
they prefer. Keep a list of previous addresses and landlord contact information just in case the landlord requires references for their future renters. Many complexes require renter's insurance, which is generally just a good thing to purchase as it insures your property in the event of flooding, fire or hurricane.

With renting, there are a few required upfront fees, such as administration, application, deposits, etc. If you're coming with a furry friend or two, that may add to the cost of rent as many apartment complexes charge a pet fee and a deposit. The complex may offer discounts for college students and employees at various companies, so it doesn't hurt to ask or check online. For some, the deposit total is lowered, and others will eliminate it completely.

Regardless of what housing situation you choose, our beloved First Coast has the right fit for you!

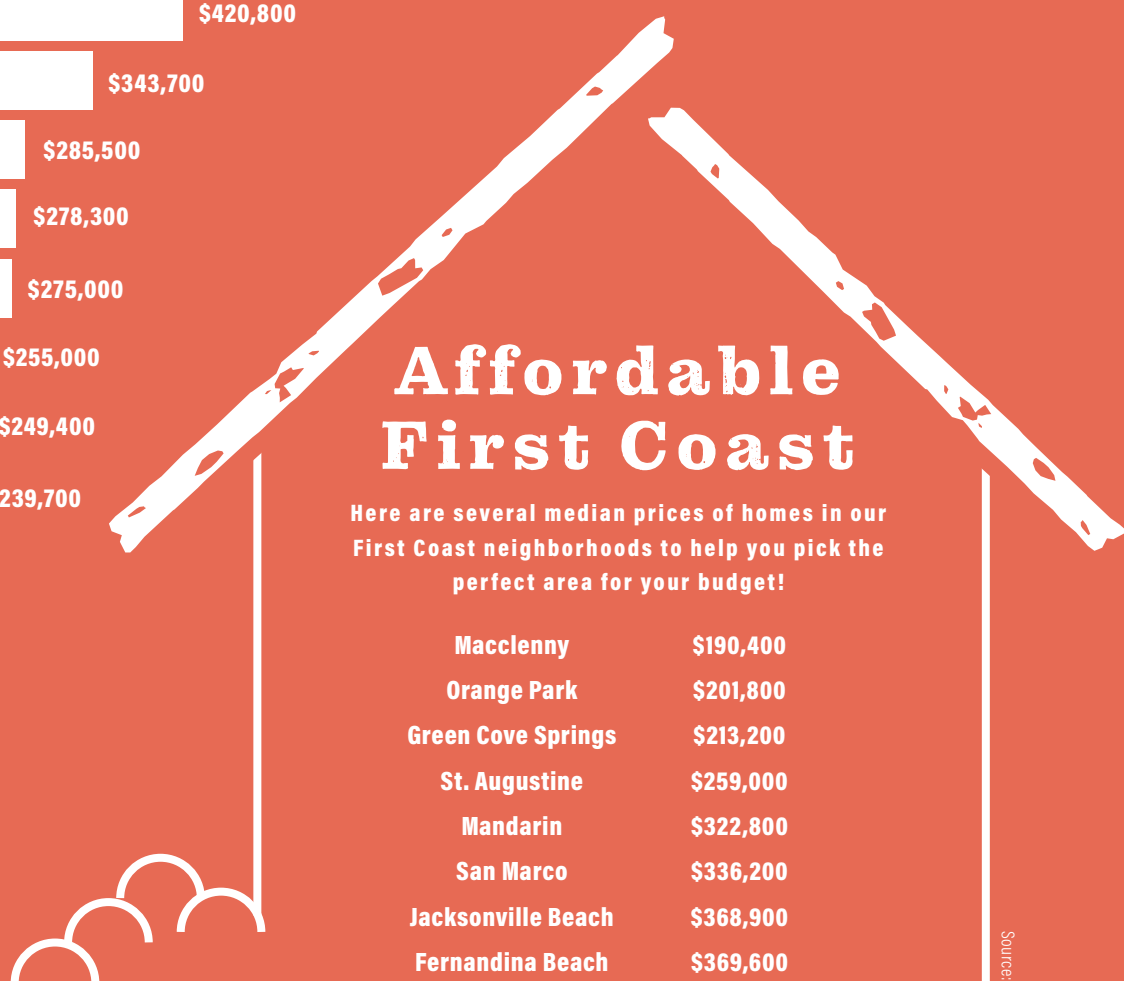
**Vacancy rates  
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When it comes to big city living, one of the most daunting aspects is the price of homes. However, the National Association of Realtors has found that Jacksonville is one of the most affordable big cities in the United States.



Source: www.nar.realtor

According to the National Association of Realtors, the Median Price of Existing Single-Family Homes is \$279,600.



## Affordable First Coast

Here are several median prices of homes in our First Coast neighborhoods to help you pick the perfect area for your budget!

Macclenny	\$190,400
Orange Park	\$201,800
Green Cove Springs	\$213,200
St. Augustine	\$259,000
Mandarin	\$322,800
San Marco	\$336,200
Jacksonville Beach	\$368,900
Fernandina Beach	\$369,600
Ponte Vedra Beach	\$505,800

Source: www.zillow.com

# HOME SALES Comparison

# Bang for Your Buck



**Magnolia West \$100s - \$200s**  
Green Cove Springs



**Shearwater \$200s - \$600s**  
St. Augustine



**Beachwalk \$300s - \$500s**  
St. Johns



**Durbin Crossing \$200s - \$400s**  
St. Johns



**Nocatee \$200s - \$800s**  
Ponte Vedra



**Tamaya \$300s - \$600s**  
Intracoastal



**Eagle Landing at Oakleaf Plantation \$200s - \$400s**  
Orange Park



**RiverTown \$200s - \$1 million**  
St. Johns



**Amelia Park \$300s - \$800s**  
Fernandina Beach



**eTown \$200s - \$400s**  
Southside



**World Golf Village \$200s - \$2 million**  
St. Augustine



**Wildlight \$200s - \$400s**  
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**No matter the budget, the First Coast has the right home for you! The area is affordable without sacrificing style and size. Many of our housing developments offer options in a wide range of prices, making it easier to find a home in your preferred neighborhood.**

# Real Estate Climate Check

By Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices  
Florida Network Realty

**What is on the horizon for real estate in Northeast Florida? Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty is forecasting a bright future for real estate in 2020.**

"We have seen robust appreciation in nearly every area over the past several years, and that does have to normalize at some point," said President and CEO Christy Budnick, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty. "Given the job climate, the historically low interest rates and low housing inventory levels, we believe the real estate market will continue to be very strong in 2020. We anticipate slightly lower levels of appreciation, ranging from 3 to 5 percent as compared to the 5 to 8 percent most areas in Northeast Florida have seen."

The leadership at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty believes the market conditions in 2020 will be good for buyers and sellers alike. Based on industry data and trends, the company sees positive news ahead.

#### **An increase in new-home construction**

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty expects to see an increase in local new-home construction in 2020. More builder product on the market will help prospective buyers locate the right property. With more homes on the market, there will be more available inventory for buyers.

#### **Opportunities for both sellers and buyers**

Current real estate market conditions are favorable to sellers. According to the Northeast Florida Association of Realtors' November 2019 market report, the months' supply of inventory was 3.1 months, well below the five to six months considered a balanced market. With more builder product coming to the market, there will be slightly more inventory. However, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty believes limited inventory will continue to some extent in 2020.

#### **Home prices will continue to rise**

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty anticipates that home-value appreciation will continue to grow approximately 3 to 5 percent in 2020. The increases in home prices will continue to be driven by the inventory of homes for sale. On an existing home, the home purchase process typically takes at least 45 to 60 days from finding the perfect home to closing.

"Our local neighborhoods offer tremendous appeal," said President and CEO Christy Budnick, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty. "The Northeast Florida lifestyle offers something for everyone. Whether it's golfing, boating, spending time at the beach, or enjoying entertainment and culture in the urban core, Northeast Florida has something for everyone. Our neighborhoods offer a wide array of home choices and an incredible way of life."

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# Outdoor Living

For those of us fortunate enough to call the Sunshine State home, we know that nothing beats an outdoor oasis in our own backyard filled with comfy chairs, a nice table or two, music playing and maybe even a fan circulating cool air after a long day.

Thirty years ago, for most of us, a backyard patio functioned in the simplest of ways. A few chairs, a grill and perhaps a citronella candle to ward off mosquitos and you had all you needed. Over the last few decades, the way American life has evolved to a more outdoor-oriented lifestyle with more robustly designed spaces. Like remodeling in general, there are local and regional nuances. For Floridians, outdoor enclosures top the list of desired improvements and we are fortunate to have some of the top professionals in the field in our area. Lifetime Enclosures here in Jacksonville has been the go-to source for turning homes into what feels like year-round vacation spots and extending your entertaining and living areas.

Because of the simpler trends of the past, many Florida homeowners already have an outdoor patio or lanai connected to their home. These outdated lanai and patio areas are great but can be limited in how and when they can be used, and in some ways can be a waste of space. To make better use of that space, many homeowners are choosing to update their existing outdoor area by exploring screen enclosures, lanai conversions and patio covers or awnings. According to the latest LightStream Home Improvement Survey, 58 percent of Americans are ready to invest money into home improvement projects this year, with almost half of those surveyed intent on renovating their outdoor living space.

One benefit of an updated, enclosed outdoor area is the ability to enjoy your space all year round, and who doesn't want that flexibility? Whether it's sunny, rainy or windy outside, a lanai or patio enclosure provides a measure of

control over the environment while still allowing you to enjoy the outdoors.

Additionally, enclosing your patio or lanai will allow you to have additional privacy and security while enjoying the beauty of the outdoors. Sitting outdoors in the elements watching the Florida sunset can be nice but watching a Florida sunset in comfort from inside a patio or lanai enclosure is, without a doubt, even better. The serenity of your natural surroundings can be enjoyed without having to feel exposed to your next-door neighbors as well as pesky mosquitos and other bugs that tend to dampen an enjoyable evening outside.

Speaking of pesky visitors, a patio enclosure does a great job of keeping out other critters such as birds, mice, snakes, wasps and any other animals that can put a damper on enjoying the outdoors. With a patio enclosure you can feel like you are outside without having to worry about any unwanted pests.

Another benefit of enclosing your outdoor patio area is the protection it provides for furniture and décor. An enclosure offers much needed protection from the elements in Florida. Rain, wind and the sun's harmful UV rays all work hard to destroy that expensive patio furniture leaving you with wet, sun-faded cushions that eventually start to smell of mildew or mold. An enclosed patio not only prevents a soggy or damp cushion while you enjoy your morning coffee, it also protects your belongings from animal droppings, dust, dirt and even pollen.

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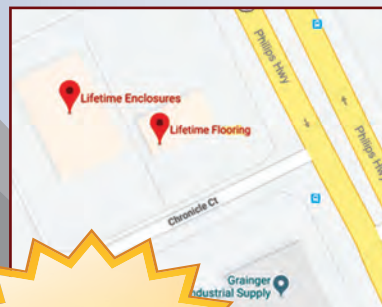
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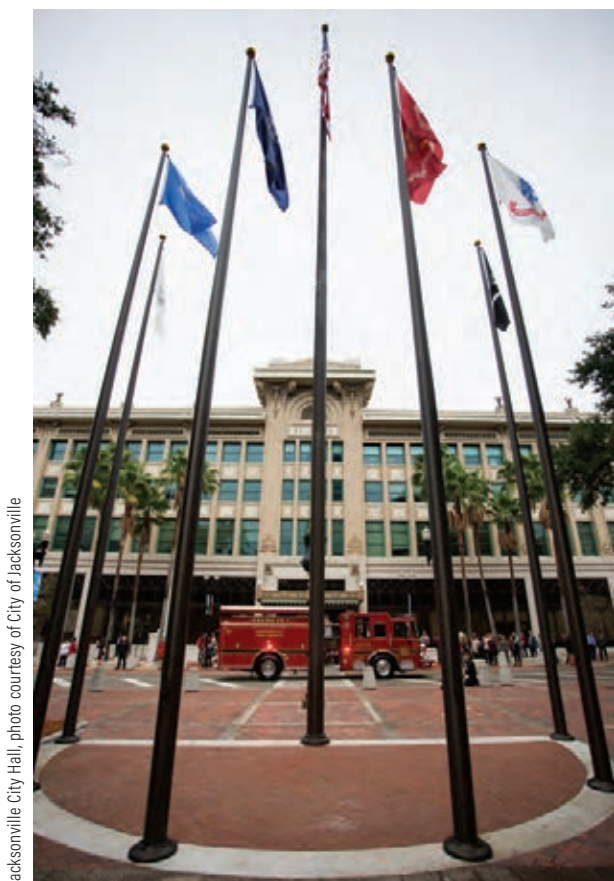
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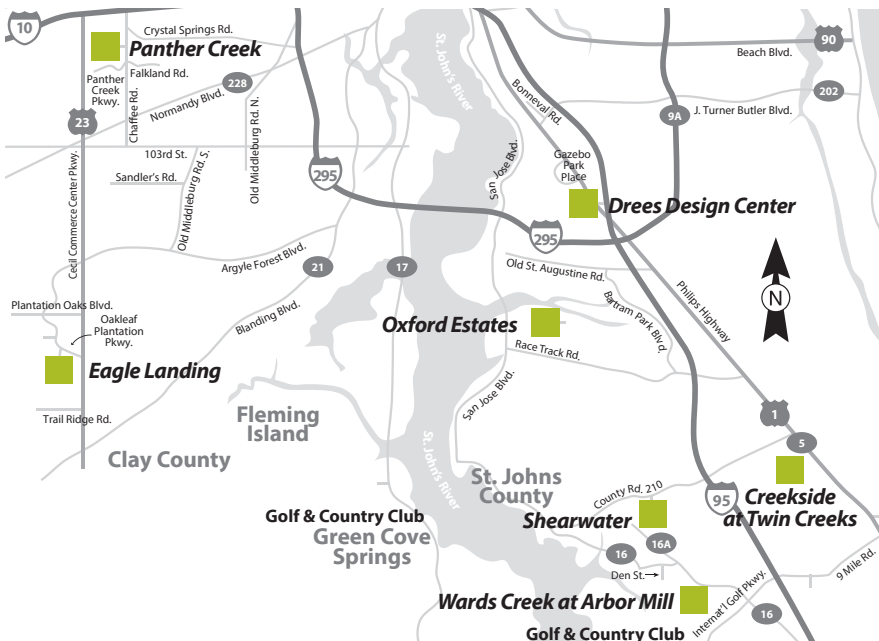
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### Termite Protection Contract

It's important for First Coast homeowners to be aware of the potential damage caused by termites, which are common throughout the state of Florida. When a pest control company completes a termite protection treatment, they must issue a termite protection contract. This contract is valid for a year and can be renewed up to four additional years. For new homes, the contract must include a warranty or guarantee that covers retreatment of the termite infested area if one occurs within one year of treatment, according to Florida law. If buying an older home, it is recommended, but not mandatory, to have a termite inspection and obtain a termite contract. For more information, visit [www.fdacs.gov/Consumer-Resources/Health-and-Safety/Protect-Your-Home-from-Pests](http://www.fdacs.gov/Consumer-Resources/Health-and-Safety/Protect-Your-Home-from-Pests).

## Volunteer Opportunities

A great way to start giving back to your new community is to find somewhere to volunteer! Volunteering is also a great way to not only make new friendships but also a lasting difference for those in need. The First Coast is also home to several chapters of prominent service clubs and organizations such as Kiwanis, Lions Club International, Knights of Columbus, Rotary Club and the Junior League of Jacksonville. Hospitals and clinics such as UF Health, Mayo Clinic, Baptist Health, Nemours, and Wolfson also welcome volunteers. Below are some resources to help you find a volunteer opportunity near you. Also see our list of animal shelters on page 73.

### AARP

[local.aarp.org/jacksonville-fl/volunteering](http://local.aarp.org/jacksonville-fl/volunteering)

### American Red Cross North Florida Region

[www.redcross.org/local/florida/north-florida.html](http://www.redcross.org/local/florida/north-florida.html)

### Catholic Charities Jacksonville

[www.ccbjax.org](http://www.ccbjax.org)

### Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida

[www.nonprofitctr.org](http://www.nonprofitctr.org)

### United Way of Northeast Florida

[www.unitedwaynefl.org](http://www.unitedwaynefl.org)

### Volunteer Match

[www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org)

## First Coast Tax Collector's Offices

### BAKER COUNTY

32 N. 5th St., Macclenny  
[www.bakertaxcollector.com](http://www.bakertaxcollector.com)

### DUVAL COUNTY

231 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville  
[www.coj.net/departments/tax-collector](http://www.coj.net/departments/tax-collector)

### CLAY COUNTY

477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs  
[www.claycountytax.com](http://www.claycountytax.com)

### NASSAU COUNTY

86130 License Rd., Fernandina Beach  
[www.nassautaxes.com](http://www.nassautaxes.com)

### ST. JOHNS COUNTY

4030 Lewis Speedway, St. Augustine  
[www.sjctax.us](http://www.sjctax.us)

# Looking for Your Spiritual Home?

To help you find a religious community in your new home, we've compiled the following list of main organizations for several different religions and denominations on the First Coast. Visit their website to find a place of worship that is the right fit for you.

## 11th Episcopal District of the AME Church

[www.11thdistrictame.org](http://www.11thdistrictame.org)

## Bahá'í Community Center of Jacksonville

[www.bahaicommcenterjax.com](http://www.bahaicommcenterjax.com)

## Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church

[www.bbuuc.org](http://www.bbuuc.org)

## Diocese of St. Augustine

[www.dosafl.com](http://www.dosafl.com)

## Episcopal Diocese of Florida, The

[www.diocesefl.org](http://www.diocesefl.org)

## Florida Baptist Convention

[www.flbaptist.org](http://www.flbaptist.org)

## Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church, The

[www.flumc.org](http://www.flumc.org)

## Florida Jacksonville Mission of the Mormon Church

[www.lifey.org/florida-jacksonville-mission](http://www.lifey.org/florida-jacksonville-mission)

## Hindu Society of North East Florida

[www.hsnef.org](http://www.hsnef.org)

## Islamic Center of Northeast Florida

[www.icnef.org](http://www.icnef.org)

## Jacksonville Friends Meeting (Quakers)

[www.jacksonvillefriends.org](http://www.jacksonvillefriends.org)

## Jacksonville Zen Sangha

[www.jaxzensangha.org](http://www.jaxzensangha.org)

## Jewish Federation & Foundation of Northeast Florida

[www.jewishjacksonville.org](http://www.jewishjacksonville.org)

## Karma Thegsum Chöling Jacksonville

[www.ktcjax.org](http://www.ktcjax.org)

## Maitreya Kadampa Buddhist Center

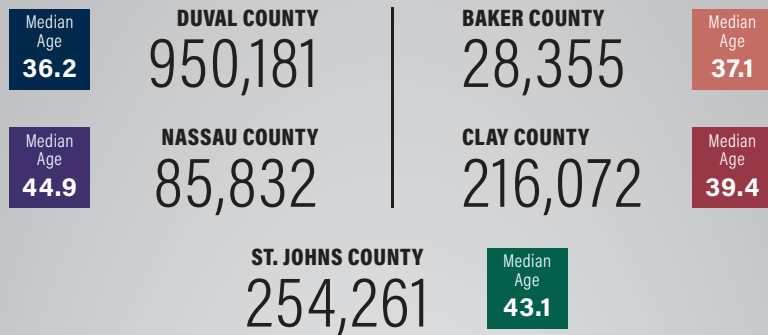
[www.meditationinjacksonville.org](http://www.meditationinjacksonville.org)

## Presbytery of St. Augustine

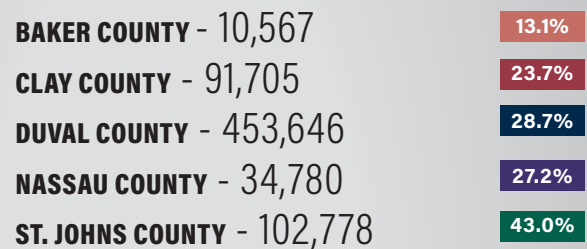
[www.staugpres.org](http://www.staugpres.org)



## Estimated Population



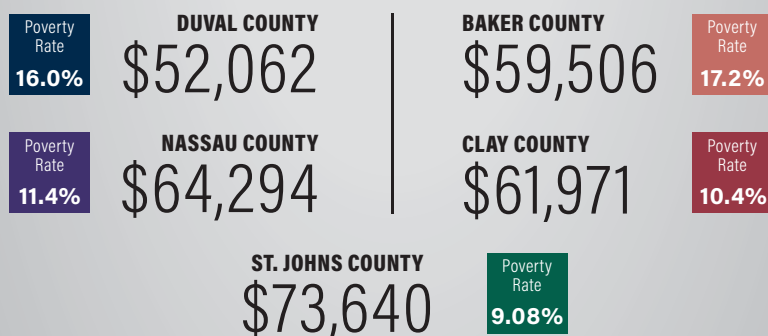
## Number of Employees



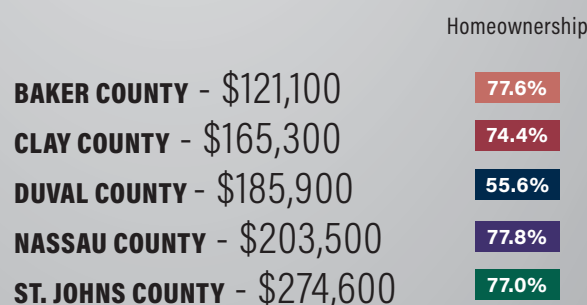
Percentage of Persons Age 25+ With a Bachelor's Degree or Higher



## Median Household Income



## Median Property Value



Homeownership

Information from census.gov and datausa.io

# Driving Stats

## COMMUTE TIMES TO DOWNTOWN JACKSONVILLE IN MINUTES

- Amelia Island - 41-45
- Arlington - 11-15
- Atlantic Beach/Jacksonville Beach - 36-40
- Baymeadows - 21-25
- Callahan - 31-35
- Fernandina Beach - 36-40
- Fleming Island - 36-40
- Green Cove Springs - 56-60
- Intracoastal - 26-35
- Julington Creek/Fruit Cove - 41-45
- Macclenny - 41-45
- Mandarin - 31-35
- Mayport - 46-50
- Middleburg - 41-45
- Orange Park - 41-45
- Ponte Vedra Beach - 36-45
- Riverside - 6-10
- St. Augustine - 31-50
- San Marco - 6-10
- Southside - 16-20
- World Golf Village - 36-40
- Yulee - 41-45

## MILES FROM DOWNTOWN JACKSONVILLE TO OTHER MAJOR FLORIDA CITIES

- Daytona Beach - 89
- Fort Myers - 298
- Fort Lauderdale - 326
- Gainesville - 72
- Key West - 503
- Miami - 346
- Naples - 334
- Orlando - 141
- Pensacola - 357
- Sarasota - 252
- St. Petersburg - 222
- Tallahassee - 164
- Tampa - 200
- West Palm Beach - 284

## MILES FROM DOWNTOWN JACKSONVILLE TO OTHER MAJOR CITIES IN THE SOUTHEAST

- Atlanta, GA - 346
- Baltimore, MD - 752
- Birmingham, AL - 462
- Charleston, SC - 238
- Charlotte, NC - 383
- Louisville, KY - 767
- Memphis, TN - 705
- Nashville, TN - 595
- New Orleans, LA - 548
- Richmond, VA - 598
- Savannah, GA - 139
- Washington, D.C. - 706



Photo by Stephanie Marty



**Live. Laugh. Bark.**



Dog at South Ponte Vedra Beach, photo courtesy of Visit Florida

# Dogggy Day

**For when your pups need some attention and care during the day, try out one of our local doggy daycares. Whether it's just during work hours or while you take a day trip, you can rest assured that your dog is receiving top-notch care and socialization.**

# Cares

**All Paws Pet Boarding and Daycare**

8356 US Hwy. 301, Bryceville  
www.allpawspetboarding.com

**Camp Bow Wow**

8505 Baymeadows Rd., Jacksonville  
www.campbowwow.com

**Dogtopia of Jacksonville at the Avenues**

9365 Philips Hwy., Jacksonville  
www.dogtopia.com

**Dogtown USA**

11740 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville  
www.dogtown-resorts.com

6988 US 1 N., St. Augustine  
www.dogtownresortstaugustine.com

**Happy Dog Inn**

3219 Russell Rd., Green Cove Springs  
www.happydoginn.com

**Happy Hound Dog Resorts Beach**

11000-15 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville  
**Shirley**  
4603 Shirley Ave., Jacksonville  
www.happyhounddogresorts.com

**Hot Paws Pet Resort**

1008 S. 8th St., Fernandina Beach  
www.hotpawspetresort.com

**Karma K9, LLC**

3840 Old Sunbeam Rd., Jacksonville  
www.karma-k9.com

**PawStars**

814 Edgewood Ave. S., Jacksonville  
www.pawstarsjax.com

**Pet Paradise Resort Bartram**

14976 Walden Springs Way, Jacksonville  
**Jacksonville Airport**  
14272 Pecan Park Rd., Jacksonville  
**St. Augustine**  
125 Ponce Harbor Dr., St. Augustine

**University Blvd.**

5140 University Blvd. W., Jacksonville  
www.petparadiseresort.com

**Poochie's Swim and Play Park**

21 Fountain Dr., Orange Park  
www.poochiespark.com

**Sunland Acres**

1376 Fruit Cove Rd. S., Fruit Cove  
www.sunlandacres.com

**Unleash Fido**

6824 Philips Pkwy. Dr. S., Jacksonville  
www.unleashfido.com



**Animal Emergency of St. Johns**

2505 Old Moultrie Rd., St. Augustine  
794-5071  
[www.animalemergencyofstjohns.com](http://www.animalemergencyofstjohns.com)

**Baymeadows Animal Hospital**

8505 Baymeadows Rd., Jacksonville  
257-8517  
[www.baymeadowsanimalhospital.com](http://www.baymeadowsanimalhospital.com)

**BluePearl Specialty + Emergency  
Pet Hospital**

3444 Southside Blvd., Ste. 103,  
Jacksonville  
646-1287  
275 Corporate Way, Ste. 100,  
Orange Park  
278-0287  
<https://bluepearlvet.com>

**Capital Veterinary  
Specialists, JAX**

3001 Hartley Rd., Jacksonville  
647-7481  
[www.cvsjax.com](http://www.cvsjax.com)

**Clay Humane**

2230 Filmore St., Orange Park  
276-7729  
[www.clayhumane.org](http://www.clayhumane.org)

**First Coast Veterinary Emergency**

301 Jacksonville Dr., Jacksonville Beach  
853-6310  
<https://firstcoastveter.com>

**St. Augustine Regional Veterinary  
Emergency Center**

2090 U.S. Hwy. 1 S.,  
St. Augustine  
797-5770  
[www.staugveter.com](http://www.staugveter.com)

**Vet-I-Care Animal Hospital/  
Mandarin Pet Emergency**

10635 Old St. Augustine Rd.,  
Jacksonville  
268-0399/268-4118  
[www.vet-i-care.com](http://www.vet-i-care.com)  
[www.mandarinpetemergency.com](http://www.mandarinpetemergency.com)



Dog in park, photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville



**Keep calm and pet a dog**

**Love is a four-legged word**

Mega Adoption Event, photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville



**i** **If you aren't looking to adopt but still want to help care for the adoptable animals, check out fostering programs or volunteer opportunities!**

# Pet Adoption Locations and Events

**If you're looking for a new furry friend, animal shelters and adoption events are some of the best places to find that special someone.**

## ANIMAL SHELTERS

**Ayla's Acres No-Kill Animal Rescue**  
[www.aylasacres.org](http://www.aylasacres.org)

**Animal Care and Protective Services**  
[www.coj.net/departments/neighborhoods/animal-care---protective-services.aspx](http://www.coj.net/departments/neighborhoods/animal-care---protective-services.aspx)

**Baker County Animal Control**  
[www.bakercountyfl.org/animals.php](http://www.bakercountyfl.org/animals.php)

**Clay County Animal Services**  
[www.claycountygov.com/departments/animal-services/adopt](http://www.claycountygov.com/departments/animal-services/adopt)

**Clay County Humane Society**  
[www.clayhumane.org](http://www.clayhumane.org)

**Greyhounds as Pets**  
[www.greyhoundpetsjax.org](http://www.greyhoundpetsjax.org)

**Jacksonville Humane Society**  
[www.jaxhumane.org](http://www.jaxhumane.org)

**Nassau County Animal Services**  
[www.nassaucountyfl.com/845/Animal-Services](http://www.nassaucountyfl.com/845/Animal-Services)

**Nassau Humane Society**  
[www.nassauhumane.org](http://www.nassauhumane.org)

**Old Dog House, The**  
[www.theolddoghouse.org](http://www.theolddoghouse.org)

**S.A.F.E. Pet Rescue Inc.**  
[www.safe-pet-rescue-fl.com](http://www.safe-pet-rescue-fl.com)

**St. Augustine Humane Society**  
[www.staughumane.org](http://www.staughumane.org)

**St. Johns County Animal Control**  
[www.co.st-johns.fl.us/animalcontrol/petcenter.aspx](http://www.co.st-johns.fl.us/animalcontrol/petcenter.aspx)

**Wags & Whiskers Pet Rescue Inc.**  
[www.wwpetrescue.org](http://www.wwpetrescue.org)

## ADOPTION EVENTS

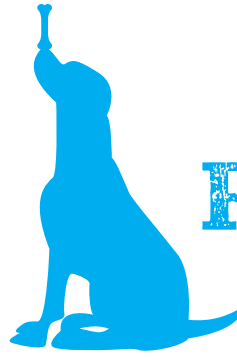
**Dog Days of Baker Festival**  
*June*  
[www.bakercountyfl.org/dogdays](http://www.bakercountyfl.org/dogdays)

**Petco Foundation**  
*Monthly*  
[www.petcofoundation.org/put-your-love-into-action/learn-about-adoption/adopt-at-petco/](http://www.petcofoundation.org/put-your-love-into-action/learn-about-adoption/adopt-at-petco/)

**PetSmart National Adoption Weekend**  
*Four times a year*  
[www.petsmartcharities.org/adopt-a-pet/adoption-events](http://www.petsmartcharities.org/adopt-a-pet/adoption-events)

**First Coast No More Homeless Pets MEGA Adoption Event**  
*Three times a year*  
[www.fcnmhp.org/help-pet-owners/adopt-a-pet/](http://www.fcnmhp.org/help-pet-owners/adopt-a-pet/)

# Playing Ruff



Take your canine buddies for a day of fun at one of our pet-friendly beaches or dog parks that are sure to provide them with all the exercise and socialization they could ask for.



Life is too short to just have one dog

## DOG PARKS

### Atlantic Beach Dog Park *Atlantic Beach*

[www.coab.us/463/  
Atlantic-Beach-Dog-Park](http://www.coab.us/463/Atlantic-Beach-Dog-Park)

### Brew Hound Dog Park + Bar *Neptune Beach*

[www.brew-hound.com](http://www.brew-hound.com)

### Confederate Park Dog Park *Springfield*

[www.coj.net/departments/parks-and-recreation/recreation-and-community-programming/parks/confederate-park](http://www.coj.net/departments/parks-and-recreation/recreation-and-community-programming/parks/confederate-park)

### Deleon Shores Park *Ponte Vedra Beach*

[www.sjcfl.us/Recreation/Parks/  
index.aspx](http://www.sjcfl.us/Recreation/Parks/index.aspx)

### Dog Wood Park of Jacksonville *Southside/Baymeadows*

[www.jaxdogs.com](http://www.jaxdogs.com)

### Ed Austin Regional Dog Park *Arlington*

[www.coj.net/departments/parks-and-recreation/recreation-and-community-programming/parks/ed-austin-regional-park.aspx](http://www.coj.net/departments/parks-and-recreation/recreation-and-community-programming/parks/ed-austin-regional-park.aspx)

### John Gorrie Dog Park of Riverside *Riverside*

[www.coj.net/departments/parks-and-recreation.aspx](http://www.coj.net/departments/parks-and-recreation.aspx)

### Kanine Social *Riverside*

[www.kaninesocial.com](http://www.kaninesocial.com)

### Nocatee Dog Parks *Nocatee*

[www.nocatee.com/lifestyle/dog-parks/](http://www.nocatee.com/lifestyle/dog-parks/)

### OceanWay Park *Oceanway*

[www.bringfido.com/attraction/13182](http://www.bringfido.com/attraction/13182)

### Paws Dog Park *Jacksonville Beach*

[www.jacksonvillebeach.org/residents/parks-recreation/community-parks/paws-dog-park](http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org/residents/parks-recreation/community-parks/paws-dog-park)

### Poochies Swim and Play Park *Orange Park*

[www.poochiespark.com](http://www.poochiespark.com)

### Veterans Park *St. Johns*

[www.co.st-johns.fl.us/Recreation/  
Parks/Veterans.aspx](http://www.co.st-johns.fl.us/Recreation/Parks/Veterans.aspx)

## PET-FRIENDLY BEACHES

### American Beach

Must be leashed

### Atlantic Beach

Must be leashed

### Crescent Beach

Must be leashed

### Fernandina Beach

Must be leashed

### Jacksonville Beach

Must be leashed

April 1 to Sept. 30 - dogs not permitted between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Oct. 1 to March 31 - dogs permitted any time

### Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park

Must be leashed

Permitted in certain areas

### Mayport Beach

Must be leashed

### Mickler's Beachfront Park

Must be leashed

### Neptune Beach

Must be leashed

April 1 to Sept. 30 - dogs not permitted between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Oct. 1 to March 31 - dogs permitted any time

### Peters Point Beachfront Park

Must be leashed

### Ponte Vedra Beach

Must be leashed

### St. Augustine Beach

Must be leashed

### Usina Beach

Must be leashed

### Vilano Beach

Must be leashed



# Sunny Skies Ahead: FIRST COAST WEATHER

St. Augustine, photo courtesy of Visit Florida

Now that you've made the First Coast your home, get ready to enjoy gorgeous weather year-round. While summers can be hot, winters are typically mild, and the region enjoys a median temperature in the mid-70s. The area is known for its picturesque weather from November until April, with occasional showers during the summer.

### Rainy Day Activities

- Shop around indoor malls such as the Orange Park Mall or Avenues Mall.
- Check out your local library.
- Visit museums such as the MOSH, MOCA and the Cummer Museum.

- Catch a flick at Sun-Ray Cinema, the IMAX Theater or a movie theater near you.
- Bounce around at an indoor trampoline park. Check out our list on page 172.

### Activities to Beat the Heat!

- Shipwreck Island Water Park at Adventure Landing
- Jax Parks Aquatics – The Cecil Aquatic Center and 33 outdoor pools to choose from
- First Coast YMCA pools
- Splash parks at the Jacksonville Zoo, St. Augustine Pier, Sunshine Park, Hanna Park, Murray Hill, Wiley Playground, Losco Park and Abess Park  
...and, of course, any of our area beaches!



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Emergency Network

 @FloridaStorms • [wjct.org/weather](http://wjct.org/weather)

# Weather Prep

## HURRICANES

The First Coast's humid subtropical climate can lead to some of nature's most powerful storms including hurricanes. Hurricane season is from the beginning of June to the end of November. They are most common during these months, although hurricanes can form throughout the year. Hurricanes are most threatening to coastlines, and as a peninsula, Florida has three. Typically, Northeast Florida receives fewer hurricanes than other parts of the state because it is the most western point on the U.S. Eastern Seaboard.

### Weather Terms to Know:

**Tropical Disturbance:** originates in the tropics or subtropics and maintains an identity for 24 hours

**Tropical Depression:** maximum sustained wind speed of 38 mph

**Tropical Storm:** maximum sustained wind speeds of 39 to 73 mph

**Hurricane:** winds 74 mph and above

**Hurricane Watch:** hurricane conditions are possible within 48 hours in or near the watch area

**Hurricane Warning:** hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours in or near the warning area

### Hurricane Categories:

Meteorologists use the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale to determine a hurricane's category and gauge the safety measures residents should take to prepare before the hurricane hits. Keep in mind this categorization scale does not determine other hurricane related impacts such as storm surge, rainfall-induced floods or tornadoes.

**1: minimal; 74 to 95 mph winds**

**2: moderate; 96 to 110 mph winds**

**3: extensive; 111 to 129 mph winds**

**4: extreme; 130 to 156 mph winds**

**5: catastrophic; 157 mph and higher winds**

## Storm Preparations

Have a plan in place before a storm develops. Put together an emergency kit and keep it somewhere that is easily accessible. It is important to know your evacuation zone, and if you are in a mandatory evacuation zone, act immediately. In the event of an evacuation, have enough food and water for at least three days and have fuel in your car's gas tank. Highways and roads may be closed during evacuation, so plan out multiple travel routes. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio provides comprehensive 24-hour weather forecasts.



Sunset over the St. Johns River, photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville



Photo by Stephanie Marty



**AVERAGE HIGH/LOW TEMPERATURE**

MONTH	HIGH	LOW
January	64.8°F	41.4°F
February	68.2°F	44.7°F
March	73.7°F	49.7°F
April	79.2°F	54.7°F
May	85.5°F	62.7°F
June	89.9°F	70°F
July	92°F	72.6°F
August	90.9°F	72.7°F
September	86.9°F	69.5°F
October	80.4°F	60.5°F
November	73.5°F	50.9°F
December	66.6°F	43.9°F



**AVERAGE RAINFALL BY INCHES**

MONTH	INCHES
January	3.3
February	3.2
March	4
April	2.6
May	2.5
June	6.5
July	6.6
August	6.8
September	8.2
October	3.9
November	2.1
December	2.8

Protect your home by boarding up windows and glass doors or installing hurricane shelters. Check your yard for any loose objects such as patio furniture, plants, toys and lawn tools. Any objects that are outdoors and not secured may fly away in high winds. Call your local emergency management or planning/zoning office to find out if you live in a potential flood zone. If so, consider stocking up on sandbags to keep water out of your home.

**Local and State Resources**

**Clay County:**

[www.claycountygov.com/departments/emergency-management](http://www.claycountygov.com/departments/emergency-management)

**Duval County/City of Jacksonville:**

[www.jaxready.com](http://www.jaxready.com)

**Nassau County:**

[www.nassaucountyfl.com/370/Emergency-Management](http://www.nassaucountyfl.com/370/Emergency-Management)

**St. Johns County:**

[www.sjcemergencymanagement.com](http://www.sjcemergencymanagement.com)

**Florida Division of Emergency Management:**

[www.floridadisaster.org](http://www.floridadisaster.org)

**TORNADOES**

Even though Northeast Florida's tornadoes are not typically as powerful as Midwestern ones, they can still cause significant damage. Tornadoes can reach 300 mph with an average forward speed of 30 mph. If a tornado warning occurs, take shelter immediately. When inside a building or home, stay inside a smaller inner room with no windows such as a bathroom or closet. Crouch low on the floor and cover your head with your hands. Tornadoes can develop rapidly, so advanced warning isn't always possible.

**Weather Terms to Know:**

**Tornado Watch:** tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area

**Tornado Warning:** tornado sighted or indicated on radar

**Waterspout:** tornado that forms over warm water



**SCHOOL BUS**

# EDUCATION

**The First Coast is teeming with bright minds and energetic learners. In each of the five counties, students of varying backgrounds work with teachers who are dedicated to their profession. Three of those counties are currently ranked in the Top 10 in the state for education.**



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 sherellbill@gmail.com



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 (904) 554-1211  
 hwhaley1@yahoo.com



**HUONG MANAOIS**  
*Fluent in Vietnamese*  
 (904) 327-3358  
 kimmanaois@gmail.com



***We Are There  
 For You All  
 The Way To  
 Moving Day***



**Florida Homes**  
 Realty & Mortgage

- Multilingual team here to assist anyone in relocating to Jacksonville
- Over 15 languages spoken on our team
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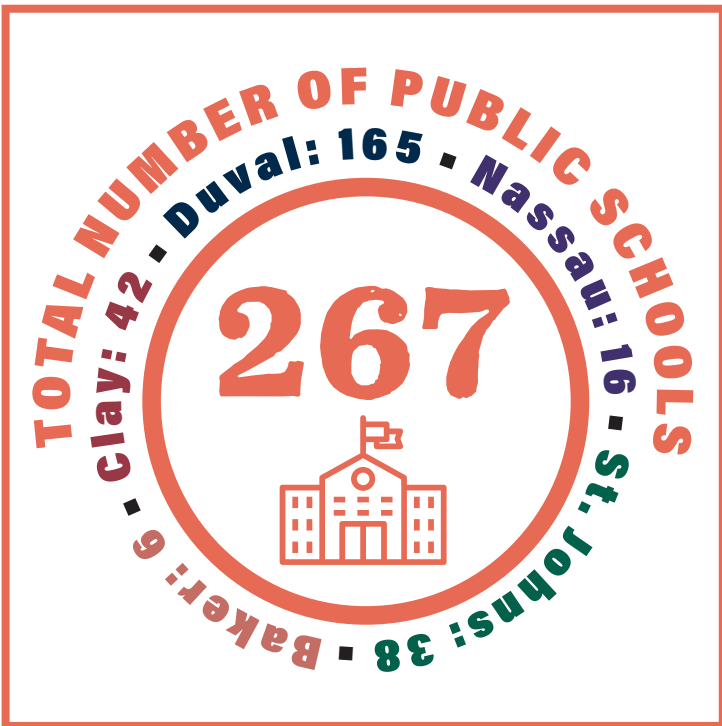
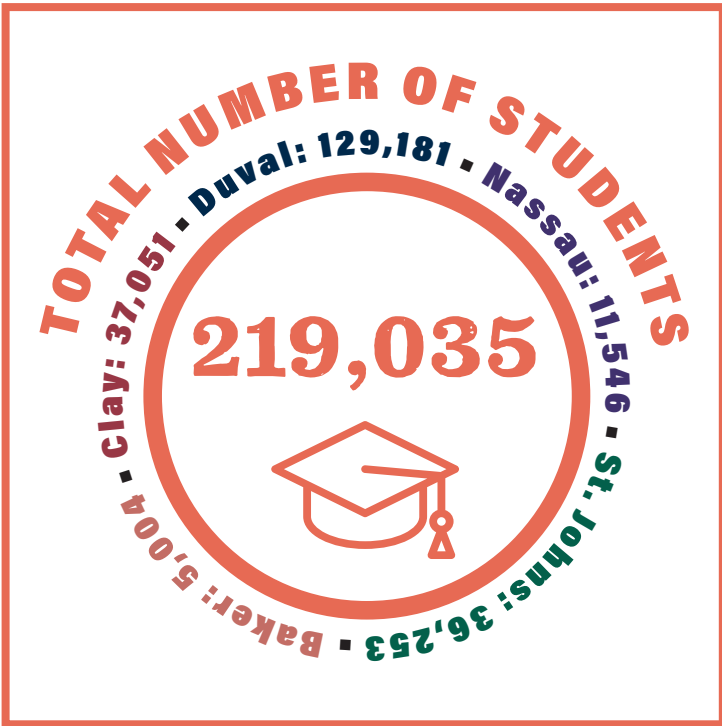
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**CLAY COUNTY**

[www.oneclay.net](http://www.oneclay.net)  
 The vision of the Clay County District Schools is to "prepare life-long learners for success in a global and competitive workplace and in acquiring applicable life skills." Seeing as Clay County is ranked 8th in the state, it's safe to say they succeeded. The county ensures that students are learning in a motivating environment that is built on honesty, integrity and respect. All of the high schools offer Accelerated Learning programs so students can head into college with credits already under their belt.

**DUVAL COUNTY**

[www.dcps.duvalschools.org](http://www.dcps.duvalschools.org)  
 As the largest county on the First Coast, Duval provides parents and students with the most options.

Between neighborhood and magnet schools, students and parents will be able to find a school that suits their needs. Duval County Public Schools is driven by their constant need to improve and provide a "whole child" educational philosophy to all students. Duval offers a wide range of programs such as Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and the Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE).

**NASSAU COUNTY**

[www.nassau.k12.fl.us](http://www.nassau.k12.fl.us)  
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## DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Highest graduation rate in the history of the county at 91.9%
- Successful launch of CCDS Police Department in 2019
- School Resource Officer at every school and increased security measures to keep students and staff safe
- 95% of Clay County Schools are rated as an "A" or "B"
- All High Schools have accelerated programs
- Clay County District Schools improved the number of Industry Certifications by 220
- Established county-wide Social-Emotional Learning Priorities with more than 500 employees trained in mental health
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## Clay County District Schools

Clay County District Schools achieved its second consecutive "A" rating from the Department of Education in 2019 and remained in the Top 10 school districts in the state at No. 8! In addition, Clay reached a record high graduation rate in the history of the county in 2019 at 91.9 percent under the leadership of Superintendent Addison Davis. Students, teachers, staff, board members and leadership work extremely hard to enhance the educational experience for all learners, and achieving this goal is a result of their focus and dedication.

Over the past three years, the school district has grown in choice program offerings for students for the first time ever with a true K-12 continuum, creating robust pathways from the first moment a student

darkens our doorways until they graduate as young adults. The District is now 1:1 for student devices and all schools have equitable access to technology. A strong focus on academics and developing the whole child through robust learning and student engagement is permeated through every facet of this school system.

Clay County District Schools is continually adding innovative strategies and choice programs combined with the latest education technology to enhance learning. With Clay's Career and Technical Education programs, junior high and high school students can earn industry certifications and embark on the road to success in a global and competitive workplace upon graduation. Clay now offers more opportunities for student achievement through a Montessori program at Swimming Pen Creek Elementary, accelerated learning paths at all high schools, Visual and Performing Arts at Coppergate Elementary, and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) at Lake Asbury Junior High School.

Now more than ever, Clay County District Schools has doubled down on safety and security. For the first time ever, Clay County District Schools has its own dedicated police department. Now, every school in

Clay has a School Resource Officer and most schools also have a School Safety Officer to further protect and serve our most precious assets: our students. Over the last three years, millions of dollars have been dedicated to hardening our school structures, creating single points of entry, and expanding mental health services, along with establishing social emotional learning priorities. Understanding the complexities of our students, Clay County District Schools is committed to providing sufficient resources to help our students reach their full potential inside and outside the classroom.

Clay County continues to see exponential growth as new residents, businesses, builders and military families move into the area. The District is planning to build five new schools in the next 15 years to welcome incoming families and make certain every child has the best opportunity for a quality, rigorous, world-class education.

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## CLAY COUNTY

Clay Charter Academy .....	406-1607
<a href="http://www.claycharter.org">www.claycharter.org</a>	
St. Johns Classical Academy .....	458-8240
<a href="http://www.stjca.org">www.stjca.org</a>	

## DUVAL COUNTY

### DUVAL-BEACHES

Florida Cyber Charter Academy@Duval.....	855-748-4737
<a href="http://www.flcca.k12.com">www.flcca.k12.com</a>	
Seaside Community Charter School Beaches.....	853-6287
<a href="http://seasidebeaches.seasideconsortium.org">http://seasidebeaches.seasideconsortium.org</a>	

### DUVAL-NORTH

Biscayne High School .....	252-6311
<a href="http://biscaynehs.com">http://biscaynehs.com</a>	
Florida Cyber Charter Academy@Duval.....	855-748-4737
<a href="http://www.flcca.k12.com">www.flcca.k12.com</a>	
Global Outreach Charter Academy.....	551-7104
<a href="http://www.goca.us">www.goca.us</a>	
Lone Star High School.....	725-5998
<a href="https://jaxlonestarhs.com">https://jaxlonestarhs.com</a>	
Seacoast Charter Academy .....	562-4780
<a href="http://seacoastcharteracademy.org">http://seacoastcharteracademy.org</a>	
Somerset Academy Eagle Campus.....	503-0661
<a href="http://www.somersetacademy-jacksonville.org">www.somersetacademy-jacksonville.org</a>	

### DUVAL-SOUTH

BridgePrep Academy of Duval.....	694-2660
<a href="https://baduval.bridgeprepacademy.com">https://baduval.bridgeprepacademy.com</a>	
Duval Charter Scholars Academy .....	724-1536
<a href="http://www.duvalcharter.org">www.duvalcharter.org</a>	

Duval Charter School at Baymeadows	
Elementary/Middle.....	638-7947
High School.....	271-4127
<a href="http://www.baymeadowscharter.org">www.baymeadowscharter.org</a>	
Duval Charter School at Coastal.....	512-6757
<a href="http://www.coastalcharter.org">www.coastalcharter.org</a>	
Duval Charter at Flagler Center .....	899-1010
<a href="http://www.flaglercharter.org">www.flaglercharter.org</a>	
Duval Charter School at Mandarin.....	440-2901
<a href="http://www.mandarincharter.org">www.mandarincharter.org</a>	
Duval Charter School at Southside.....	423-5348
<a href="http://www.southsidecharter.org">www.southsidecharter.org</a>	
Florida Cyber Charter Academy@Duval.....	855-748-4737
<a href="http://www.flcca.k12.com">www.flcca.k12.com</a>	
River City Science Academy.....	855-8010
<a href="http://www.rivercityscience.org">www.rivercityscience.org</a>	
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San Jose Academy.....	425-1725
<a href="http://sanjoseprep.org">http://sanjoseprep.org</a>	
Seaside Charter K-8 San Jose.....	619-3933
<a href="http://seasidesanjose.seasideconsortium.org">http://seasidesanjose.seasideconsortium.org</a>	

## DUVAL-WEST

Duval Charter School at Westside .....	421-0250
<a href="http://www.westsidecharter.org">www.westsidecharter.org</a>	
Florida Cyber Charter Academy@Duval.....	855-748-4737
<a href="http://www.flcca.k12.com">www.flcca.k12.com</a>	
KIPP Public Charter School .....	683-6643
<a href="http://www.kippjax.org">www.kippjax.org</a>	
MYcro School.....	783-3611
<a href="http://mycroschool.org">http://mycroschool.org</a>	
SAL Tech .....	328-5001
<a href="http://saltechjax.org">http://saltechjax.org</a>	
School of Success (SOS)	
Academy Charter Middle School .....	573-0880
<a href="http://www.schoolofsuccessacademy.org">www.schoolofsuccessacademy.org</a>	
Tiger Academy .....	309-6840
<a href="http://www.ymcatigeracademy.org">www.ymcatigeracademy.org</a>	
Waverly Academy.....	647-8552
<a href="http://www.waverlyacademy.org">www.waverlyacademy.org</a>	
Wayman Academy of the Arts.....	695-9995
<a href="http://www.waymanacademy.org">www.waymanacademy.org</a>	

## ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Arc of the St. Johns, The.....	824-7249
<a href="http://www.arcsj.org">www.arcsj.org</a>	
St. Augustine Public Montessori School.....	342-5350
<a href="http://www.staugustinemontessori.com">www.staugustinemontessori.com</a>	
St. Johns Community Campus Charter School, The .....	824-7249
<a href="http://www.arcsj.org/services/community-campus/">www.arcsj.org/services/community-campus/</a>	
Therapeutic Learning Center .....	824-8932
<a href="http://www.arcsj.org/therapeuticlearningcenter.html">www.arcsj.org/therapeuticlearningcenter.html</a>	

# RIVER CITY SCIENCE ACADEMY NURTURES ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



Since 2007, River City Science Academy (RCSA) has been at the vanguard of Duval County charter schools, offering a private school atmosphere in a tuition-free public school setting.

Living up to its reputation for nurturing academic achievement by challenging students to excel, RCSA is the first Duval County charter school to receive an "A" grade and to be named a high-performing charter school by the Florida Department of Education.

Among RCSA's many honors are full accreditation as a quality school by

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Offering an innovative science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) curriculum focus, River City Science Academy serves over 3,000

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as experience as a program specialist in Leon County. "With freedom and flexibility to be creative, RCSA's dedicated staff believes learning goes beyond classroom walls," Dr. Tozoglu adds, noting that faculty members lead a full spectrum of extracurricular activities from sports to television production to robotics. Students have the opportunity to participate in trips as far as Washington, D.C. and New York and compete in numerous local, state and regional academic contests.

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7565 Beach Blvd.  
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**RCSA Mandarin** Enrolling K-8  
10911 Old St. Augustine Rd.  
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**River City Science Academy (RCSA)** is a tuition-free Duval County public charter school located in Jacksonville with a focus in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). RCSA is an A school and recognized as a high performing charter school by the FL Department of Education.



RCSA student academic teams have taken top honors in state and regional Science Olympiads. River City Science Academy recently earned statewide recognition when their Middle-High Science Olympiad took home First Place in the 2018 State Championship. This was the first time a team from Duval County and surrounding areas ever won the State competition. The team continued success in 2019 after taking home second place. Both years the team travelled to the National Science Olympiad Competition. The team has received recognition from the City Council and Mayor Lenny Curry for their hard work and dedication. RCSA also hosts competitions as well as signature public events such as the

STEM & Health Expo. In addition, RCSA has produced winners in Robotics, Academic WorldQuest, Math League, Math Counts and History Fair events.

Students are devoted to community service, giving back through the National Honor Society and Interact Club. Students participate annually in the PeaceJam conference at Florida State University where they are able to interact and learn from Nobel laureates.

As a key participant in the Northeast Florida Regional STEM2 Hub, River City Science Academy is accelerating growth of leading-edge initiatives and encouraging students throughout the region to choose STEM-oriented career paths.

### RCSA students prepare for college and beyond

RCSA is committed to preparing its students for college and to become tomorrow's leaders in the world.

Beginning in sixth grade, students are eligible to take part in RCSA's college mentorship program (CMP). They are matched with a mentor who helps them navigate a path from middle school to the college of their choice.

Opportunities to earn college credits while at RCSA are available through Advance Placement (AP) classes and a dual enrollment program with Florida State College at Jacksonville.

With a graduation rate of over 99 percent, RCSA is pleased that many of its students earn college scholarships and gain admission to some of the nation's most prestigious universities.

Application for enrollment at RCSA is open to all Duval County residents. Applications and information on school tours can be found online at [www.rivercityscience.org](http://www.rivercityscience.org). Parents may also call 904-855-8010 with questions, to schedule a tour or an opportunity to shadow current students.

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RCSA Mandarin  
10911 Old St. Augustine Rd.  
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(904) 855-8010 ext. 4  
[www.rcsamandarin.org](http://www.rcsamandarin.org)

# Programs for Learning Differences

**The First Coast believes that education is important for all students, regardless of how they learn, and offers many opportunities for those with learning differences to receive an education in a positive environment that is tailored to their needs.**

## CLAY COUNTY

**Broach Free 2 Be Me ..... 637-0300**

**www.broachschool.com**

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This Broach School campus is geared toward children with more pronounced learning disabilities or behavioral issues. A customized program is created for each student in order for them to excel.

**Broach School, The - Orange Park ..... 637-0300**

**www.broachschool.com**

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This nonprofit, private McKay school for children with special needs has a variety of programs that cater to students who need individualized instruction.

Lighthouse Christian School

*Middleburg*

*Orange Park*

[www.lighthousechristianschool.net](http://www.lighthousechristianschool.net)

With small class sizes and unique instructions for each child, Lighthouse Christian School is a great option for students with specialized learning needs.

Seven Bridges School

[www.sevenbridgesschool.org](http://www.sevenbridgesschool.org)

With a large range of classes from computer technology to fine arts, Seven Bridges School is an institution that caters to students with average to above average intelligence who need a little extra assistance and attention.

The G.I.F.T.ed Learning Center Inc.

[www.thegiftedlearningcenter.com](http://www.thegiftedlearningcenter.com)

The G.I.F.T.ed Learning Center offers one-on-one instruction, projects and field trips that follow individualized curriculums and focus on how special needs and autistic children learn and develop.

## DUVAL COUNTY

### DUVAL-BEACHES

DePaul School of Northeast Florida

[www.depaulschool.com](http://www.depaulschool.com)

The DePaul School has developed specialized curriculums for students between second and eighth grade with dyslexia that is slow-paced, repetitive and deliberate to help them learn in a positive and encouraging manner.

### DUVAL-NORTH

**Greenwood School ..... 726-5000**

**www.greenwoodjax.org**

Students with ADHD, dyslexia, autism, and other learning differences are welcome at Greenwood School where they can experience a multitude of classes and extracurricular activities.

Jericho School, The

[www.thejerichoschool.org](http://www.thejerichoschool.org)

The Jericho School is a private nonprofit school that utilizes Applied Behavior Analysis to teach students with autism and other developmental disabilities.

Lighthouse Christian School - Arlington

[www.lighthousechristianschool.net](http://www.lighthousechristianschool.net)

With small class sizes and unique instructions for each child, Lighthouse Christian School is a great option for students with specialized learning needs.

### DUVAL-SOUTH

Alden Road Exceptional Student Center

[dcps.duvalschools.org/ar](http://dcps.duvalschools.org/ar)

Alden Road focuses on creating a positive learning environment that will enable their students to become productive members of the community.

**Broach School, The - Southside ..... 637-0300**

**www.broachschool.com**

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Serving students with special needs for more than 46 years, The Broach School offers a personalized teaching style for students who fall behind in traditional classroom settings.

Center Academy

*Mandarin*

*St. John's Bluff*

[www.centeracademy.com](http://www.centeracademy.com)

The Center offers a multitude of specialized programs for students with learning differences, including college preparatory curriculums, dual enrollment and summer programs.

Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech

[www.clarkeschool.org](http://www.clarkeschool.org)

Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech is a "listening and learning program," which means that they teach students how to speak auditorily so they can be mainstreamed into nonspecialized schools.

Great Strides School

[www.greatstridesrehab.com](http://www.greatstridesrehab.com)

Great Strides is a comprehensive rehabilitation facility that provides physical, speech, music and occupational therapy, applied behavior analysis, psychological services, autism evaluations and social skills groups.

Jacksonville School for Autism

[www.jsakids.org](http://www.jsakids.org)

Employing an "outside of the desk" way of educating, the Jacksonville School for Autism works to prepare students for adulthood and also provides early childhood development, vocational and enrichment programs.



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Lighthouse Christian School - Mandarin  
[www.lighthousechristianschool.net](http://www.lighthousechristianschool.net)  
 With small class sizes and unique instructions for each child, Lighthouse Christian School is a great option for students with specialized learning needs.

Little Star Center  
[www.littlestarjax.com](http://www.littlestarjax.com)  
 The Little Star Center functions as a private school and behavior therapy center with part- and full-time programs that focus on the needs of children who are on the autism spectrum or have other developmental differences.

Mainspring Academy  
[www.mainspringacademy.org](http://www.mainspringacademy.org)  
 Newly reopened, Mainspring Academy believes that teamwork, communication, personal growth, culture and tenacity are integral to fostering a positive and successful learning environment.

Morning Star School  
[www.morningstar-jax.org](http://www.morningstar-jax.org)  
 Morning Star serves children from kindergarten to 12th grade and offers several services that include academic instruction, religious courses, physical education, classes in the arts, among others.

North Florida School of Special Education  
[www.northfloridaschool.org](http://www.northfloridaschool.org)  
 The North Florida School of Special Education serves children and adults from age 6 to 40 who have intellectual and developmental differences.

**DUVAL-WEST**

**Broach School, The - Westside..... 637-0300**  
**[www.broachschoool.com](http://www.broachschoool.com)**

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 Since 1973, The Broach School has given students with special needs such as ADHD, dyslexia, developmental disabilities, and autism spectrum disabilities the tools to excel.

Lighthouse Christian School  
*Northside*  
*Westside*  
[www.lighthousechristianschool.net](http://www.lighthousechristianschool.net)  
 With small class sizes and unique instructions for each child, Lighthouse Christian School is a great option for students with specialized learning needs.

Mt. Herman Exceptional Student Center  
[dcps.duvalschools.org/mhesc](http://dcps.duvalschools.org/mhesc)  
 The Mt. Herman Exceptional Student Center works with children who have severe disabilities and focuses on the abilities of the students, which helps foster growth in academics, communication, independent functioning and social skills.

Palm Avenue Exceptional Student Center  
[dcps.duvalschools.org/palmavenue](http://dcps.duvalschools.org/palmavenue)  
 Palm Avenue has numerous programs including academics, business, athletic work and transition services that push their students to become active members of the community.

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

**Broach School, The - Ponte Vedra ..... 637-0300**  
**[www.broachschoool.com](http://www.broachschoool.com)**

➤ **see our ad page 95**  
 This brand-new campus serves special needs students who are struggling in the traditional classroom setting and need individual instruction.

Florida School for the Deaf & the Blind  
[www.fsdbk12.org](http://www.fsdbk12.org)  
 The Florida School for the Deaf & the Blind is the only school of its kind in the state of Florida for those with hearing and visual impairments and offers classes from kindergarten all the way through 12th grade and a multitude of athletic, recreational, extracurricular and performing arts opportunities.

**FIRST COAST CHILD CARE RESOURCES**

Don't let finding the right childcare for your children add to the stress of a move. The First Coast has plenty of state-funded and private childcare options with stimulating curriculums, trained staff and safe facilities.

Child Care Aware of America  
[www.childcareaware.org/state/florida](http://www.childcareaware.org/state/florida)

Early Learning Coalition of Duval  
[www.elcduval.org/child-care](http://www.elcduval.org/child-care)

Early Learning Coalition of North Florida  
[www.elcnorthflorida.org](http://www.elcnorthflorida.org)

Episcopal Children's Services  
[www.ecs4kids.org](http://www.ecs4kids.org)

Florida Association for Child Care Management  
[www.faccm.org](http://www.faccm.org)

Florida Association for the Education of Young Children  
[www.flaeyc.org](http://www.flaeyc.org)

Florida Department of Children and Families  
[www.myflfamilies.com](http://www.myflfamilies.com)

Florida Head Start Association  
[www.flheadstart.org](http://www.flheadstart.org)

Office of Early Learning  
[www.floridaearlylearning.com](http://www.floridaearlylearning.com)

**RESOURCES FOR STAY-AT-HOME PARENTS**

While many familial resources tend to cater to working parents, the First Coast makes sure that stay-at-home parents have all the resources they need, whether it's a support group to vent your frustrations or early learning tools so you can prepare your young ones for school.

Circle of Parents  
[www.circleofparents.org](http://www.circleofparents.org)

Healthy Families  
[www.healthyfamiliesfla.org](http://www.healthyfamiliesfla.org)

Office of Early Learning  
[www.floridaearlylearning.com/family-resources](http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/family-resources)

Parent Academy  
[www.dcps.duvalschools.org/ParentAcademy](http://www.dcps.duvalschools.org/ParentAcademy)



## THE BROACH SCHOOL

### Because Your Child Deserves Success

Tommie Broach was teaching in New York when she recognized her gift for reaching students who “just don’t get it.” She returned home to Jacksonville in 1973 and started The Broach School for students who fall through the cracks in traditional classrooms and to meet the ever-increasing need for quality individual instruction. Students were getting lost in overcrowded classrooms and she knew the solution was giving each one the complete, personal attention of their teacher.

#### Philosophy

The Broach School models the one room schoolhouse method of early American education. Each student’s program is personally designed to take the student from a point of weakness to a place of strength in academics. Students are taught in small groups to ensure every student can proceed at his or her own pace without losing the value of a shared classroom experience. The Broach School has a

hands-on, active learning approach that includes field trips, speakers and special projects. Assignments are generally completed at school, eliminating parent frustration in supervising homework, although students are encouraged to read, study and complete unfinished work at home. We are committed to helping students develop their God-given strengths and potential. We love each child unconditionally, fostering good attitudes and positively supporting behavior changes. Our approach to discipline is counseling and we encourage students to respect their parents, teachers, fellow students and others.

#### Proven Track Record

Over 46 years ago, The Broach Schools were created with an emphasis on small campuses and low student to teacher ratios in loving, caring classroom settings. Our mission is to motivate and educate students

to succeed through personalized instruction. We are experienced in working with special needs such as ADHD, dyslexia, developmental disabilities, autism spectrum disabilities and more. We currently serve approximately 475 students at our five campuses in Clay, Duval and St. Johns counties: two in Orange Park, and one each on the Southside, Westside, and our newest location in Ponte Vedra. Our Orange Park, Westside and Southside campuses are all fully accredited under Cognia, formerly known as AdvancED and the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges (SACS). The Ponte Vedra campus has applied for accreditation in 2020.

#### A Visionary Influences the Landscape of Education in Jacksonville

Dr. Broach’s entire life has been focused on education. Before starting The Broach School, Dr. Broach graduated from Abilene Christian

College in 1968 and subsequently moved to New York City pursuing her Master’s Degree from Columbia University. Her passion for education and love for students has been the driving force behind her achievements. Always striving for excellence, she once again entered school and obtained her Doctorate of Education in 1984 through the University of Florida. In 1999, Dr. Broach was named Distinguished Educator of the Year for her work with Florida’s children. With God as her pilot, Dr. Broach felt called to enter Asbury Theological Seminary where she received her Master of Christian Ministry in 2006. She is currently a Pastor Emeritus at HighPoint Community Church in Orange Park, FL.

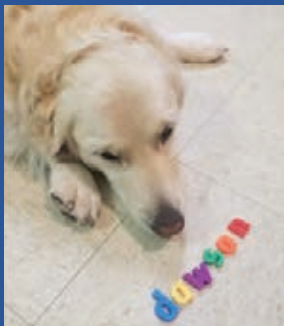
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## **Conservative Theological University**

[www.conservative.edu](http://www.conservative.edu)

Established in 1982, Conservative Theological University is a member of the Florida Council of Private Colleges. They offer a range of degrees from an associate of arts to PhDs that focus on a fundamentally Biblical education.

## **Edward Waters College**

[www.ewc.edu](http://www.ewc.edu)

Established in 1866, Edward Waters College (EWC) is both the oldest institution of higher learning and oldest historically African American college in Florida. EWC boasts a curriculum that challenges and engages its students and pushes them towards success. The college offers eight bachelor's degree programs including business administration, biology, criminal justice,

mass communication, psychology, elementary education, math and music.

## **First Coast Technical College**

[www.fctc.edu](http://www.fctc.edu)

With two locations in St. Augustine, First Coast Technical College (FCTC) is convenient for those looking for career, technical and adult education options rather than a 4-year university or college. FCTC is part of the St. Johns County School District. The college offers programs in subjects like agriculture, health sciences, hospitality and tourism, human services and law, as well as many others.

## **Flagler College**

[www.flagler.edu](http://www.flagler.edu)

Formerly a hotel, Flagler College has spent the past 51 years providing exceptional liberal arts programs in

historic St. Augustine. Flagler prides themselves in having a respectful and inclusive community for all students. There are three schools within the college that provide nearly 70 programs for undergraduate and graduate students.

## **Florida Aviation Career Training Inc.**

[www.florida-aviation.com](http://www.florida-aviation.com)

For those looking to soar, Florida Aviation Career Training (FACT) is an excellent choice, with instructors who have a combined 210 years of flying experience and one-on-one training that allows you to learn at your own pace and address individual needs. FACT welcomes new students, seasoned pilots and individuals who just want to rent aircrafts.





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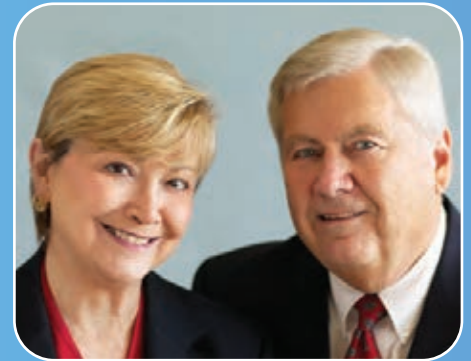
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**Florida State College at Jacksonville**

[www.fscj.edu](http://www.fscj.edu)

With five locations across Duval County, Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) is an excellent choice for higher learning. For over 50 years, FSCJ has worked with students, young and old, to find the best path for their educational journey that suits their individual needs. The schools offer associates and bachelor's degrees, as well as technical and non-credit workforce certificates in numerous areas of study so everyone has a chance to earn their degree.

**Jacksonville Theological Seminary**

[www.jts.edu](http://www.jts.edu)

Offering graduate degrees in various religious studies, the Jacksonville Theological Seminary prepares

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**Jacksonville University**

[www.ju.edu](http://www.ju.edu)

Jacksonville University (JU) is a small, private college located along the St. Johns River. It has been named one of "America's Best Colleges" in the South by *U.S. News & World Report* for over 10 years. With small student to teacher ratios, students at JU can enjoy a more intimate classroom setting. JU offers more than 100 majors, minors and programs for their diverse population.

**Logos Christian College & Graduate Schools**

[www.logos.edu](http://www.logos.edu)

Logos is committed to developing leaders who positively impact their communities and churches. The college pushes programs that allow their students to graduate debt free and with a practical education. Their degrees are flexible and customizable to meet the needs of the students.

**St. Johns River State College**

[www.sjrstate.edu](http://www.sjrstate.edu)

Serving Clay, Putnam and St. Johns counties since 1958, St. Johns River State College has made itself the "community's college" open to all

learners from 16 to 60. They offer an associate in arts degree, more than 30 associates in science degrees and bachelor's degrees at all three of their campuses and online.

**Trinity Baptist College**

[www.tbc.edu](http://www.tbc.edu)

Trinity Baptist College has been providing students with a Christian-based education for more than 40 years. The college focuses on preparing their students for full-time ministry, but also offers general and professional studies, liberal arts programs and graduate studies. Their partnership with Trinity Baptist Church and Trinity Christian Academy has created opportunities for internships and real-world experience.

**University of North Florida**

[www.unf.edu](http://www.unf.edu)

Since 1969, the University of North Florida (UNF) has become a staple of Florida state universities. With a smaller population than many of the other Florida universities, UNF offers

small, intimate classroom settings so students can receive the best education possible. There are five colleges within the university that offer a multitude of programs, including the Brooks College of Health, Coggin College of Business, College of Arts and Science, College of Computing, Engineering and Construction and College of Education and Human Services.

**University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences**

[www.usa.edu](http://www.usa.edu)

The University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences offers the following programs: Doctor of Physical Therapy, Doctor of Occupational Therapy, Master of Occupational Therapy with a Flex Occupational Therapy option for students interested in online and weekend classes. The university also has state-of-the-art amenities and technology, as well as a new Ninja Obstacle Course designed by a two-time American Ninja Warrior contestant to promote their dedication to wellness.



Dear Neighbor,

As the President of the Duval County Medical Society, it is with great pride that I represent our First Coast healthcare community and welcome you to our beloved home. The First Coast is a true destination for medical care, home to a plethora of world-class physicians and medical facilities. On behalf of our DCMS physician members, we look forward to caring for you and your family.

With a mission statement of “helping physicians care for the health of our community,” the Duval County Medical Society strives to meet the demands and challenges of medical practices. With nearly 1,800 physician members, our organization serves as the leading and guiding force in healthcare for Northeast Florida. Our members are leaders in our community and around the world. Our physicians have served as presidents of the Florida Medical Association, American Medical Association, and World Medical Association! The DCMS has a legacy of physicians who’ve helped transform the delivery of healthcare around the globe since 1853.

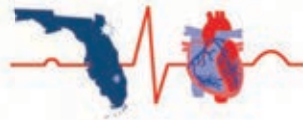
If you’re searching for a provider in our community, I urge you to visit our website at [dcmsonline.org](http://dcmsonline.org) to utilize our Physician Search. You can narrow down our members by specialty and location to find a provider that’s right for you. If you’ve already found a new physician, ask them if they’re a member of the DCMS and encourage them to get involved.

If you’re a provider relocating for your career, welcome to our healthcare community! We truly look forward to working with you. I encourage you to get involved with your County Medical Society (the DCMS if you’re in Jacksonville, or the Clay or Nassau County Medical Society in those areas) and learn how you can make a difference. As an organization, we host an annual conference that brings together community, county, and governmental organizations to help address the specific healthcare needs in our area. Our members volunteer their time providing care at free clinics, offering sports physicals to student athletes, and educating the community on improving their health and well-being. Beyond the practice of medicine, the DCMS is committed to the mental welfare of our physicians.

If you have any questions about our organization, I encourage you to reach out to me personally at [president@dcmsonline.org](mailto:president@dcmsonline.org).

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## UF Health

University of Florida Health is the Southeast's premier academic health center. UF Health is proud to serve Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia residents with two hospitals, UF Health Jacksonville and UF Health North, and two additional outpatient medical campuses, UF Health Emerson Medical Plaza and UF Health Wildlight. With a network of more than 60 primary care and specialty practices providing patient care from UF faculty physicians, residents have convenient access to quality health care wherever they are.

**UF Health Jacksonville** is a leader in the education of health professionals, a hub for clinical research and a unique provider of high-quality patient care. Located just north of downtown Jacksonville, it is home to the area's only adult and pediatric Level I trauma program, a 24/7 emergency room, Level III neonatal intensive care unit and numerous specialty care services, such as cardiology, obstetrics and gynecology, neurology and neurosurgery, oncology, orthopaedics and rehabilitation. The University of Florida Colleges of Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy are located on the UF Health Jacksonville campus.



**UF Health North** opened in 2015 as a six-story outpatient medical complex in North Jacksonville that included a 28-bed emergency room, advanced imaging, outpatient surgery, rehabilitation and a variety of services, including primary care, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, oral and maxillofacial surgery, neurology and neurosurgery. In 2017, it opened a 92-bed hospital that features state-of-the-art labor and delivery suites.

**UF Health Emerson Medical Plaza** offers convenient access to UF physicians on Jacksonville's Southside. Rehabilitation services include physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy and neurological

therapy. A variety of additional specialties are available, from cardiology, orthopaedics and neurosciences to obstetrics and gynecology, endocrinology and imaging.

**UF Health Wildlight** opened in December 2019 and features an urgent care center convenient to Yulee and surrounding areas. Additional services include dentistry for adults and children, family medicine and sports medicine, pediatrics, psychiatry, obstetrics and gynecology, and imaging and lab services. UF Health Wildlight is the official medical provider for the Wildlight community and serves all area residents.



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Wolfson Children's Hospital, photo by Stephanie Marty

Other area hospitals:

### **BAKER COUNTY**

#### **Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital**

With 25 beds and a 10-bed emergency department, Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital is a budget-friendly health care option that mixes compassion and state-of-the-art technology so that their patients receive the best available care.

### **CLAY COUNTY**

#### **Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County Hospital**

Ascension's Clay County location is a 106-bed hospital that has earned a great reputation for their care and their high-tech facility that includes a recent \$23 million upgrade to add 30 rooms, a catheterization lab and eight ICU beds.

#### **Kindred Hospital North Florida**

For those in need of an extended hospital stay, Kindred Hospital North Florida is an 80-bed transitional care hospital. The facility works with personal physicians to develop the best health care plan for their patients.

#### **Orange Park Medical Center**

Regarded as one of the top hospitals in the U.S. for gastrointestinal care, Orange Park Medical Center maintains high standards for all their departments at their 317-bed facility. Their quality services draw patients from across the nation to Clay County.





## DUVAL-BEACHES

### Baptist Medical Center Beaches

The Beaches branch of the Baptist hospitals offers a myriad of services at their 146-bed facility, which includes a new AgeWell Center for Senior Health. Baptist Medical Center Beaches is home to a new Surgical Pavilion that utilizes state-of-the-art technology.

### Mayo Clinic

Known around the world for their health care, Mayo Clinic Jacksonville's 304-bed campus is one of three Mayo Clinics in the United States. The hospital is currently working on building a \$233 million proton therapy cancer treatment facility, slated to open in 2023, that will provide top of the line cancer care for local, national and international patients.

## DUVAL-SOUTH

### Ascension St. Vincent's Southside Hospital

Ascension St. Vincent's Southside Hospital is a 311-bed facility that has been providing world-class health care to the area since 1873. It was the first private hospital in Jacksonville and the oldest private hospital in the state.

### Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville

Utilizing the latest tech in health care, Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville has established itself and the Baptist name as top health care providers on the First Coast. With 489 beds, the downtown Jacksonville location is one of the largest hospitals in the area and includes the Baptist Heart Hospital, which is the area's only freestanding hospital for heart and vascular care. It also includes the Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center, which is home to some of the top technology, clinical trials and targeted therapies.

## Baptist Medical Center South

With a new eight-story patient tower and new pediatric ER, Baptist Medical Center South is constantly expanding to accommodate the influx of newcomers and the plethora of patients from around the world. At present, the south branch of Baptist Medical is a 269-bed hospital.

## Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital

CARF-accredited in brain injury, general rehabilitation, pain, pediatrics, spinal cord injury and stroke, the Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital offers some of the top-quality rehab and medical care in the area at their 160-bed location.

**For more information on health care in the area, check out our *Jacksonville and Northeast Florida Healthcare Guide and Duval County Medical Society Directory at [www.heritagepublishinginc.com](http://www.heritagepublishinginc.com).***



Baptist Medical Center, photo by Stephanie Marty

**Curahealth Jacksonville**

For patients who require long-term acute care, Curahealth Jacksonville is the place. The 107-bed hospital focuses on using a holistic approach as well as personalized care plans to provide their patients with the best possible chance of recovery.

**Memorial Hospital Jacksonville**

For over 45 years, the 454-bed acute-care hospital has been providing top-notch care to the First Coast. The hospital includes the Bone and Joint Center, accredited Chest Pain Center, Heart Center, Maternity Center and Stroke Center.

**Nemours Children's Specialty Care**

Nemours Children's Specialty Care works with numerous hospitals in the area, including Mayo Clinic and Wolfson Children's Hospital, to provide world-class care to patients from all over the globe. To handle the growing number of patients, Nemours is working to add beds to the currently 105-bed hospital.

**River Point Behavioral Health**

Specializing in behavioral health, dual diagnosis and substance abuse, River Point Behavioral Health is a 93-bed hospital that utilizes inpatient, rehabilitation, partial hospitalization and outpatient programs to care for their patients.

**Wekiva Springs Center**

Wekiva Springs Center offers inpatient and outpatient services for mental health and substance abuse programs. The center has 120 beds and utilizes personalized care plans to help patients develop coping skills and long-term stability.

**Wolfson Children's Hospital**

Noted as one of the best pediatric hospitals in the nation, Wolfson Children's Hospital partners with many of the area's hospitals to provide top-notch care for children from around the world. Wolfson has 216 beds and offers a full range of pediatric specialties.

**DUVAL-WEST**

**Ascension St. Vincent's Riverside Hospital**

Founded in 1916, Ascension St. Vincent's Riverside Hospital has 528 beds and is home to the largest cardiovascular program from Orlando to Atlanta. The Riverside location is the largest hospital on the First Coast.

**Naval Hospital Jacksonville**

Established during World War II, Naval Hospital Jacksonville is a military hospital that serves active duty military personnel, veterans and their families. The hospital recently opened an inpatient Behavioral Health Unit.

**NASSAU COUNTY**

**Baptist Medical Center Nassau**

Providing care to Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia, Baptist Medical Center Nassau is known for their advanced technology and full range of in- and outpatient services. The facility has 62 beds and offers services for 26 specialties.

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

**Flagler Hospital**

Named one of America's 100 best hospitals, Flagler Hospital is recognized for their superb level of care at their 335-bed facility. Flagler Hospital is currently building the Flagler Health Village at Nocatee that is scheduled to open Summer 2020.

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# Hospitals

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### Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital

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[www.bcmedsvcs.com](http://www.bcmedsvcs.com)

## CLAY COUNTY

### Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County Hospital

1670 St. Vincent's Way, Middleburg  
[www.healthcare.ascension.org](http://www.healthcare.ascension.org)

### Kindred Hospital North Florida

801 Oak St., Green Cove Springs  
[www.khnorthflorida.com](http://www.khnorthflorida.com)

### Orange Park Medical Center

2001 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park  
[www.orangeparkmedical.com](http://www.orangeparkmedical.com)

## DUVAL-BEACHES

### Baptist Medical Center Beaches

1350 13th Ave. S., Jacksonville Beach  
[www.baptistjax.com](http://www.baptistjax.com)

### Mayo Clinic

4500 San Pablo Rd. S., Jacksonville  
[www.mayoclinic.org/jacksonville](http://www.mayoclinic.org/jacksonville)

## DUVAL-NORTH

### UF Health North

15255 Max Leggett Pkwy., Jacksonville  
[www.north.ufhealthjax.org](http://www.north.ufhealthjax.org)

## DUVAL-SOUTH

### Ascension St. Vincent's Southside Hospital

4201 Belfort Rd., Jacksonville  
[www.healthcare.ascension.org](http://www.healthcare.ascension.org)

### Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville

800 Prudential Dr., Jacksonville  
[www.baptistjax.com](http://www.baptistjax.com)



Nemours Children's Specialty Care, photo by Stephanie Mary

### Baptist Medical Center South

14550 Old St. Augustine Rd., Jacksonville  
[www.baptistjax.com](http://www.baptistjax.com)

### Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital

3599 University Blvd. S., Jacksonville  
[www.brooksrehab.org](http://www.brooksrehab.org)

### Curahealth Jacksonville

4901 Richard St., Jacksonville  
[www.curahealth.com](http://www.curahealth.com)

### Memorial Hospital Jacksonville

3625 University Blvd. S., Jacksonville  
[www.memorialhospitaljax.com](http://www.memorialhospitaljax.com)

### Nemours Children's Specialty Care

807 Children's Way, Jacksonville  
[www.nemours.org](http://www.nemours.org) or [www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org)

### River Point Behavioral Health

6300 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.riverpointbehavioral.com](http://www.riverpointbehavioral.com)

### Wekiva Springs

3947 Salisbury Rd., Jacksonville  
[www.wekivacenter.com](http://www.wekivacenter.com)

### Wolfson Children's Hospital

800 Prudential Dr., Jacksonville  
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**Naval Hospital Jacksonville**

2080 Child St., Jacksonville  
[www.tricare.mil/mtf/Jacksonville](http://www.tricare.mil/mtf/Jacksonville)

**UF Health Jacksonville**

655 W. 8th St., Jacksonville  
[www.ufhealthjax.org](http://www.ufhealthjax.org)

**NASSAU COUNTY**

**Baptist Medical Center Nassau**

1250 S. 18th St., Fernandina Beach  
[www.baptistjax.com](http://www.baptistjax.com)

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

**Flagler Hospital**

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[www.flaglerhospital.org](http://www.flaglerhospital.org)

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**Ascension St. Vincent's Clay  
County Emergency Room**

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602-1000

**Baptist Clay Medical Campus  
Wolfson Children's Emergency Center**

1771 Baptist Clay Dr., Fleming Island  
516-1000

**DUVAL-NORTH**

**Baptist Emergency Center at North**

11250 Baptist Health Dr., Jacksonville  
202-6905

**Memorial Emergency Center - Atlantic**

11850 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville  
998-5000

**DUVAL-SOUTH**

**Baptist Emergency at Town Center  
Wolfson Children's Hospital ER**

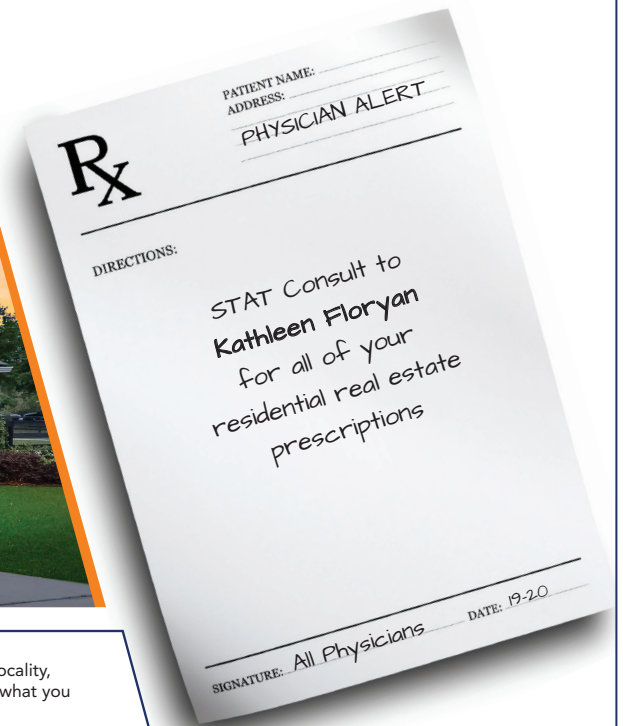
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**Normandy Park ER**

5773 Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville  
378-7300

**Park West ER**

6477 103rd St., Jacksonville  
772-3300

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

**Memorial Emergency Center - Julington Creek**

42 Doctors Village Dr., St. Johns  
230-5000



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### Aetna

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### Assurant Health Insurance Company

Specializing in insurance for those who are self-employed, retired or who are waiting for coverage to begin, Assurant is a flexible company that provides major medical and supplemental health plans. Their coverage also continues when you travel or leave the state.

### Avalon

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### CIGNA Health Insurance Company

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### Humana Inc.

Humana Inc. aims to help their customers not only find the perfect insurance plan, but also make positive health-related decisions. The company

also offers several benefits to their policy holders, including pharmacy savings and programs designed to improve their health.

### Florida Blue

Florida Blue is a staple of the First Coast health insurance scene with its headquarters located in Jacksonville. It is the oldest and largest health plan insurer in Florida and boasts unique plans that are tailored to meet the specific health needs of their customers.

### Florida Health Care Plan

Florida Health Care Plan is proud to be a “one-stop-shop” for customers and all their health care needs. Despite being a large provider, the company also boasts the kind of personalized and high-quality care that is normally associated with small insurance groups.

### Thomas & Associates

For nearly five decades, First Coast-natives Thomas and Associates has been helping customers navigate the intricacies of health insurance, including the Affordable Care Act and the law associated with it.

### UnitedHealthcare

UnitedHealthcare provides assistance and care for their customers via two platforms: health benefits and information and technology-enabled health services. The company has been regarded as one of the top insurance providers in the world.

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Florida-based WellCare Health Plans Inc. specifically focuses on Medicaid, Medicare Advantage and Medicaid Prescription Drug Plans. The company looks out for customers who have more complex medical needs.



# JUST FOR SENIORS

1

**The weather!** The First Coast is blessed to have great weather year-round, with a median temperature in the mid-70s. No need to shovel snow!

2

**Volunteer opportunities!** The First Coast has many engaging opportunities for seniors to get involved in the community, including the Foster Grandparent Program, RSVP - one of the largest volunteer networks in the nation, Catholic Charities, Seniors on a Mission Inc., or one of the many top-notch hospitals in the area.

3

**It's affordable!** Florida's lower cost of living has drawn seniors for decades, and it is easy to see why. Money stretches just a bit further here with no state income tax. Individual retirement accounts, private and public pensions, 401(k)s, and Social Security are free of in-state taxation. The cost of living in Jacksonville is 2 percent below the national average.

4

**Our active adult communities!** Northeast Florida has every type, style and price point to meet most any budget. Many have resort-style amenities designed for residents to get active and socialize.

5

**Our beautiful parks!** With more than 400 parks, Jacksonville boasts the largest urban parks system in the U.S. There are also many state parks in our area to take a stroll through.

6

**Our great senior centers!** The First Coast is home to numerous community and senior centers that offer enriching programs, games, lectures, classes, events, meals and so much more. To find a senior center near you, see our list on page 111.

7

**Our health care!** With large hospitals and health systems such as Baptist Health, UF Health, Ascension St. Vincent's, and Mayo Clinic, seniors have access to the best health care available. For senior veterans, the First Coast also has a VA clinic in Jacksonville and St. Augustine.

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# First Coast Senior Centers

## BAKER COUNTY

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## DUVAL COUNTY

### DUVAL-BEACHES

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### DUVAL-NORTH

Frances Padgett Arlington  
Senior Center  
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Jim Fortuna Senior Center..... 996-0211  
Leroy D. Clemons Senior Center..... 693-4918  
Oceanway Senior Center ..... 696-4331

### DUVAL-SOUTH

Mandarin Senior Center  
(closed for renovations, activities  
moved to H.T. Jones Community  
Center) ..... 262-7309  
Windy Hill Senior Center..... 630-0724

## DUVAL-WEST

Charlie Joseph Senior Center..... 768-4762  
Clanzel Brown Senior Center ..... 764-8752  
Hammond Senior Center ..... 786-8554  
J.S. Johnson Senior Center ..... 630-0949  
Lane Wiley Senior Center ..... 783-6589  
Lincoln Villa Senior Center ..... 765-2654  
Longbranch Senior Center ..... 630-0893  
Louis Dinah Senior Center ..... 630-0728  
Mary L. Singleton Senior Center  
(closed for renovations) ..... 630-0995  
Maxville Senior Center ..... 289-7157  
Moncrief Senior Center..... 764-0330  
Riverview Senior Center..... 765-7511  
Wallace Small Senior Center  
(closed for renovations) .....630-0724

## NASSAU COUNTY

Fernandina Beach Life Center ..... 261-0701  
Hilliard Life Center ..... 845-3331

## ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Coastal Senior  
Community Center ..... 209-3647  
Hastings Senior Center..... 729-9161  
Players Community  
Senior Center, The..... 280-3233  
River House ..... 209-3655  
Trout Creek Senior Center..... 522-1611

## EXCITING ANNUAL SENIOR EVENTS!

### Fish-A-Thon

This annual fishing tournament for seniors held at Hanna Park also includes games, contests and more.

### Forever Fit 50 & Beyond: Jacksonville Senior Games

Jacksonville Senior Games promote fitness after age 50 and takes place at various venues throughout the city.

### Holiday Festival for Seniors

Celebrate the holiday season with dinner, dancing and festive entertainment for seniors.

### Safety and Security Seminars for Seniors

This seminar teaches seniors the tools to be safe both physically and when using technology, especially when it comes to fraud and scams.

### Senior Expo

This free event is hosted twice a year at the Morocco Shrine Auditorium in November and the Prime F. Osborne III Convention Center in May.

### Senior Prom

For more than 30 years, the city of Jacksonville has hosted this memorable evening of music and dancing for the senior community.

### Walk for Senior Wellness

This scenic walk around TIAA Bank Field encourages fitness and wellness among seniors. Before the walk, participants warm up by stretching and dancing.

## PICKLEBALL ON THE FIRST COAST

The fastest growing sport in the country, pickleball is becoming very popular among seniors! A combination of tennis, ping pong and racquetball, this game is a great way to stay active and make friendships. Here are some resources for playing pickleball on the First Coast.

North Florida Pickleball  
[www.northfloridapickleball.com](http://www.northfloridapickleball.com)

Pickleball by the Sea  
[www.pickleballbythesea.com](http://www.pickleballbythesea.com)

USA Pickleball Association  
[www.usapa.org](http://www.usapa.org)



Senior Prom, photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville



# Navigating Senior Living Options

**Seniors on the First Coast have so many types of living options to choose from! When searching for the best option for yourself or a loved one, it is important to know the differences between them in order to find the best fit.**

## Assisting Living Facilities

Assisting living facilities are a long-term care option for seniors who are no longer able to live at home safely but are still able to have some independence. Trained staff are there to help with tasks such as bathing, getting dressed, managing medications and grooming. These facilities are often structured like apartments and offer meals, activities and other amenities. Oftentimes there are large common areas and dining rooms so seniors can socialize. Residents have access to nursing services, with a registered nurse on call. Some assisted living facilities have special memory care units for those with Alzheimer's or dementia, but services vary.

## Skilled Nursing Facilities

Skilled nursing facilities are for seniors who need specialized 24-hour medical care and treatment from a registered nurse or therapy services from physical, speech and occupational

therapists. A physician is also there to supervise the patient's care. These facilities are more hospital-like and provide services in the short term for those who are recovering from an injury or illness, or in the long term for those who have a serious medical condition and need more extensive care. Staff are also there to assist with everyday activities and meals are offered in a common dining area for those who are not too sick or incapacitated. Memory care facilities are a specialized type of skilled nursing facility that accommodate seniors with Alzheimer's, dementia and other types of memory problems. They provide supervised care 24 hours a day in a comfortable and stress-free environment.

## Retirement Communities

Encompassing a wide range of housing options for seniors, these communities are designed for seniors who can live as independently as possible. These include communities such as active

adult communities, independent living communities and 55-plus communities. Seniors will find a wide range of housing options like single-family homes, condos and apartments. While each retirement community is unique, they often have a number of amenities and conveniences such as fitness centers, pools, golf courses, transportation and a restaurant on site. These communities give seniors a sense of independence and freedom while also offering helpful services to assist with housekeeping and meal preparation if needed. Many retirement communities have an assisted living component.

For a comprehensive list of these facilities and communities, pick up a copy of the *Jacksonville Senior Services Directory*.

## How to Choose which Facility is Right for You

Choosing the right living arrangement is a big decision but knowing the differences and similarities

between each type is a good first step. For seniors who can live very independently and need limited help and want to live in a community of other active seniors, a retirement community is the best option. For an environment that feels like home but still offers caregiving services and medical care, an assisted living facility is ideal for seniors who maintain some independence. Skilled nursing facilities are the best option for seniors who are recovering from an injury or illness and need intense medical care. Oftentimes once a senior recovers, they can be moved to an Assisted Living Facility. Essentially the senior's level of care required determines which facility is the best fit for them. Once you've determined which living option is right, tour different communities and ask about what services they provide and if anything costs extra.



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# REPORT

**In the Work Section,  
see what makes the  
First Coast such a  
great place to work  
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# NEFL: A Powerhouse in Business

**Businesses of all types are showing interest in the First Coast! From Information Technology to trade, more and more businesses are seeing our area as innovative and profitable. With no corporate franchise taxes or taxes on inventories and foreign income, our area is very affordable for companies.**



With our prime location, Northeast Florida has established itself as a top gateway for merchandise trade between several world regions. In 2018, Florida received \$153.5 billion in goods through its airports and seaports. The state also exported Florida-origin goods worth \$57.2 billion during 2018.

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Banks, investment services and insurance firms have found a home in Northeast Florida. Currently, 20 major companies in the area are on *Forbes'* Global 500 List. According to the *Financial Times*, Jacksonville is one of two major areas around the world that has emerged as a financial powerhouse.

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Information Technology (IT) is sweeping the First Coast, as more IT companies are drawn to the area. According to Site Selection Group, as of 2019, Jacksonville is in the Top 20 Emerging Tech Markets to Watch. With an increase in IT jobs, many students are majoring in computer science and IT, with more than 2,000 Northeast Florida students graduating with degrees in these fields.

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### **FLORIDA OFFERS SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTIONS ON:**

- Aircraft parts, modification, maintenance and repair, sale or lease of qualified aircraft
- Certain boiler fuels (including natural gas) used in the manufacturing process
- Commercial space activity—launch vehicles, payloads and fuel, machinery and equipment for production of items used exclusively at Spaceport Florida
- Electricity used in the manufacturing process
- Labor component of research and development expenditures
- Labor, parts and materials used in repair of and incorporated into machinery and equipment
- Machinery and equipment used by a new or expanding Florida business to manufacture, produce or process tangible personal property for sale
- Machinery and equipment used predominantly in research and development
- Production companies engaged in Florida in the production of motion pictures, made for television motion pictures, television series, commercial music videos or sound recordings
- Semiconductor, defense and space technology-based industry transactions involving manufacturing equipment



**The First Coast is home to five Fortune 1000 and three Fortune 500 companies.**

### **FLORIDA DOES NOT HAVE:**

- Corporate franchise tax on capital stock
- Corporate income tax on limited partnerships
- Corporate income tax on subchapter S-corporations
- Property tax on business inventories
- Property tax on goods-in-transit for up to 180 days
- Sales and use tax on goods manufactured or produced in Florida for export outside the state
- Sales tax on purchases of raw materials incorporated in a final product for resale, including non-reusable containers or packaging
- Sales/use tax on co-generation of electricity
- State personal income tax guaranteed by constitutional provision
- State-level property tax assessed



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On behalf of the Human Resource Community and SHRM Jacksonville, welcome to the First Coast! SHRM Jacksonville is the local chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) which is located in the Washington DC area.

SHRM Jacksonville serves nearly 600 members in eight Northeast Florida counties. As the largest chapter in the state of Florida, SHRM Jacksonville has proudly served the First Coast for 61 years.

Our mission is to *Advance the Human Resource profession for the Northeast Florida business community*. We serve our members and community throughout the year by providing monthly meetings covering workplace and employment issues; offering scholarships to help individuals pursue a higher education in the HR field or obtain HR certifications; connecting employers and job seekers for HR related positions; and helping our members stay up-to-date with the regulatory changes impacting their organizations. We also host the SHRM Jacksonville Annual Regional Conference and Expo, bringing together speakers who are recognized as the best in their field, HR professionals and those serving the HR community for a two-day event every spring.

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Welcome to the First Coast!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Natasha M. Slaughter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "N" and "S".

Natasha M. Slaughter, SHRM-SCP, SPHR  
2020 President  
SHRM Jacksonville



# Business on the First Coast is Booming!

**It's an exciting time to be in business! Below are just a handful of expansions, new businesses and growth that the First Coast is experiencing.**

Photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville



### **Acreage Holdings**

One of the largest vertically integrated cannabis operators in the country, Acreage Holdings, has chosen Baker County for its first production and cultivation facility in Florida. The new location will be an automated, climate-controlled facility for growing cannabis that will support Acreage's dispensaries in Florida. Acreage Holdings chose Baker County for its

first Florida facility because of our warm climate and welcoming county officials. The facility will create up to 100 jobs for growth specialists, extraction personnel and maintenance.

### **Bentley Motors**

British automaker Bentley Motors is building a new 40,987-square-foot dealership on Jacksonville's Southside off I-95 and Butler Boulevard. The dealership is projected to open sometime in 2020.

**i St. Johns County is one of the fastest-growing counties in the U.S. and The Pavilion at Durbin Park is a prime example of that.**

VyStar Tower, photo courtesy of VyStar

### **Bonelli Enterprises**

San Francisco-based Bonelli Enterprises is planning to build a 72,102-square-foot window manufacturing factory at Jacksonville's Westside Industrial Park, which will support 135 jobs.

### **Champion Brands**

In October 2019, Jacksonville-based malt beverage distributor Champion Brands opened its \$6 million, 38,000-square-foot corporate headquarters on the city's Southside.

### **Durbin Park**

St. Johns County is one of the fastest-growing counties in the U.S. and The Pavilion at Durbin Park is a prime example of that. The first phase spans 650,000 square feet and includes Walmart, The Home Depot, Ross and Petco, in addition other great shops and restaurants. Construction is continuing on the 12-screen Cinemark movie theater. For the second phase, the owners are planning an urban village concept that will include a 150-bed hospital, office space, commercial and retail space, 350 hotel rooms and 2,265 multifamily residential units.

### **Ecoco Jax**

Chicago-based natural hair products manufacturer Ecoco is opening a new factory in Jacksonville. The company is creating 150 jobs by the end of 2022 at an average salary of \$50,000 and is investing \$11 million into the project.

### **Emtec**

IT services company Emtec Inc. moved its corporate headquarters from Pennsylvania to its Jacksonville location in September 2019. As a result, Emtec expects the employee headcount in Jacksonville to double over the next two years at its current location on the Southside. The firm

already provides IT strategy and consulting services to many prominent Jacksonville clients like JEA, Florida State College at Jacksonville and Duval County Public Schools.

### **Financial Technology Projects**

Two new financial technology projects in Jacksonville will add nearly 500 new jobs for the city. San Francisco-based premium financial services platform SoFi is creating 300 jobs at an average salary of more than \$54,000 and investing \$5.5 million in a new office located in the Web.com building on the Southside. SS&C Technologies is expanding its operations at its existing

Southside office by investing \$1.7 million in capital expenditures. The expansion includes 198 new jobs that will offer an average wage of \$64,000. Both companies plan to hire all jobs by the end of 2021.



### **FIS Expansion**

In November 2019, Jacksonville-based international financial technology services firm FIS announced that it will create 500 high-paying jobs and a new 300,000-square-foot headquarters in

downtown Jacksonville as part of its Project Sharp. The jobs will add to the more than 1,200 Jacksonville-based FIS employees, and the more than 55,000 employees worldwide serving more than 20,000 clients in 130 countries.

### **JinkoSolar**

Shanghai-based JinkoSolar opened an advanced solar panel manufacturing facility at the Cecil Commerce Center in Jacksonville. The \$50 million facility will create 200 new jobs and produce two panels per minute, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This will equal over 1 million panels per year. JinkoSolar chose Jacksonville for its



new facility because of its favorable tax climate and exceptional transportation infrastructure, including access to a deep-water port.

#### **Margaritaville Beach Hotel**

Construction has begun for the eight-story Margaritaville Beach Hotel in Jacksonville Beach. The resort-style hotel will be located on 1.14 acres and will have 200-plus rooms, a parking garage, pool and restaurant. The hotel is expected to open by late 2020 and will be a boost in the beach town's tourism.

#### **VyStar Credit Union**

VyStar Credit Union has relocated its corporate headquarters from suburban Jacksonville to downtown. VyStar bought the 23-story former SunTrust tower and the adjacent former Life of the South building at 100 W. Bay St. The VyStar name is now part of the downtown skyline since the credit union renamed the tower. VyStar is the nation's 15th largest credit union and has assets of more than \$9 billion.



#### **Wawa Inc.**

Wawa Inc. officially took up residence in Northeast Florida when it opened its first convenience stores in Duval and Clay counties in December 2018. Dozens more are expected to follow over the next few years. The company has reported that St. Johns County and Nassau County may also see new Wawa stores in the future.

Photo courtesy of Brooks Rehabilitation



## HEALTHCARE EXPANSIONS

#### **Brooks Rehabilitation**

Brooks Rehabilitation has announced that it will add a new state-of-the-art inpatient rehabilitation hospital to its Bartram Park campus in order to meet the need of an expanding population. The addition of this 60-bed hospital will allow Brooks to provide a continuum of care for its patients, all at one convenient location. The Bartram campus also includes a skilled nursing facility, an assisted living facility and two memory care homes. Brooks expects hospital construction to be completed in two years and is looking to hire 150 employees once the hospital is fully operational.

#### **UF Health in Wildlight**

UF Health is growing its presence in the Wildlight neighborhood in Nassau County. There the health system opened a 40,000-square-foot medical office building in December 2019. With a focus on prevention and early diagnosis, patients will have access to urgent care, imaging services, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, mental health services, dentistry and a laboratory. UF Health's second major project, UF Health Rehabilitation - Wildlight, will offer rehab services for adults and pediatrics, including physical and occupational therapy, and speech language pathology. There will also be a healthy living center and a YMCA fitness center. UF Health Rehabilitation - Wildlight will be located in the center of the community and is projected to open spring 2020.

#### **Rendina Healthcare Real Estate and Twin Creeks Development Associates**

Nationwide real estate developer for health systems and physician groups Rendina Healthcare Real Estate has partnered with Twin Creeks Development Associates to develop a 60,000-square-foot medical office building as part of the Beachwalk master-planned community in northern St. Johns County. This will provide convenient access to medical care for the residents of Beachwalk and the surrounding St. Johns County communities.

# HOME GROWN

- **Acosta Sales and Marketing**  
Marketing
- **AT&T**  
Telecommunications
- **Black Knight Financial**  
Financial Services
- **Brooks Rehabilitation**  
Health Care
- **Bubba Burger**  
Food
- **Citizens Property Insurance**  
Insurance
- **Crowley Maritime**  
Transportation
- **CSX Corporation**  
Transportation
- **Elkins Construction**  
Construction
- **Fanatics Inc.**  
Retail
- **Fidelity National Financial**  
Financial Services
- **Firehouse Subs**  
Food
- **FIS**  
Financial Technology
- **Florida Blue**  
Health Insurance
- **Florida East Coast Railway**  
Transportation
- **Florida Times-Union**  
Media
- **FRP Holdings**  
Transportation
- **Gate Petroleum**  
Conglomerate
- **Guidewell Source**  
Medical Administration
- **Haskell**  
Construction
- **Home Depot Pro, The**  
Wholesale Distribution

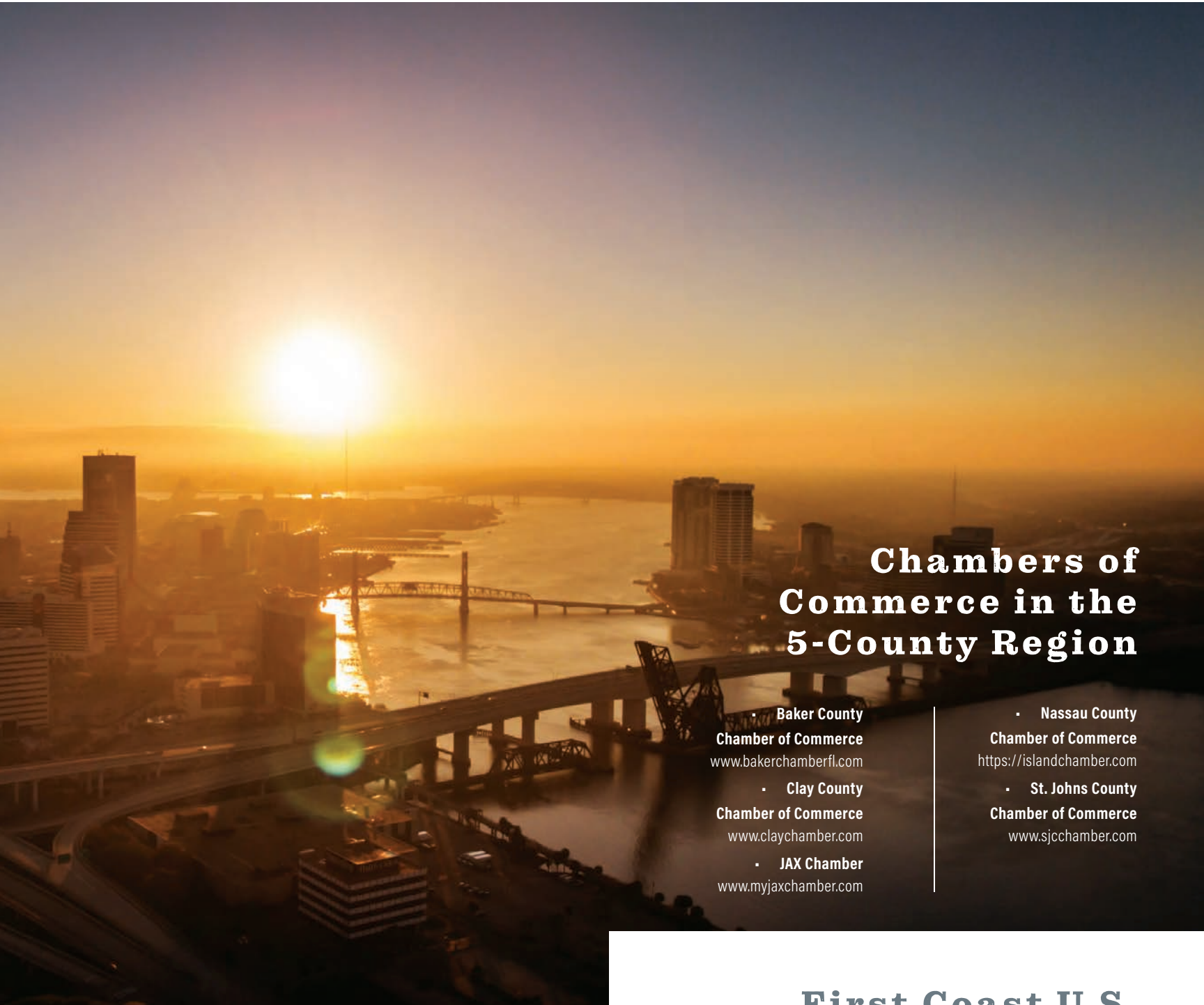
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Transportation
- **Larry's Giant Subs**  
Food
- **Mac Papers**  
Manufacturing
- **McKesson**  
Medical Supplies
- **MOBRO Marine Inc.**  
Construction Equipment
- **One Call**  
Health Care
- **PGA Tour**  
Professional Sports
- **Rayonier**  
Real Estate
- **Rayonier Advanced Chemicals**  
Chemicals
- **Regency Centers**  
Real Estate
- **Reynolds, Smith & Hills**  
Construction
- **Ring Power**  
Construction Equipment
- **Safariland**  
Manufacturing
- **Sally Corporation**  
Manufacturing
- **Seward Trunk Co.**  
Manufacturing
- **Southeastern Grocers**  
Retail
- **Stein Mart**  
Retail

## COMPANIES: Businesses with Headquarters on the First Coast



Downtown Jacksonville, photo by Lance Asper on Unsplash

- **Stellar Group**  
Construction
- **Suddath**  
Relocation Services
- **TIAA Bank**  
Banking and Mortgage
- **Trailer Bridge**  
Transportation
- **US Assure**  
Insurance
- **Venus Swimwear**  
Apparel
- **VyStar Credit Union**  
Financial Services
- **Web.com**  
Internet
- **Wells Fargo**  
Banking and Financial Services
- **World Golf Village**  
Resort
- **Wounded Warrior Project**  
Veteran Rehabilitation



## Chambers of Commerce in the 5-County Region

- **Baker County Chamber of Commerce**  
[www.bakerchamberfl.com](http://www.bakerchamberfl.com)
- **Clay County Chamber of Commerce**  
[www.claychamber.com](http://www.claychamber.com)
- **JAX Chamber**  
[www.myjaxchamber.com](http://www.myjaxchamber.com)

- **Nassau County Chamber of Commerce**  
<https://islandchamber.com>
- **St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce**  
[www.sjcchamber.com](http://www.sjcchamber.com)



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## First Coast U.S. Headquarters of Foreign Corporations

- **Adecco Group North America**  
Staffing/Recruiting
- **Association of Tennis Professionals**  
Professional Sports

- **Buffet Crampon USA**  
Musical Instruments
- **Höegh Autoliners**  
Shipping
- **Saft Batteries**  
Manufacturing

# Show Me the Money!

Our beloved First Coast is home to a diverse population with equally diverse professional opportunities! For those looking to find a job here or who are switching professions, it's important to have an idea of what the average salary is in the area. Below is a look at several professions in the area and their salaries compared to the U.S. mean.



**FINANCIAL MANAGERS**  
2,280 | Total Employees  
\$140,100 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$146,830 | U.S. Mean



**GENERAL AND OPERATIONS MANAGERS**  
9,630 | Total Employees  
\$116,420 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$123,880 | U.S. Mean



**LAWYERS**  
3,100 | Total Employees  
\$120,320 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$144,230 | U.S. Mean



**MANAGEMENT OCCUPATIONS**  
30,800 | Total Employees  
\$111,360 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$121,560 | U.S. Mean



**SOFTWARE DEVELOPERS, APPLICATIONS**  
3,550 | Total Employees  
\$86,860 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$108,080 | U.S. Mean



**LEGAL OCCUPATIONS**  
5,500 | Total Employees  
\$92,370 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$108,690 | U.S. Mean



**MANAGEMENT ANALYSTS**  
4,310 | Total Employees  
\$79,270 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$94,390 | U.S. Mean



**COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYSTS**  
1,840 | Total Employees  
\$82,720 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$93,610 | U.S. Mean



**SECURITIES, COMMODITIES AND FINANCIAL SERVICES SALES AGENTS**  
3,130 | Total Employees  
\$79,770 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$98,770 | U.S. Mean



**LOAN OFFICERS**  
2,510 | Total Employees  
\$78,520 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$76,270 | U.S. Mean



**HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS AND TECHNICAL OCCUPATIONS**  
42,430 | Total Employees  
\$76,840 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$82,000 | U.S. Mean



**COMPUTER AND MATHEMATICAL OCCUPATIONS**  
19,230 | Total Employees  
\$76,730 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$91,530 | U.S. Mean



**SALES REPRESENTATIVES, WHOLESALE AND MANUFACTURING, TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTS**  
1,230 | Total Employees  
\$75,120 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$91,830 | U.S. Mean



**ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING OCCUPATIONS**  
9,210 | Total Employees  
\$76,980 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$87,370 | U.S. Mean



**ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS**  
5,550 | Total Employees  
\$67,370 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$78,820 | U.S. Mean



**MARKET RESEARCH ANALYSTS AND MARKETING SPECIALISTS**  
2,180 | Total Employees  
\$58,540 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$70,960 | U.S. Mean



**INSURANCE SALES AGENTS**  
2,610 | Total Employees  
\$68,820 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$67,890 | U.S. Mean



**BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS OCCUPATIONS**  
42,580 | Total Employees  
\$69,650 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$76,910 | U.S. Mean



**BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALISTS, ALL OTHERS**  
7,170 | Total Employees  
\$65,080 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$76,960 | U.S. Mean



**REGISTERED NURSES**  
13,780 | Total Employees  
\$62,660 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$75,510 | U.S. Mean



# Businesses by County

## Large Employers by County

### BAKER COUNTY

Walmart Distribution Center

### CLAY COUNTY

Ascension St. Vincent's Clay  
Bestbet Orange Park  
Calavo Growers  
Orange Park Medical Center  
Parallon  
Vac-Con Inc.  
Vallencourt Construction

### DUVAL COUNTY

Aerotek  
Aetna  
Ally Financial  
Amazon  
Ascension St. Vincent's  
AT&T  
BAE Systems Southeast  
Bank of America  
Baptist Health  
Black Knight Inc.  
Brooks Rehabilitation  
Citi  
Citizens Property Insurance  
Comcast  
CSX  
Deutsche Bank  
Fanatics  
FIS  
Flightstar Aircraft Services  
Florida Blue  
GATE Petroleum  
GuideWell  
Haskell  
Johnson & Johnson Vision Care  
JPMorgan Chase

Mayo Clinic  
McKesson  
Memorial Hospital  
One Call  
PHH Mortgage  
Southeastern Grocers  
Stein Mart  
TIAA Bank  
UF Health  
UPS  
VyStar Credit Union  
Web.com  
Wells Fargo

### NASSAU COUNTY

Baptist Medical Center Nassau  
Care Centers of Nassau  
Omni Amelia Island Plantation, The  
Rayonier Advanced Materials  
Rayonier Inc.  
Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island  
River Valley Paper Company  
WestRock

### ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Carlisle Interconnect Technologies  
Flagler College  
Flagler Health  
Florida School for the Deaf & the Blind  
Hydro Extrusion  
Northrop Grumman  
PGA TOUR  
Ponte Vedra Inn & Club  
Ring Power  
Sawgrass Marriott  
Vicar's Landing Nursing Home  
Westminster Woods on Julington Creek

TIAA Bank, photo by Stephanie Marty



Ritz-Carlton, photo courtesy of Amelia Island Tourist Development Council



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\*Large businesses were determined by number of employees. Baker, Clay, Nassau and St. Johns counties are limited to 250 and up. Duval County was limited to 1,000 employees and above.

# Top 50 Employers on the First Coast

**1**  
**Naval Air Station Jacksonville**  
20,000 employees  
6801 Roosevelt Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.cnic.navy.mil/Jacksonville](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/Jacksonville)

**2**  
**Naval Station Mayport**  
15,400 employees  
Box 280032, Mayport  
[www.cnic.navy.mil/mayport](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/mayport)

**3**  
**Duval County Public Schools**  
13,113 employees  
1701 Prudential Dr., Jacksonville  
[www.duvalschools.org](http://www.duvalschools.org)

**4**  
**Baptist Health**  
11,000 employees  
800 Prudential Dr., Jacksonville  
[www.baptistjax.com](http://www.baptistjax.com)

**5**  
**City of Jacksonville**  
8,723 employees  
117 W. Duval St., Jacksonville  
[www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net)

**6**  
**Bank of America**  
8,000 employees  
50 N. Laura St., Jacksonville  
[www.bankofamerica.com](http://www.bankofamerica.com)

**7**  
**Florida Blue**  
7,000 employees  
4800 Deerwood Campus Pkwy,  
Jacksonville  
[www.floridablue.com](http://www.floridablue.com)

**8**  
**Mayo Clinic**  
6,000 employees  
4500 San Pablo Rd. S., Jacksonville  
[www.mayoclinic.org](http://www.mayoclinic.org)

**9**  
**Southeastern Grocers**  
5,700 employees  
5050 Edgewood Ct., Jacksonville  
[www.segrocers.com](http://www.segrocers.com)

**10**  
**Ascension St. Vincent's**  
5,300 employees  
1 Shircliff Way, Jacksonville  
[www.healthcare.ascension.org](http://www.healthcare.ascension.org)



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**11**  
**St. Johns County District Schools**  
5,039 employees  
40 Orange St., St. Augustine  
[www.stjohns.k12.fl.us](http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us)

**12**  
**Clay County District Schools**  
4,800 employees  
900 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs  
[www.oneclay.net](http://www.oneclay.net)

**13**  
**Citi**  
4,500 employees  
14000 Citicards Way, Jacksonville  
[www.citigroup.com](http://www.citigroup.com)

**14**  
**Amazon**  
4,300 employees  
12900 Pecan Park Rd., Jacksonville  
[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

**15**  
**Fleet Readiness Center Southeast**  
3,920 employees  
101 Wasp St., Jacksonville  
[www.navy.mil/local/FRSE](http://www.navy.mil/local/FRSE)

**16**  
**JPMorgan Chase**  
3,900 employees  
10151 Deerwood Park Blvd, Bldg. 400,  
Jacksonville  
[www.jpmorganchase.com](http://www.jpmorganchase.com)

**17**  
**Jacksonville Sheriff's Office**  
3,832 employees  
501 E. Bay St., Jacksonville  
[www.jaxsheriff.org](http://www.jaxsheriff.org)

**18**  
**UF Health**  
3,600 employees  
655 W. 8th St., Jacksonville  
[www.ufhealthjax.org](http://www.ufhealthjax.org)



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**19**

**Wells Fargo**

3,500 employees  
1 Independent Dr., Jacksonville  
www.wellsfargo.com

**20**

**AT&T**

2,600 employees  
10375 Centurion Pkwy. N., Jacksonville  
www.att.com

**21**

**Aerotek**

2,486 employees  
7077 Bonneval Rd., Ste. 500, Jacksonville  
www.aerotek.com

**22**

**Black Knight Inc.**

2,400 employees  
601 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville  
www.blackknightinc.com

**23**

**JEA**

2,300 employees  
21 W. Church St., Jacksonville  
www.jea.com

**24**

**UPS**

2,300 employees  
4255 James E. Casey Dr., Jacksonville  
www.ups.com

**25**

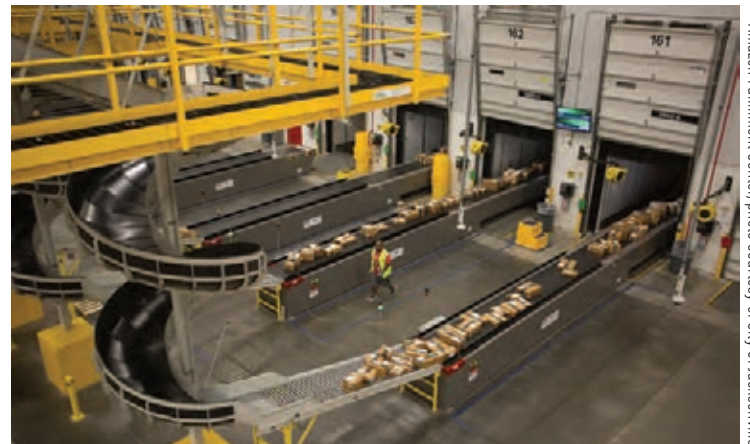
**Deutsche Bank**

2,250 employees  
5022 Gate Pkwy. S., Ste. 400, Jacksonville  
www.db.com

**26**

**Brooks Rehabilitation**

2,000 employees  
3599 University Blvd. S., Jacksonville  
www.brooksrehab.org



Amazon Fulfillment Center, photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville

**27**

**TIAA Bank**

2,000 employees  
501 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville  
www.tiaabank.com

**28**

**Johnson & Johnson Vision Care**

2,000 employees  
7500 Centurion Pkwy., Jacksonville  
www.jjvision.com

**29**

**Flagler Health**

1,900 employees  
400 Health Park Blvd., St. Augustine  
www.flaglerhospital.org

**30**

**Memorial Hospital**

1,800 employees  
3625 University Blvd. S., Jacksonville  
www.memorialhospitaljax.com

**31**  
**Aetna**  
 1,700 employees  
 9000 Southside Blvd., Jacksonville  
 www.aetna.com

**32**  
**Orange Park Medical Center**  
 1,640 employees  
 2001 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park  
 www.orangeparkmedical.com

**33**  
**VyStar Credit Union**  
 1,600 employees  
 76 S. Laura St., Jacksonville  
 www.vystarcu.org

**34**  
**Nassau County School District**  
 1,598 employees  
 1201 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach  
 www.nassau.k12.fl.us

**35**  
**CSX Corporation**  
 1,500 employees  
 500 Water St., Jacksonville  
 www.csx.com

**36**  
**Fanatics**  
 1,500 employees  
 8100 Nations Way, Jacksonville  
 www.fanatics.com

**37**  
**One Call**  
 1,500 employees  
 841 Prudential Dr., Jacksonville  
 www.onecallcm.com

**38**  
**GATE Petroleum**  
 1,430 employees  
 9540 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville  
 www.gatepetro.com

**39**  
**Parallon**  
 1,400 employees  
 335 Crossing Blvd., Orange Park  
 www.parallon.com

**40**  
**Haskell**  
 1,350 employees  
 111 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville  
 www.haskell.com

**41**  
**GuideWell**  
 1,300 employees  
 4800 Deerwood Campus Pkwy,  
 Jacksonville  
 www.guidewell.com

**42**  
**Flightstar Aircraft Services**  
 1,300 employees  
 6025 Flightline Dr., Jacksonville  
 www.mroholdings.com/facilities/flightstar

**43**  
**St. Johns County**  
 1,299 employees  
 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine  
 www.co.st-johns.fl.us

**44**  
**Comcast**  
 1,200 employees  
 5934 Richard St., Jacksonville  
 www.comcast.com

**45**  
**FIS**  
 1,200 employees  
 601 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville  
 www.fisglobal.com

**46**  
**Miller Electric Company**  
 1,200 employees  
 6805 Southpoint Pkwy., Jacksonville  
 www.mecojax.com

**47**  
**Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort**  
 1,200 employees  
 39 Beach Lagoon Rd., Fernandina Beach  
 www.omnihotels.com

**48**  
**Northrop Grumman**  
 1,100 employees  
 5000 US 1 N., St. Augustine  
 www.northropgrumman.com

**49**  
**PHH Mortgage**  
 1,100 employees  
 8800 Baymeadows Way W., Ste. 300,  
 Jacksonville  
 www.phhmortgage.com

**50**  
**Citizens Property Insurance**  
 1,040 employees  
 301 W. Bay St., Ste. 300, Jacksonville  
 www.citizensfla.com

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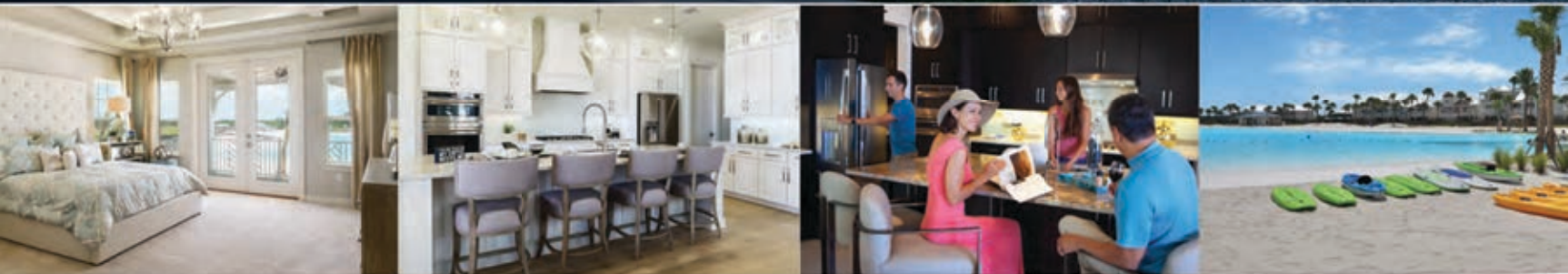


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# Banking & Mortgage Industry

**When it comes to moving to a new area, it's important to find the perfect banking and mortgage provider for anything that may come up during or after your move. The First Coast is full of local and global companies with decades of experience and knowledge. Take a look below at some of the institutions available for residents.**



## 121 Financial Credit Union

This Jacksonville-based credit union is a staple of the financial sector in the area. Since 1935, 121 Financial has provided the First Coast with numerous services, while also maintaining the kind of care and consideration for their customers expected from a small-town credit union. Recently, the company has had a change in top management and looks forward to the future.

## Ameris Bancorp

Ameris Bancorp recently merged with Fidelity Southern Corp., Fidelity Bank's parent company. This merger has increased Ameris' assets to \$16.4 billion and added 16 branches in Florida. Even with the transition and added customers and branches, Ameris Bancorp has not let their services slip and have maintained their rigorous standards.

## Bank of America

Serving everyone between individual customers and large corporations, Bank of America is one of the largest international financial institutions for a reason. The company has been offering top-notch service in many different departments including auto, business, loans, mortgages, and savings and CDs.

**BB&T**

BB&T is a part of the largest bank merger since the 2008 financial crisis, with an estimated \$66 billion in assets between the bank and SunTrust Bank. The banks will be known as Truist, which will be the sixth largest bank in the U.S.

**BBVA**

BBVA is the fourth-largest bank on the First Coast with 25 branches. The company recently rebranded and removed the Compass from their name in order to strengthen their global presence under a solitary brand.

**Capital City Bank Group Inc.**

Headquartered in Gainesville, Capital City Bank offers a complete range of banking services in Florida, Georgia and Alabama. This local company has become one of the largest publicly traded financial holding institutions in the state since being founded in 1895.

**Citigroup**

Since 1997, Citigroup has worked to enable growth and economic progress through their wide range of financial services. The company employs 4,500 individuals in the area, making it one of the top employers on the First Coast.



BB&T Bank, photo by Stephanie Marty



VyStar Tower, photo courtesy of VyStar

**Deutsche Bank**

Deutsche Bank is working on numerous changes to their Jacksonville location, which is the second largest office in the U.S. The company is currently focusing on long-term growth, profits and shareholder returns.

**Fifth Third Bank**

Fifth Third Bank has been making a name for itself on the First Coast, not only for their bank services but also their community service. In 2019, Fifth Third made a \$32 billion commitment to help support their customers and the communities they serve.

**First Citizens Bank**

In 2020, First Citizens Bank will complete a merger with Community Financial, which will add approximately \$223 million in assets to the company. This follows multiple mergers in 2019, including with Biscayne BancShares Inc., Entegra Financial Corp. and First South Bancorp Inc.

**First Federal Bank of Florida**

The First Federal Bank of Florida has been helping Floridians with home financing since 1962. The company has 23 full-service branches in Florida and offers various banking services.



**Florida Capital Bank**

Headquartered in Jacksonville, Florida Capital Bank upholds high standards when it comes to the services they offer their customers on the First Coast. Florida Capital partners with the community through their Community Rewards Program to support several local organizations such as after-school programs, developmental and intellectual disability agencies, temporary housing agencies and sports programs.

**JPMorgan Chase**

Based out of Jacksonville, JPMorgan Chase is a big name in the finance and mortgage sector. Recently, the company has started working on a downtown branch in the former Barnett National Bank Building, which will add them to the beautiful downtown Jacksonville skyline.

**Regions Financial Corporation**

Regions Financial is one of the largest full-service banking and mortgage providers in the nation. Beyond finances, Regions also heavily focuses on economic and community development, education and workforce readiness and financial wellness.

**State Farm**

While most may know State Farm for their auto insurance, the company is also a major financial banking service and mortgage provider. State Farm offers their customers checking and savings accounts, money market savings, auto and home loans, and credit cards.

**Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association (TIAA)**

For over 100 years, TIAA has been providing customers with banking and retirement services, as well as investment advice so customers can make the most of their money. In February 2019, TIAA announced that they will be restructuring their home lending sector of business so they can serve a wider range of clients.

**Wells Fargo**

Wells Fargo offers several services including car and personal loans, checking and savings accounts, credit cards, among others. The company has more than 50 locations in the area and employs 3,500 First Coasters.

**VyStar Credit Union**

Headquartered in Jacksonville, Florida, VyStar Credit Union was founded 67 years ago at Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) to provide civil service and military personnel and their families a safe place to save and borrow money.

Today, VyStar is the fourth largest financial institution in Northeast Florida, as well as the largest mortgage lender in the region. VyStar is nationally ranked as the 15th largest credit union in the country, among over 5,800 credit unions, with more than \$9 billion in assets and over 690,000 members. VyStar is the 13th largest employer in Northeast Florida with over 1,600 employees and was voted one of Jacksonville's 2019 Best Places to Work by the *Jacksonville Business Journal*.

VyStar strongly believes in supporting local nonprofits and communities, and they have made a long-standing commitment to creating and supporting financial literacy for their members. As a not-for-profit community credit union, VyStar understands the importance of giving back to their communities and reflecting the credit union philosophy of "People Helping People."

VyStar currently has 58 full-service branches, 16 high school branches and over 230 ATMs conveniently located in North and Central Florida, and a network of 20,000-plus surcharge-free ATMs across the U.S. Visit [www.vystarcu.org](http://www.vystarcu.org) for more information.



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# Information Technology

**Information Technology (IT) is one of the fastest growing business sectors on the First Coast. Many IT companies call our area home and have been positively impacting our economy. Take a look below at some of our IT companies and what they're bringing to the First Coast.**

## AT&T

AT&T is the third largest telecommunication company in the world. On the First Coast alone, the company employs 2,600 people. In early 2019, the First Coast experienced a business boom in the IT sector when AT&T made the decision to consolidate its call center operations in Syracuse, New York to the Orange Park area.

## Availity

In 2019, Jacksonville-based IT company Availity was awarded the highest rank for Ambulatory Claims Management and Physician Clearing House Solutions by Black Book Market Research LLC. Availity is the largest real-time health information network in the U.S.

## Beeline

Also calling Jacksonville home is Beeline, a company that focuses on providing software solutions for sourcing and managing the extended workforce for companies. In September 2019, Beeline announced that Pinnacle Group, another leading workforce solutions provider, is a Beeline Certified Strategic Partner, making it the first woman- and minority-owned company to receive this honor.

## Black Knight Inc.

Black Knight serves the mortgage and real estate sector and provides them with the latest integrated technology, analytics and data for lenders and servicers in said industries. The Jacksonville company recently announced a new AI solution, the Digital Point of Sale. This AI guides consumers through the tedious mortgage application process and includes the ability to upload and

review documents, validate data and provides real-time feedback to consumers in the event of missing documents or when anomalies are discovered.

#### **CSX Technology**

Part of the CSX Corporation, CSX Technology helps improve railroad transportation and logistics by developing IT apps like ShipCSX that facilitate scheduling, tracking and monitoring for the company. CSX recently announced that they will be using TradeLens, which focuses on augmented supply chain transparency and shipment status visibility.

#### **Fanatics**

Fanatics is known as one of the top IT employers in the area and oversees e-commerce sites for all major professional sports leagues. Headquartered in Jacksonville, the company provides several services ranging from digital marketing and design to secure shopping solutions. Fanatics recently acquired the rights to manufacture and distribute all Nike NFL products worldwide.

#### **FIS**

In November 2019, Fidelity National Information Services Inc. (FIS) announced that they will be building a new headquarters in Jacksonville that will bring 500 new jobs to the First Coast over the next 10 years. FIS is a



**VyStar Credit Union has announced their partnership with Zest AI, an artificial intelligence software company. The credit union is the first in the nation to utilize AI software, which is designed to assess borrower risk and quickly generate more accurate loans.**



Black Knight building, photo courtesy of Black Knight

Fortune 500 company and the largest provider of banking and payment technologies and services in over 130 countries.

#### **SS&C Advent**

SS&C Advent works with financial service clients of all sizes from around the world to provide them with tech solutions and services. By the end of 2021, SS&C Advent will have added nearly 200 positions to their Southside office. The company plans to invest \$1.7 million for IT and office equipment, as well as property investments.

#### **Web.com**

Web.com provides small and medium sized companies with several web services to help improve their online presence including design, marketing, e-commerce, hosting and registering domain names. The company recently acquired Dreamscape Networks Limited and the ability to offer customers Microsoft Office 365, which will help provide businesses with the best and easiest possible experience when it comes to developing a web presence.



# More Industries Making an Impact on the First Coast

## Advanced Manufacturing

Many manufacturing companies find the First Coast to be a successful home base where they can find success due to our talented population, favorable business climate and convenient access to ports, railways and airports. According to JAXUSA, the cost of construction is 15 percent lower than the U.S. average and leasing industrial space is \$4.99 per square foot, which puts Jacksonville below many major metro areas.

## Aviation and Aerospace

With eight airports in the area, Northeast Florida is a prime location for those looking for careers in aviation. Close to 100 companies associated with aerospace and aviation, including Northrup Grumman and Carlisle Interconnect Technologies, have settled in the area and are continuing to expand their operations and draw in business opportunities.

## Education

Northeast Florida is comprised of some of the best counties for education in the state and several higher education institutions. The education sector employs more than 30,000 individuals in the area. The First Coast's focus on education has produced thousands of capable and highly sought-after individuals for many of the industries highlighted throughout the guide.

## Health Care

The First Coast has become one of the top places for those seeking medical care. Hospitals like Mayo Clinic, Baptist, Ascension and UF Health have built facilities in the area, who not only care for residents, but also draw in millions in medical tourism each year. In 2018, medical tourism brought \$25 million to the First Coast.



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OUR MILITARY

**The First Coast has a robust military presence (the third largest in the country) that fosters a welcoming community for active-duty military and veterans. With more than 50,000 active duty and civilian contractors stationed at the area's three naval bases, Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Naval Station Mayport and Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, the Navy's local economic impact is more than \$7 billion annually. Our area honors those who serve or who have served through annual events, including the largest Veterans Day parade in the state of Florida! Many veterans even decide to stay in the Jacksonville area, with more than 3,000 veterans joining our region's workforce each year.**

**Naval Air Station Jacksonville**

6801 Roosevelt Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.cnmc.navy.mil/jacksonville](http://www.cnmc.navy.mil/jacksonville)

The First Coast is proud to be the home of Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jacksonville), the largest Navy base in the Southeast and the third largest in the nation. NAS Jacksonville has an annual regional economic impact of \$2.1 billion. The Navy base is a 2012 Presidential Excellence Award and 2013 Commander, Navy Installations Command Excellence Award. Located on nearly 4,000 acres along the beautiful St. Johns River on the Westside, NAS Jacksonville is an operational headquarters for more than 100 tenant commands and is home to the largest squadron in the Navy—Patrol Squadron Thirty (VP-30). Major tenants aboard the base include Commander, Navy Region Southeast; Fleet Readiness Center Southeast; Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast; Naval Hospital Jacksonville; and Naval Supply Fleet Logistics Center. NAS Jacksonville's Fleet and Family Readiness division includes many Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs and services such as fitness centers, pools, the NAS Jacksonville Golf Course, bowling, the Mulberry Cove Marina, outdoor recreation, restaurants and discount tickets for special events.

**Naval Station Mayport**

Box 280032, Mayport  
[www.cnmc.navy.mil/mayport](http://www.cnmc.navy.mil/mayport)

With a mission of sustaining and enhancing warfighter readiness, Naval Station Mayport (NS Mayport) is one of three major Navy installations in the Jacksonville area. The seaport and air facility spans more than 3,400 acres and is the third largest naval facility in the continental U.S. The Navy's 4th Fleet is also headquartered in NS Mayport. The naval station's harbor can hold 34 ships and has an 8,000-foot runway that can handle any Department of Defense aircraft. The station's airfield is operated and maintained by NS Mayport's Air Operations Department and conducts more than 100,000 helicopter and fixed-wing flights each year. The naval station has more than 80 tenant commands, including six helicopter squadrons and 22 naval ships. The NS Mayport Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department provides a wide variety of high-quality services, facilities, recreational programs and activities. The Mayport Beacon, located on the beach, offers numerous activities and programs and is home to the Loggerheads Pub.

**Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay**

1063 USS Tennessee Ave., Kings Bay, GA  
[www.cnmc.navy.mil/kingsbay](http://www.cnmc.navy.mil/kingsbay)

Located just 35 miles north of Jacksonville in Georgia, Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay (NSB Kings Bay) is an integral part of the Jacksonville military community. The nearly 17,000-acre installation is the only Navy base on the East Coast capable of supporting the Trident II (D-5) Missile, a fundamental part of our nation's strategic deterrence program. The base tenant commands include the Naval Submarine Support Center, Submarine Group 10, Trident Training Facility, Trident Refit Facility, and Strategic Weapons Facility, Atlantic. Currently, the base berths eight Ohio-class submarines: six Ballistic Missile Submarines and two Guided Missile Submarines. On base, sailors and their families have access to Morale, Welfare, and Recreation programs and services including a golf course, bowling, childcare, dining, computers, trips, special functions and more.

**United States Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville**

10426 Alta Dr., Jacksonville  
[www.atlanticarea.uscg.mil](http://www.atlanticarea.uscg.mil)

Adjacent to NS Mayport, the United States Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville is located on six acres of land and is accountable for 40,000 square miles of ocean and inland waterways, including 190 miles of coastline from Kings Bay, Georgia to Port Malabar, Florida. All Coast Guard missions that fall into this area are Sector Jacksonville's responsibility. As the sub-office of the Coast Guard's 7th District Headquarters in Miami, the unit utilizes Multi-Mission Mayport and Security Detachment Mayport, as well as Station Ponce de Leon Inlet and Station Cape Canaveral to successfully cover this large area. Post-Sept. 11, 2001 legislative changes changed Coast Guard status from operating under the Department of Transportation to operating under the Department of Homeland Security. The Coast Guard is considered a military service because the U.S. President can transfer any or all assets of the Coast Guard to the Department of the Navy during times of war or conflict. This has been done in almost every single conflict involving the U.S.



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## OUR GATEWAY TO THE WORLD: Ports of the First Coast

**With our location and access to numerous waterways, interstates and railroads, Jacksonville has established itself as a titan of logistics and distribution. More than 70 million consumers are within a day's driving distance and international customers are able to receive goods faster than ever. Many logistics and distribution companies have settled in the area and operate out of our ports, including CEVA Logistics, Coach Inc., Crowley Maritime Corporation, Mediterranean Shipping Company and Landstar Shipping.**

### PORTS JAXPORT

Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT) is often referred to as the "global gateway to Florida." It is made up of three marine terminals, including Blount Island, Dames Point and Talleyrand. From JAXPORT, ocean carriers can travel to 140 ports located in 70 countries. The port authority also helps shippers transport their goods using 100 trucking firms and 40 daily trains. Numerous cruises depart from the port authority, including the Carnival Ecstasy, which offers year-round service and four- and five-day excursions to the Bahamas.

According to JAXUSA, JAXPORT was voted No. 1 for Customer Satisfaction and Performance by Logistics Management in August 2019. Also in 2019, JAXPORT set a volume record and moved more than 1.338 million 20-foot equivalent units. This is a 5 percent increase from 2018. The port authority also moved the most vehicles in history totaling nearly 696,500 total units. For more than 70 million consumers, Jacksonville is only a day's drive away, making it the prime location for distributors to operate out of and call home.



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The **Blount Island Marine Terminal** is JAXPORT's largest facility, as well as one of the largest vehicle import/export centers in the nation. It is also home to one of the highest weight-bearing capacity docks. Recently, the federal government awarded the port authority \$20 million to repave the SSA Jacksonville Container Terminal here. **Dames Point Marine Terminal** is the newest terminal in the area and has 5,002 linear feet of deep-water berths, as well as six new Panamax container cranes. The terminal also houses the Carnival Cruise Lines' **Elation**, a 2,130-passenger cruise liner. **Talleyrand Marine Terminal** is run by the Jacksonville Port Terminal Railroad Inc. and mostly deals with

breakbulk cargoes, such as lumber, paper and steel, vehicles and liquid bulk commodities. It's located on the St. Johns River.

#### **Port of Fernandina**

The **Port of Fernandina** currently provides terminal service to over 14 pulp and paper producers throughout Florida and the Southeast. The port also provides steel export services to steel companies with mills in the Southeastern United States. To enhance the port and accommodate customers, \$15 million in capital investments are dedicated to modernizing the on-dock paper warehouse, adding equipment, such as cranes, and extending the berth. The port authority will also

be adding a Foreign Trade Zone destination. Due to the location of the Port of Fernandina, the Ocean, Highway & Port Authority works to establish connections to interstate, rail and air services to deliver more goods and services internationally.

#### **LOGISTICS & DISTRIBUTION**

Jacksonville is home to one of the top non-asset-based supply chain management companies with the largest freight network in the nation, **CEVA Logistics**. The CEVA Jacksonville location was specifically designed to enhance logistic innovation in order to increase power supply chain efficiency, which allows organizations to witness said efficiency in action.

**Coach Inc.**'s primary distribution center is located in Jacksonville at the Jacksonville International Tradeport. The fashion and accessory brand has been conducting their business out of the First Coast since 1995 and has tripled in size since. This 850,000-square-foot location is at the forefront of sustainability initiatives for the company and was awarded Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification in 2010.

Known for their speed and efficiency in shipping and distribution, **Crowley Maritime Corporation** has made a name for themselves on the First Coast. Crowley has two locations in the area and ships to several countries in the Caribbean and Central America, as well as Puerto Rico. The company has six operating lines of business, which include deep sea petroleum transportation; distribution and petroleum transportation, sales in Alaska; logistics; marine contract solutions and Puerto Rico/Caribbean and Latin America liner services.

The world's second largest shipping company when it comes to container vessel capacity, **Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC)** is a leader in global container shipping and logistics. MSC also ships on the local level. The company calls out of 500 ports, including JAXPORT, and also utilizes an integrated network of road and rail transport resources. Their fleet is equipped with the most up-to-date eco-friendly technologies.

Based in Jacksonville, **Landstar Shipping** is a leader in supply chain solutions and global and domestic transportation. The company is proud of their "safety-first culture" and maintains a 99 percent claim-free delivery rate. This logistical industry leader is composed of independent agents and transportation capacity providers.

I-295, photo by Lance Asper on Unsplash



# Full Speed Ahead: TRANSPORTATION

Below is all the information you need to navigate your way around the First Coast!

## ROADS

**Alternative names for some of our major roadways:**

**U.S. 1** also known as ...

New Kings Road, Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, Philips Highway and Dixie Highway

**U.S. 17** also known as ...

Main Street, Roosevelt Boulevard and Park Avenue

**U.S. 90** also known as ... Beach Boulevard

**State Road 10** also known as ... Atlantic Boulevard

**State Road 13** also known as ...

Hendricks Avenue and San Jose Boulevard

**State Road 202** also known as ...

JTB, John Turner Butler and Butler Boulevard

**State Road A1A** also known as ...

State Road 200 and Third Street

**I-295 East Beltway** formerly known as ...

State Road 9A

## TOLL ROADS

For the first time in 31 years, the First Coast has toll roads and express lanes. Drivers who wish to use them will need to buy a SunPass or E-PASS. Drivers can use either pass for all state and local toll roads and express lanes.

### SunPass

[www.SunPass.com](http://www.SunPass.com)

SunPasses are issued by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). SunPasses can be purchased at several convenient retailers such as Publix, Walgreens and CVS.

### E-PASS

<https://epass.cfxway.com>

E-PASS is run by the Central Florida Expressway Authority. The E-PASS sticker is free but must be loaded with \$10 to activate. E-PASS is available to purchase online, over the phone or at the E-PASS Service Center in Orlando.

## First Coast Expressway

The tolls on the First Coast Expressway are:

- I-10 to N. Argyle Forest Blvd.
- N. Argyle Forest Blvd. to Blanding Blvd.
- SR 21 to North of SR 16
- North of SR 16 to East of CR 209
- Shands Bridge to I-95

Those who do not pay the toll will be charged a toll-by-plate fee.

## I-295 Express Lanes

The express toll lanes on I-295 West stretch over 4 miles starting at I-95 to the Buckman Bridge. Toll prices are determined on how busy the roads are and signs will display the price above the lanes. Drivers will only be charged on weekdays from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cash or toll-by-plate is not accepted in the express lanes. Express lane construction along I-295 from JTB to SR 9B is expected to be complete by Fall 2020.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION****Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)**

[www.jtafla.com](http://www.jtafla.com)

JTA provides various mass transit services for the public in Duval County, including paratransit for the disabled and elderly, and Ride Request on-demand services.

**Bus** – JTA manages all bus services in the greater Jacksonville area. The JTA website features updated information about each route daily, including a specific time for each stop, making it more convenient than ever to take public transportation.

**Connexion (Paratransit)** – The paratransit service provides destination-to-destination shared transportation for disabled and disadvantaged individuals. JTA provides this service to supplement fixed bus routes around the city in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Connexion Plus is for eligible customers who want private, same-day, door-to-door service anywhere in Duval County.

**Park-n-Ride** – Created to make going to downtown Jacksonville a breeze, this coordinated JTA effort has designated lots around the city with express service to downtown. The Stadium Shuttle provides transportation to and from the stadium for major sporting events. These buses run continuously so whenever you're ready to leave, you will have a guaranteed ride back to your car.

**ReadiRide** – Offered by JTA through Owl Inc., ReadiRide is an on-call service that provides

affordable transportation to customers at the Arlington, Beaches, Highlands, Mandarin, Northside, Southeast and Southwest areas. You can use the MyJTA app for further convenience.

**Skyway** – This free automated train allows riders to glide high above traffic for convenient access around downtown Jacksonville. There are eight train stations and trains depart every four minutes during peak hours (6 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 7 p.m.) and every eight minutes during off-peak hours. The Skyway also has special hours, running until 9:30 p.m., on the first Wednesday of each month for a convenient trip to Art Walk.

**Regional Services** – JTA partners with all neighboring counties to provide a seamless ride to your destination, even if that destination isn't in Duval County.

**Baker Transit:**

[www.bakertransit.org](http://www.bakertransit.org)

In Baker County, the Wildcat Shuttle and Bobcat Shuttle are operated by Baker Transit.

**Clay Regional Express:**

[www.jtafla.com](http://www.jtafla.com)

JTA operates the Clay Regional Express (Route 201) from the Black Creek Park-n-Ride and the Route 5 from the Orange Park Mall.

**Nassau Express Select:**

[www.jtafla.com/schedules/regional-services/nassau-express-select](http://www.jtafla.com/schedules/regional-services/nassau-express-select)

Through JTA and NassauTRANSIT, Nassau Express

Select offers travelers an executive-style ride back and forth from Nassau County to downtown Jacksonville. Nassau Express vehicles include complimentary Wi-Fi and USB charging ports.

**Sunshine Bus Company (St. Johns County):**

[www.sunshinebus.net](http://www.sunshinebus.net)

The Sunshine Bus Company is St. Johns County's public transit and offers a deviated fixed route line with nine different routes throughout the county. The system also offers the Circulator, which transfers commuters to East Palatka and an Express line that runs north and south all day. The Purple Line travels from St. Augustine to Jacksonville along U.S. 1 to the Avenues Mall. A paratransit door-to-door service is also available for those that need a wheelchair lift or extra assistance, provided by the St. Johns County Council on Aging. The website offers a trip planner for easier traveling.

**AERONAUTICAL****Jacksonville Aviation Authority**

[www.flyjax.com](http://www.flyjax.com)

The Jacksonville Aviation Authority owns and operates the Jacksonville Airport System, which is comprised of Jacksonville International Airport, Cecil Airport, Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport and Herlong Recreational Airport.

**Jacksonville International Airport (JAX)**

The bustling Jacksonville International Airport (JAX) is Northeast Florida's only major airport and serves as



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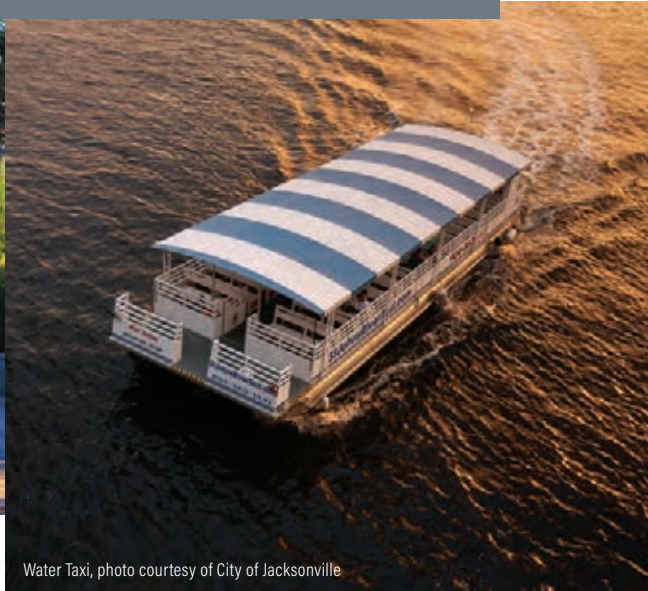
Photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville



**Jacksonville International Airport serves six million passengers each year and has over 200 flights daily!**



Photo by Stephanie Marty



Water Taxi, photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville

the gateway to the First Coast region and neighboring areas. JAX provides non-stop flights to major U.S. airports, many of which go international. Only twelve miles from downtown Jacksonville, the airport offers a variety of low-cost and legacy carriers for both business and leisure travelers. Airport amenities include free in-terminal Wi-Fi, live entertainment and artwork.

**Cecil Airport (VQQ)**

Located approximately 15 miles west of downtown Jacksonville, Cecil Airport is a public joint civil-military airport and spaceport that services military aircraft, corporate aircraft, general aviation, and air cargo.

**Herlong Recreational Airport (HEG)**

This small-scale airport on Jacksonville's Westside is used for light sport and recreational flying, including skydiving, helicopters, glider airplanes and more. Additional services include flight training, aircraft sales and maintenance.

**Jacksonville Executive At Craig Airport (JAXEX)**

This mid-sized corporate airport on the Southside provides convenient access to corporate travelers flying in and out of the city and offers a slew of services including flight training and an 18-hole golf course.

**Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport (FMBA)**

[www.fbfl.us/airport](http://www.fbfl.us/airport)

In Nassau County, the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport is operated by the City of Fernandina Beach and serves Amelia Island and Fernandina Beach.

**Keystone Heights Airport (42J)**

[www.keystoneairport.com](http://www.keystoneairport.com)

Keystone Heights Airport serves travelers in Clay and Bradford counties and is located 43 nautical miles southwest of Jacksonville International Airport.

**Northeast Florida Regional Airport (KSGJ or UST)**

[www.flynf.com](http://www.flynf.com)

Northeast Florida Regional Airport in St. Johns County is just a few miles from historic downtown St. Augustine. Operated by the St. Augustine - St. Johns County Airport Authority, the public facility is centered in a gateway market of 4.4 million passengers within a two-hour drive to the airport.

**RAILROAD**

**Amtrak (Passenger)**

[www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)

Amtrak provides passenger rail service in Jacksonville with a station near New Kings Road. The Amtrak station is open from 5:45 a.m. until 11:45 p.m. daily and provides rail service throughout the U.S.

**NAUTICAL**

**JAXPORT Cruise Service**

[www.jaxport.com/cruise](http://www.jaxport.com/cruise)

If you're looking for a tropical getaway, Carnival Cruise Lines' 2,056-passenger Carnival Ecstasy departs from the JAXPORT Cruise Terminal located just northwest of the Dames Point Bridge. On the day of your cruise, parking opens at 10:30 a.m. and is monitored by JAXPORT security 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**St. Johns River Ferry/JTA Ferry**

<https://ferry.jtafla.com>

The St. Johns River Ferry, also known as the Mayport Ferry or the JTA Ferry, is a car and passenger boat that connects the north and south ends of State Road A1A in Duval County, linking Mayport Village and Fort George Island via a scenic ride across the beautiful St. Johns River.

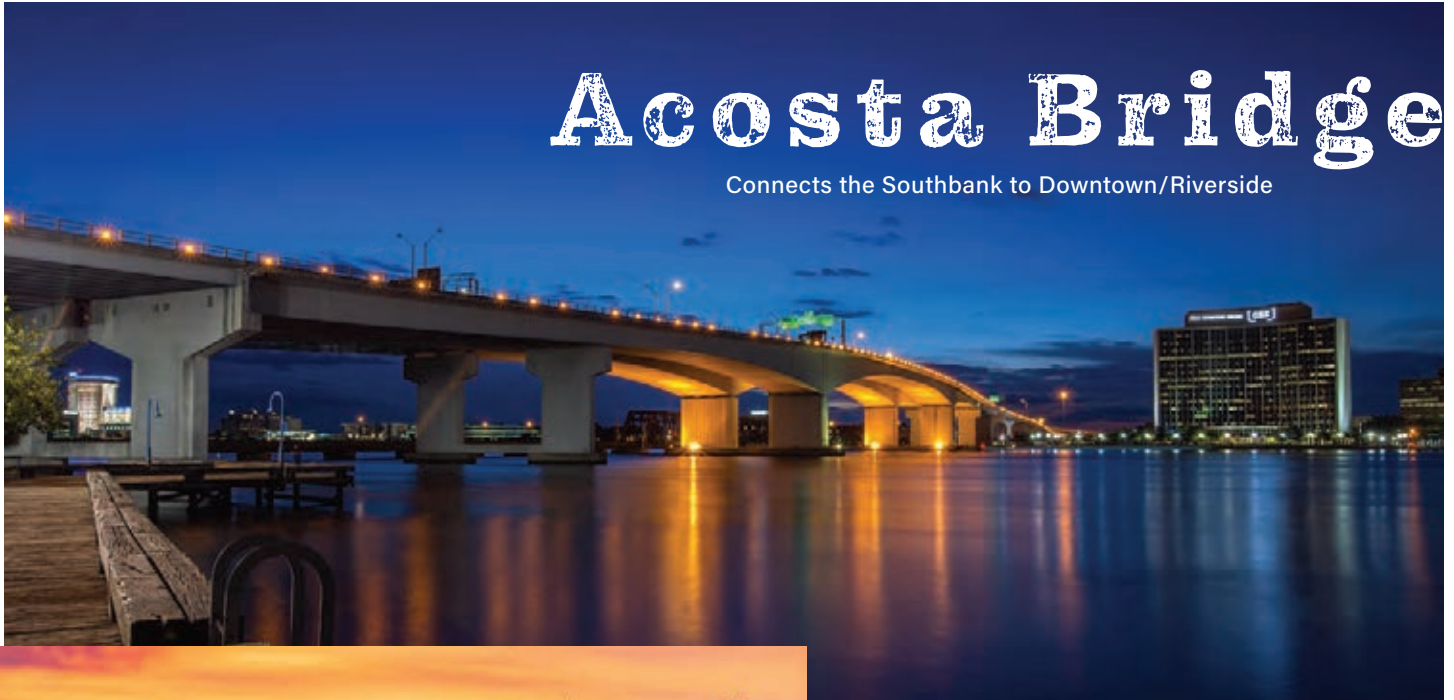
**St. Johns River Taxi & Tours**

[www.jaxrivertaxi.com](http://www.jaxrivertaxi.com)

St. Johns River Taxi & Tours provides transportation across the St. Johns River in beautiful downtown Jacksonville. Special services and hours are provided for Jaguars games and other downtown events. The river taxi runs continuously every 35 minutes with stops at the Northbank, Friendship Fountain, the Doubletree Hotel, the Lexington Hotel and Metro Park Marina.

# Bridges of Northeast Florida

With the St. Johns River and Intracoastal Waterway winding throughout the area, our bridges serve as the links that connect the First Coast together.



## Acosta Bridge

Connects the Southbank to Downtown/Riverside

Photo by Gregory Urbano courtesy of Wikimedia



## Bridge of Lions

Connects Historic St. Augustine to Anastasia Island

Photo courtesy of istock

## Buckman Bridge

Connects Mandarin to Orange Park



Buckman Bridge, photo courtesy of Wikipedia



# Dames Point Bridge

Connects Arlington to Northside

Photo by Lance Asper on Unsplash

# FEC Strauss Trunnion Bascule Bridge

Railroad bridge



Photo by Brad Biringer

- Francis and Mary Usina Bridge
- Intracoastal Waterway Bridge
- J. Turner Butler Intracoastal Bridge
- Kingsley Creek RR Swing Bridge
- McCormick Bridge
- Mickler O'Connell Bridge

- Ortega River Bridge
- Palm Valley Bridge
- Shands Bridge
- Thomas J. Shave, Jr. Bridge
- Trout River Bridge
- Wonderwood Bridge

## More Bridges Throughout the Region



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# Fuller Warren Bridge (I-95)

Connects Riverside to San Marco

# Hart Bridge

Connects Southside to Downtown



Photo by Stephanie Marty



Photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville

# Main Street (John T. Alsop Jr.)

Connects San Marco to Downtown

# Mathews Bridge

Connects Arlington to Downtown



Photo by Stephanie Marty

# POP





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**The Play Section  
has everything you  
need to know about  
relaxing and having  
fun here on the First  
Coast.**



The Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville welcomes you to Jacksonville!

As the local arts agency for Duval County, the Cultural Council invests in the arts and cultural industries for community and economic development. Our services include providing online hub that connects the community with information on arts and culture. Check out our [facebook.com/moreartculture](https://facebook.com/moreartculture) page and [@MoreArtCulture](#) Twitter feed and Instagram. Learn more by visiting our website, [www.culturalcouncil.org](http://www.culturalcouncil.org), where you will find:

- A calendar of arts and cultural events
- A listing of area cultural organizations and facilities with links to websites
- E-newsletter subscription sign-up

Other ways to engage include:

- Attending a Cultural Council event, such as the Speaker Series
- Taking a self-guided tour of Jacksonville's public art collection
- Getting to know the local artist community by attending the Every Single Artist Lounge, held every second Tuesday at various locales.
- Experiencing a wide range of arts and cultural offerings presented by non-profit arts and cultural organizations as well as private galleries and venues.
- Advocating for funding to support more art and culture in your community and in schools.
- Partnering with the Cultural Council to bring arts and culture into your business, place of work, or community.

From performances to exhibitions, historic architecture to historic communities, public media to public art, and art classes for adults to arts camps for youth, there is something for everyone in Jax! Enjoy!

**Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville, Inc.**  
**300 Water St., Suite 201**  
**Jacksonville, FL 32202**  
**(904) 358-3600**

**Where Land  
Meets Water:**

# **BEACHES & WATERWAYS**

**Whether your beach day  
includes looking for  
seashells, surfing or a  
game of beach volleyball,  
the First Coast knows how  
to have the best day by  
the water.**



Crescent Beach, photo by Daron Dean courtesy of Visit Florida



Amelia Island, photo courtesy of Visit Florida

## BEACHES

### DUVAL COUNTY

#### Atlantic Beach

Visitors to charming Atlantic Beach can enjoy numerous saltwater activities such as paddleboarding, kayaking, surfing or fishing. After a day of fun in the sun, head to Atlantic Beach's local boutiques, upscale restaurants and bars.

#### Jacksonville Beach

Jacksonville Beach, or Jax Beach, is one of the most popular spots for families, vacationers and surfers. Nestled between Neptune and Ponte Vedra beaches, Jax Beach offers public beach access and nearby parking. Encompassing about 60 blocks along the Atlantic Ocean, Jax Beach is more than four miles wide and lined by small soft dunes.

#### Mayport

North of Atlantic Beach is the historic fishing village of Mayport, which is located at the mouth of the St. Johns River and well known for its shrimping industry. In the Mayport area is the beachfront Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park, which many locals say has the best surfing waves in Northeast Florida.

#### Neptune Beach

North of Jax Beach is the quaint beachside community of Neptune Beach. Even though the beach is only about a mile long, visitors enjoy surfing, basking in the sun and peaceful bike rides on the beach's hard-packed sand.

### NASSAU COUNTY

#### Fernandina Beach

The First Coast's northernmost beach, Fernandina Beach on Amelia Island is perfect for seashell hunting, sunbathing and horseback riding.



SUP, photo by Ryan Ketterman, courtesy of Visit Jacksonville

Travel south of Fernandina Beach to American Beach, which was originally established as a vacation destination for African Americans during the time of racial segregation and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

## ST. JOHNS COUNTY

### Crescent Beach

Located on Anastasia Island just south of St. Augustine on A1A, Crescent Beach gets its name from the coastline's natural crescent shape. The beach's hard-packed sand is perfect for horseback riding, bike rides and beach volleyball.

### North Beach

With a full range of facilities including parking, boat ramps and showers, North Beach is a serene spot for sunbathing and beachcombing.

### Ponte Vedra Beach

The quieter and less crowded Ponte Vedra Beach is located along the northern portion of the county and has various convenient beach access

points. In South Ponte Vedra Beach, the shore is beautifully lined with sand dunes and is a great spot for those looking for shark teeth and seashells. Mickler's Landing in Ponte Vedra is a popular beach destination for surfers and families.

### St. Augustine Beach

St. Augustine Beach has everything for a fun day of surf and sand, with cozy beachside restaurants, a beachfront park, fishing pier, pavilion, splash park, and beach volleyball courts.

### Vilano Beach

Vilano Beach is located on the north side of the Matanzas Inlet and has a dune walkover, covered picnic tables, showers and more. Its location near the inlet allows for heavier surf and a strong current, making it a great surfing and skimboarding spot on the First Coast. The Vilano Beach pier is a great spot for catching some fish while enjoying a quiet afternoon by the water.

## WATERWAYS

### The Intracoastal

Splitting Jacksonville's southside region from the beach communities, the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway runs 40 miles through the First Coast. The waterway's saltwater inlets, sounds and man-made canals are open to recreational vessels and provide opportunities to explore the area's natural beauty. Residents enjoy a wide range of water activities such as boating, fishing, kayaking, paddle boarding, jet skiing and tubing.

### St. Johns River

Truly a First Coast icon, the St. Johns River is the longest river in Florida and one of the few in the U.S. that flows north. Spanning 310 miles from Indian River County to Mayport, residents and visitors can enjoy a variety of activities on the lazy river such as fishing, boating and kayaking. You may even spot a dolphin or manatee. The Riverwalk allows for residents to take a relaxing stroll along the beautiful river.



Photo by Ryan Ketheman, courtesy of Visit Jacksonville



Vilano Beach, photo courtesy of Visit Florida



### Other First Coast Rivers

Other First Coast rivers provide for fishing, scenic boating and other activities. On Amelia River, boaters can take in the sights of historic sites such as Fort Clinch State Park. Down in St. Johns County, the Tolomato and Guana rivers surround Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve. In St. Augustine, sail around the Matanzas Bay and River to see landmarks like the Castillo de San Marcos, the Bridge of Lions and the St. Augustine Lighthouse.



**St. Johns  
County has  
40 miles of  
beautiful  
coastline!**



# Wonderful Wilderness: STATE PARKS & PRESERVES

**Our beautiful First Coast is home to the nation's largest urban park system in the country ripe with flora and fauna. Take a relaxing kayak ride through the still water or jog on one of the running trails. Whatever you choose, take a moment to appreciate and enjoy the quiet of nature.**

## **BAKER COUNTY**

### **John M. Bethea State Forest**

Push off into the St. Marys River or fish at any of the small ponds at the John M. Bethea State Forest where you can experience serene bliss and maybe catch sight of the wildlife in the area.

### **Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge**

Spanning nearly 400,000 acres, the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge is one of the world's largest freshwater

ecosystems. While enjoying their guide boat tours or trails, keep an eye out for alligators, black bears and the other 400-plus creatures that call the forest and swamps home.

### **Osceola National Forest**

Offering a ton of activities including camping, hiking, swimming, fishing and hunting, the Osceola National Forest is truly a treasure for the outdoorsy individual.

## **CLAY COUNTY**

### **Jennings State Forest**

Home to more than 15 biological communities, the Jennings State Forest offers visitors the chance to experience a variety of activities including hiking, horseback riding, cycling, camping and fishing.

## **Mike Roess Gold Head**

### **Branch State Park**

Two thousand acres of ravines, marshes, sandhills, lakes and scrub provide a kind of serenity that you can't find in the city. Walk along the Florida National Scenic Trail or spend the day by the water fishing, canoeing or swimming.

**DUVAL-NORTH****Amelia Island State Park**

A favorite for equestrians, Amelia Island State Park is a beautiful beachside park that is one of the few beaches that allows horseback riding. Visitors can also search for seashells, fish or look for local wildlife.

**Big Talbot Island State Park**

With spooky "skeletons" of oak and cedar trees, Big Talbot Island offers a unique backdrop for photographers at Boneyard Beach. Visitors can also

explore the area by boat while keeping an eye out for the numerous birds that call Big Talbot home.

**Fort George Island Cultural State Park**

Named after a fort that defended the southern flank of Georgia, Fort George Island is a great place for outdoor activities like boating, fishing, hiking and off-road cycling. While there, take a visit to the Ribault Club, which used to be an exclusive resort and now doubles as a visitor center and event space.

**George Crady Bridge Fishing Pier State Park**

Open 24 hours a day year-round, this mile-long bridge is the perfect spot for those looking to spend the day fishing. There are a multitude of species to catch, including drum, jack, tarpon and whiting.

**Little Talbot State Park**

Located next to Big Talbot Island, this state park is home to five miles of gorgeous white beaches, untouched salt marshes and animals like river otters, bobcats, and native and



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Big Talbot Island, photo by Michele Orallo on Unsplash

**DUVAL-BEACHES****Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park**

Within the nearly 500 acres that make up Hanna Park, visitors can find The Poles, Northeast Florida's premier surfing spot, the Kids Splash Park, hiking and biking trails and 1.5 miles of gorgeous beaches.

**Our state parks make up more than 80,000 acres, making it the largest urban park system in the country!**

migratory birds. Visitors can rent a kayak and go on one of the guided paddle tours or break out the tent and spend a night in the full-facility campgrounds.

**Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve State Park**

Pumpkin Hill Creek is a great place for equestrians and animal lovers. With five miles of multi-use trails, take a walk or ride a horse and keep an eye out for the Florida animals that call this place home. Or for a day on the water, push off into the salt marsh in a kayak for a little peace and quiet.

**Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve**

History and nature collide at the Timucuan Ecological and Historical Preserve. Explore the dunes, salt marshes and hardwood hammocks that used to be home to the Timucuan tribe. The preserve is also home to the Kingsley Plantation and Fort Caroline.

**NASSAU COUNTY**

**Cary State Forest**

Enjoy a day of picnicking and outdoorsy activities at Cary State Forest, whose flatwoods, sandhills and basin marsh are home to gopher tortoises, wood storks and Sherman's fox squirrel, among others.

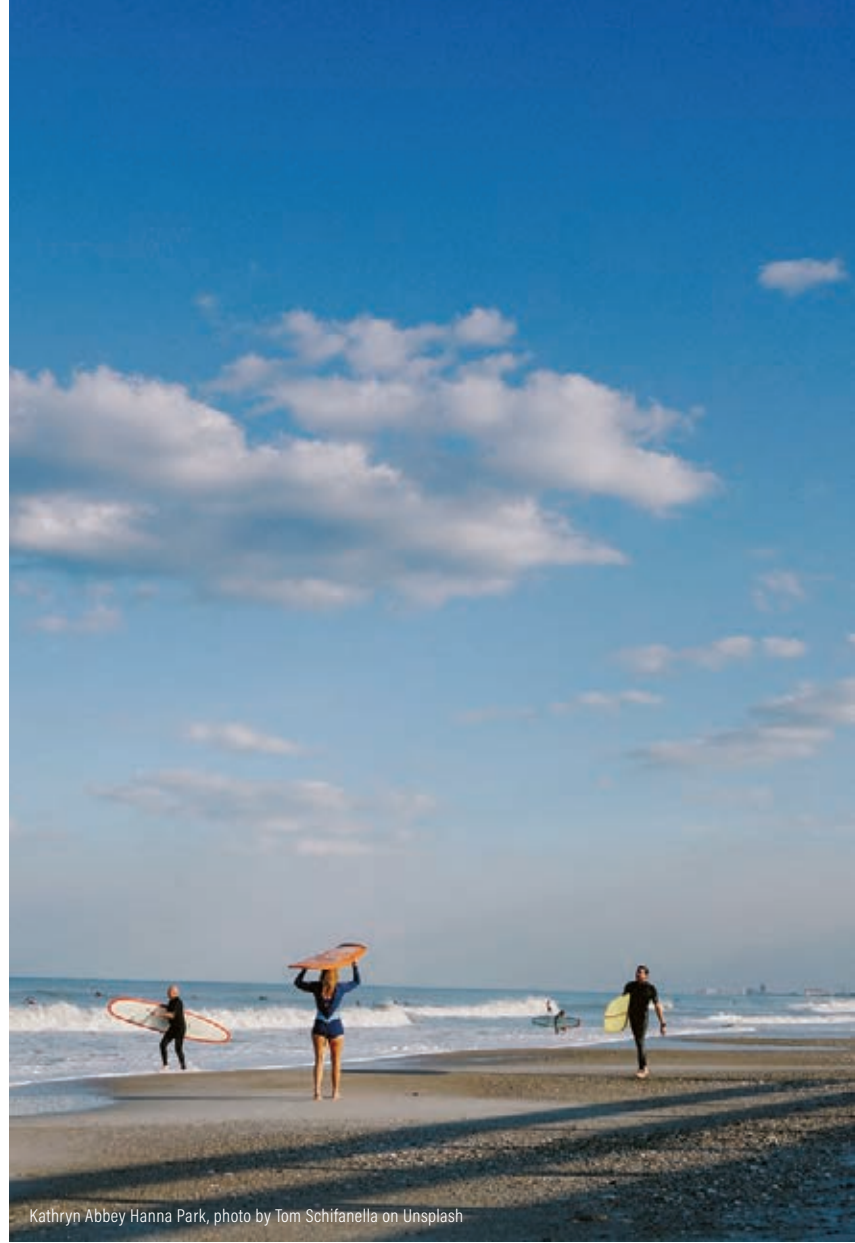
**Four Creeks State Forest**

This state forest is named after the four water systems located within its 10,959 acres: Alligator (Mills), Thomas, Boggy and Plummer creeks. Visitors are welcome to bike, fish, hike and kayak throughout the property.

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

**Anastasia State Park**

Search for seashells along the four miles of pristine beaches or spend the day in the cool water at the Anastasia State Park, where you can also visit the site where the coquina rock for the Castillo de San Marcos fortress was mined. The park also has a full-facility campground for those looking to extend their stay.



Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park, photo by Tom Schifanella on Unsplash



Photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville

**Faver-Dykes State Park**

A popular location for birdwatchers, Faver-Dykes State Park is home to more than 100 species of birds during the spring and fall months. The park also has places for camping, canoeing, fishing and walking.

**Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve**

Among the 73,352-acre reserve, visitors are exposed to a variety of wildlife and miles of scenic trails perfect for biking, hiking and horseback riding through the coastal shrubbery and flatwoods and ideal spots for birdwatching, fishing and hunting.

**Matanzas State Forest**

Home to a myriad of animals, including our nation's beloved bald eagle, Matanzas is perfect for wildlife enthusiasts. Visitors also have the opportunity to spend the day on the trails cycling and hiking or on the water canoeing and fishing.



# Jogging Paths

## & Yoga Spots



Yoga on the beach, photo by Ryan Ketterman, courtesy of Visit Jacksonville

All the above parks and preserves make great locations for joggers and yogis alike, as do our beaches, but here are a few more spots to visit for a relaxing run or peaceful yoga session.

### JOGGING PATHS

#### BAKER COUNTY

Osceola Trails - 23 miles

#### CLAY COUNTY

- Black Creek Trail - 16 miles roundtrip
- River Road Resolution Run 5K Course - 3.1 miles
- St. Johns River Loop - 6-7 miles
- The Doctor's Lake Drive & Moody Road Loop - 9 miles
- The Plainsfield Loop - 4.5 miles

#### DUVAL COUNTY

- Jacksonville-Baldwin Trail - 14.5 miles
- Main Street Bridge & Acosta Bridge Loop - 1.7 miles
- Perfect 10 Loop - 10 miles
- Robert W. Loftin Nature Trails
  - Big Cyprus Trail - .47 miles
  - Blueberry Trail - 1.44 miles
  - Goldenrod Trail - 2.85 miles
  - Gopher Tortoise Ridge - .78 miles
  - Red Maple Boardwalk - .31 miles

#### NASSAU COUNTY

- Amelia Island Trail - 5.7 miles
- Egan's Creek Greenway Trail - 3.5 miles

#### ST. JOHNS COUNTY

- Greenway Trails
  - Egret Trail - 1 mile
  - Heron Trail - 5.5 miles
  - Osprey Trail - 6.4 miles
  - Pelican Trail - 2.15 miles
- Treaty Park - 1 mile
- Twelve Mile Swamp Conservation Area - 2.2 miles

### OUTDOOR YOGA

#### CLAY COUNTY

- Spring Park Pavilion
- Green Cove Springs

#### DUVAL COUNTY

- Riverside Arts Market Jacksonville
- Sunday Yoga in the Park Hemming Park - Jacksonville

#### ST. JOHNS COUNTY

- Beach YOGA
- Ocean Hammock Park - St. Augustine

# First Coast Throwback: HISTORICAL SITES & MUSEUMS

Settlers have always been drawn to the First Coast because of its beautiful weather, rivers and ocean. Two centuries before Spanish conquistador Juan Ponce de León set foot on the land that would become the First Coast we know and love today, Northeast Florida was inhabited by the Timucuan who lived in settlements along the region's many waterways. In April 1513, Ponce de León arrived in present day Florida and claimed the land for Spain. He named the land La Florida due to the lush landscape and because it was the Easter season.



Battle of Olustee reenactor, photo courtesy of Visit Florida

The French Huguenots led by French explorer Jean Ribault landed near the St. Johns River in 1562 but traveled north to present day South Carolina to establish a colony that would ultimately fail. Meanwhile, René Goulaine de Laudonnière, Ribault's second-in-command, led a contingent of new settlers back to Florida where they founded Fort Caroline in 1564. However the recently appointed Spanish Governor of Florida, Pedro Menéndez de Avilés, had been given orders to remove the French and the fort was destroyed. In 1565, Menéndez founded St. Augustine at the site of the Timucuan village, Seloy. Within a century, the city was attacked twice. Even with these setbacks, the determined early settlers of St. Augustine stayed and rebuilt after each attack. In 1763 at the end of the Seven Years' War, Spain gave their vast Florida territory to the British in order to keep the city of Havana, Cuba.

Under British control, the First Coast saw a period of active development, with plantations springing up along the St. Johns River. The British built the King's Trail (now U.S. 1), a route that connected St. Augustine to Georgia. The settlement was the narrowest place along the trail to ford livestock across the St. Johns River, thereby earning the region the name Cowford. Many British loyalists settled in the area during the Revolutionary War, however by 1783, the British were forced to return control of the Florida Colony to the Spanish. This Spanish rule would not prove to be as successful as the first. After several attempts to oust the Spanish from the Florida colony, including intrusions by Andrew Jackson, Spain ceded Florida to the U.S. in 1821. In honor of Andrew Jackson's service as Florida territory's military governor, Cowford was eventually renamed Jacksonville.

During reconstruction following the Civil War, Northeast Florida began to capitalize on its pristine beaches and warm weather by marketing the First Coast as a premier winter destination. The area became a popular resort area for the rich and famous, ushering in a time of rapid economic growth. The first World War marked an entirely new level of economic growth due to increased military presence.

Today, the First Coast remains a part of this history: a byproduct of so much that occurred before its conception and an accumulation of everything that came after.



Military Museum of North Florida, photo courtesy of Clay County Tourist Development Council



Kingsley Plantation, photo courtesy of Visit Jacksonville

## BAKER COUNTY

### Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park

5815 Battlefield Trail Rd., Olustee

[www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/olustee-battlefield-historic-state-park](http://www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/olustee-battlefield-historic-state-park)

The Battle of Olustee fought on Feb. 20, 1864 was the largest Civil War battle in Florida, with more than 10,000 cavalry, infantry and artillery troops fighting for five hours. The end results were 2,807 casualties and a Union retreat to Jacksonville. The battlefield became the state's first historic site and a reenactment is held every February.

### Heritage Park Village

102 S. Lowder St., Macclenny

[heritagepark.cityofmacclenny.com](http://heritagepark.cityofmacclenny.com)

This historical village consists of numerous mini museums that showcase Baker County's history. The museums include a barber and blacksmith shop, jail, train depot and smoke house.

## CLAY COUNTY

### Clay County Historic Museum & Triangle

915 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs

[www.claycountygov.com](http://www.claycountygov.com)

Get a glimpse of what life was like for Clay County residents in the 20th century through museum artifacts such as personal letters and photographs, furniture, clothing, tools and more.



Beaches Museum, photo by Stephanie Marty

### Military Museum of North Florida

1 Bunker Ave., Green Cove Springs

[www.themilitarymuseumofnorthflorida.com](http://www.themilitarymuseumofnorthflorida.com)

Along with an extensive military reference library and a living history library, World War II and Vietnam memorabilia dominate the museum's displays. The museum also includes fascinating exhibits from the Revolutionary War all the way to the recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

## DUVAL-BEACHES

### Beaches Museum & History Park

381 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach

[www.beachmuseum.org](http://www.beachmuseum.org)

Learn about the history of the Beaches community through photographs, interactive exhibits and personal accounts. Visitors can also see a 1911 steam locomotive, the Mayport Railway Depot and the Florida East Coast Foreman's House adjacent to the museum.



Battle of Olustee Reenactment, photo courtesy of Visit Florida



Webb-Jones Farmhouse at the Mandarin Museum, photo courtesy of the City of Jacksonville

**DUVAL-SOUTH**

**Brumos Collection, The**

4310 Pablo Oaks Ct., Jacksonville  
[www.thebrumoscollection.com](http://www.thebrumoscollection.com)

An homage to the 1924 Ford assembly plant that operated in downtown Jacksonville, The Brumos Collection is a state-of-the-art, multi-purpose building that showcases the world's finest automobiles and tells the history behind them. Car enthusiasts will be amazed by the exquisite antique and racing cars displayed in the 35,000-square-foot facility. There is also an archive room, 22-seat movie theater, a SuperFlow® all-wheel drive Chassis Dyno®, and a fully functional workshop, engine room and machine shop.

**Mandarin Museum & Historical Society**

11964 Mandarin Rd., Jacksonville  
[www.mandarinmuseum.net](http://www.mandarinmuseum.net)

This museum takes visitors back to old Florida, with an exhibit on author and abolitionist Harriet Beecher Stowe, who chose Mandarin as her winter home in 1867. Visitors can also see the Civil War steamship Maple Leaf exhibit and enjoy a walk through the Walter Jones Historical Park. Next to the museum is the 1898 St. Joseph's Mission Schoolhouse for African American Children, the only remaining one-room schoolhouse in Duval County.

**DUVAL-NORTH**

**Fort Caroline National Memorial**

12713 Fort Caroline Rd., Jacksonville  
[www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

In 1564, the French Huguenots established an ill-fated settlement at Fort Caroline that was eventually destroyed by the Spanish. This memorial tells the tragic story of the settlement and its people. Interestingly, the first replica fort was destroyed by hurricane, mirroring the hurricane that sealed the fate of the Huguenots.

**Yellow Bluff Fort Historic State Park**

New Berlin Rd., Jacksonville  
[www.floridastateparks.org](http://www.floridastateparks.org)

This historic site built in 1862 along the St. Johns River housed 250 Union and Confederate troops at its peak. Despite not actually having a fort, this site was stocked with weapons.



Castillo de San Marcos, photos by Stephanie Marty



**DUVAL-WEST**

**Camp Milton Historic Preserve**

1175 Halsema Rd. N., Jacksonville

[www.timucuanparks.org/camp-milton-historic-preserve](http://www.timucuanparks.org/camp-milton-historic-preserve)

This Civil War campground displays artifacts and an authentic 1800s Florida farmstead. The preserve's historic reenactments give visitors a glimpse into Civil War history.

**Eartha M. M. White Historical Museum**

613 W. Ashley St., Jacksonville

[www.clarawhitemission.org/explore/museum](http://www.clarawhitemission.org/explore/museum)

Former slave Clara White fed her hungry neighbors out of her two-room Jacksonville home in the 1880s, starting what would become a full-fledged mission with the help of her daughter, Eartha. The museum is a continuing memorial to both Clara White and her daughter.

**Jacksonville Fire Museum**

1406 Gator Bowl Blvd., Jacksonville

[www.coj.net/departments/fire-and-rescue/fire-museum](http://www.coj.net/departments/fire-and-rescue/fire-museum)

At the museum, visitors can view photos from the Great Fire of 1901, which destroyed 2,368 buildings in the downtown area. Visitors can also see a restored 1902 American LaFrance horse-drawn fire engine and a working 1926 American LaFrance fire engine. Currently, the museum is closed but will be re-opening soon.

**Karpeles Manuscript Library**

101 W. 1st St., Jacksonville

[www.rain.org/~karpeles/jaxfrm.php](http://www.rain.org/~karpeles/jaxfrm.php)

One of only a few Karpeles Museums in the nation, the Jacksonville location works to preserve historic writings and artwork.

**Merrill House Museum**

315 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville

[www.jaxhistory.org/merrill-museum-house-tours](http://www.jaxhistory.org/merrill-museum-house-tours)

Operated by the Jacksonville Historical Society, this museum depicts life in Jacksonville at the turn of the 20th century.

**Ritz Theatre and Museum**

829 N. Davis St., Jacksonville

[www.ritzjacksonville.com](http://www.ritzjacksonville.com)

This museum honors the era from the 1920s to the 1960s in LaVilla, a.k.a. the "Harlem of the South." Learn about Jacksonville-native brothers James Weldon Johnson and John Rosamond Johnson who wrote *Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing*, which is now referred to as the African American National Anthem.

**Veterans Memorial Wall**

1145 E. Adams St., Jacksonville

[www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net)

This outdoor memorial honors more than 1,700 brave veterans from all military branches. The memorial is the largest of its kind and covers fallen heroes from World War I all the way to the War on Terror.

**NASSAU COUNTY**

**Amelia Island Lighthouse**

215 O'Hagan Ln., Fernandina Beach

[www.fbfl.us](http://www.fbfl.us)

Built in 1838, Florida's oldest lighthouse stands as a cherished beacon and historic site. It is the only lighthouse from the Territorial Period that has survived without major rebuilding.

**Museum of Science & History (MOSH)**

1025 Museum Cir., Jacksonville

[www.themosh.org](http://www.themosh.org)

For years, the MOSH has been inspiring the love of science and history in the First Coast with the wondrous Bryan-Gooding Planetarium, exciting exhibits and educational programs.

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**Amelia Island Museum of History**

233 S. 3rd St., Fernandina Beach  
[www.ameliamuseum.org](http://www.ameliamuseum.org)

This museum was Florida's first "spoken history museum," and offers a variety of tours for all ages.

**American Beach Museum**

1600 Julia St., Fernandina Beach  
[www.americanbeachmuseum.org](http://www.americanbeachmuseum.org)

Get a glimpse inside the lives of the African Americans who lived and played at this historic beach during the Jim Crow era.

**Fernandina Beach Marine Welcome Center & Shrimping Museum**

17 S. Front St., Fernandina Beach  
[www.fbsmwc.org](http://www.fbsmwc.org)

Shrimp fans are invited to learn about the history of Fernandina Beach's lucrative shrimping industry in this one-of-a-kind museum.

**Fernandina Plaza Historic State Park**

Estrada St., Fernandina Beach  
[www.floridastateparks.org](http://www.floridastateparks.org)

Fort San Carlos once stood at this site, a fort dating back to the 1800s built to defend the Spanish colonial town of Fernandina and included a battery of three cannons.

**The French staked their claim on Amelia Island in 1562 but it wasn't until 1821 that the U.S. took control of the region. During that time, Amelia Island was occupied by the British, the Confederacy, Patriots, a Scotsman and a Mexican pirate named Louis Aury, in addition to French and Spanish colonizers. The frequent identity changes led to Amelia Island's nickname, "Isle of 8 Flags."**

**Fort Clinch State Park**

2601 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach  
[www.floridastateparks.org/fortclinch](http://www.floridastateparks.org/fortclinch)

One of the best preserved Civil-War-era forts in the country, visitors to Fort Clinch State Park can enjoy reenactments, camping and hiking.

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY****Castillo de San Marcos National Monument**

1 S. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine  
[www.nps.gov/casa](http://www.nps.gov/casa)

Known simply as "the fort" by many, the Castillo de San Marcos is the oldest masonry fort in the U.S. and was built to protect and defend Spain's claims on the New World. Get a peek inside the past through the monument's exhibits, historical weapons demonstrations, living history reenactments and special events.

**Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine**

38 Cathedral Pl., St. Augustine  
[www.thefirstparish.org](http://www.thefirstparish.org)

When Don Pedro Menéndez de Avilés landed in present day St. Augustine, Father Francisco López de Mendoza Grajales presented Menéndez with a cross to kiss. Cathedral Basilica was built in the plaza to keep the city's spiritual origins alive and remember this occasion.



Lightner Museum, photo by Stephanie Marty



Fort Matanzas, photos by Stephanie Marty

**Colonial Quarter**

33 St. George St., St. Augustine  
[www.colonialquarter.com](http://www.colonialquarter.com)

Explore 500 years of European history in St. Augustine and get a glimpse of colonial life through the quarter's demonstrations and reenactments. Climb the 35-foot watchtower to get unparalleled views of Castillo de San Marcos.

**Flagler's Legacy**

59 St. George St., St. Augustine  
[legacy.flagler.edu](http://legacy.flagler.edu)

Tours of Flagler College highlight the Spanish Renaissance-style architecture of the former Hotel Ponce de León, which is listed as a National Historic Landmark and was built by millionaire developer Henry Flagler in 1888.

**Fort Matanzas National Monument**

8635 A1A S., St. Augustine  
[www.nps.gov/foma](http://www.nps.gov/foma)

Constructed on the Matanzas Inlet to protect against the British, visitors to this well-preserved Spanish fort can watch reenactments and learn about the many battles fought at the Matanzas Inlet, including the slaughter of the French Huguenots. This 1565 battle earned the preserve its name, which goes by the Spanish translation rather than Slaughters Inlet.

**Fort Mose Historic State Park**

15 Fort Mose Trl., St. Augustine  
[www.floridastateparks.org/park/fort-mose](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/fort-mose)

The first legally sanctioned free African American settlement, this Spanish fort was a sanctuary for escaping English slavery. The museum in the visitor center educates visitors about the site's historical significance in the U.S.

**Lightner Museum**

75 King St., St. Augustine  
[www.lightnermuseum.org](http://www.lightnermuseum.org)

Established in 1887 by Henry Flagler as the Hotel Alcazar, this Spanish Renaissance-style museum now houses beautiful relics of America's Gilded Age. Chicago publisher Otto C. Lightner opened the building as a museum in 1948 with his own collection of priceless memorabilia such as Tiffany glass, fine art paintings, furniture, sculptures and more.

**Oldest Wooden School House**

**Historic Museum & Gardens**  
 14 St. George St., St. Augustine  
[www.oldestwoodenschoolhouse.com](http://www.oldestwoodenschoolhouse.com)

Constructed by hand, the Oldest Wooden Schoolhouse dates back to the early 18th century and depicts the daily life of colonial school children with textbooks and school supplies from that time period.

**St. Augustine History Museum**

167 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine  
[www.trolleytours.com/st-augustine/history-museum](http://www.trolleytours.com/st-augustine/history-museum)

Consisting of several galleries that tell a different aspect of St. Augustine's rich history including the Spanish period and the contributions of Henry Flagler.

**St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum**

81 Lighthouse Ave., St. Augustine  
[www.staugustinelighthouse.com](http://www.staugustinelighthouse.com)

Built in 1874, this iconic white and black lighthouse stands 165 feet above sea level. Visitors taller than 44 inches can climb to the top and walk out on the observation deck.

**St. Augustine Old Jail & Oldest Store Museum**

167 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine  
[www.trolleytours.com/st-augustine](http://www.trolleytours.com/st-augustine)

In addition to housing inmates, the old jail was the site of the sheriff's home and an ominous set of gallows. The Oldest Store Museum re-creates the original St. Augustine general store from the turn of the century.

**St. Augustine Pirate & Treasure Museum**

12 S. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine  
[www.thepiratemuseum.com](http://www.thepiratemuseum.com)

Plunder through Pat Croce's collection of more than 800 pirate artifacts that will transport you back in time to the Golden Age of Piracy.

**Villa Zorayda Museum**

83 King St., St. Augustine  
[www.villazorayda.com](http://www.villazorayda.com)

Built in 1883, Villa Zorayda launched the Moorish Spanish revival of architecture seen throughout the city today. Inspired by the Alhambra Palace in Granada, Spain, the villa contains luxurious interior details and historical antiques.



Aleazar Pool Cafe, photo by Stephanie Marty

## Visit These Other Notable St. Augustine Historical Sites and Museums for a Day of Fun!

### **Father Miguel O'Reilly House Museum**

32 Aviles St., St. Augustine  
[www.oreillyhouse.org](http://www.oreillyhouse.org)

### **Government House Museum**

48 King St., St. Augustine  
[www.staugustine.ufl.edu/govHouse.html](http://www.staugustine.ufl.edu/govHouse.html)

### **Lincolnville Museum and Cultural Center**

102 M L King Ave., St. Augustine  
[www.lincolnvillemuseum.org](http://www.lincolnvillemuseum.org)

### **Mission Nombre de Dios**

27 Ocean Ave., St. Augustine  
[www.missionandshrine.org](http://www.missionandshrine.org)

### **Oldest House Museum Complex**

14 St. Francis St., St. Augustine  
[www.saintaugustinehistoricalsociety.org/oldest-house-museum-complex](http://www.saintaugustinehistoricalsociety.org/oldest-house-museum-complex)

### **Peña-Peck House, The**

143 St. George St., St. Augustine  
[www.penapeckhouse.com](http://www.penapeckhouse.com)

### **Spanish Military Hospital Museum**

3 Aviles St., St. Augustine  
[www.spanishmilitaryhospital.com](http://www.spanishmilitaryhospital.com)

### **St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine**

41 St. George St., St. Augustine  
[www.stphotios.com](http://www.stphotios.com)

### **Ximenez-Fatio House Museum**

20 Aviles St., St. Augustine  
[www.ximenezfatiohouse.org](http://www.ximenezfatiohouse.org)



Monarch Studio at the Crisp-Elliott Art Museum, photo by Jina Moon

## First Coast Art Scene: **ART MUSEUMS & EVENTS**

**Vibrant and enriching artwork can be found right here in our own backyard! Not only is the First Coast home to large museums that feature renowned international, national and local artists, but there are also many privately-owned galleries and murals all over Northeast Florida. If you're looking for a special piece of artwork to spruce up your own space, look no further than a local art gallery or a local art walk. For art enthusiasts and novices alike, the First Coast art scene is sure to inspire.**

**DUVAL-NORTH**

**Alexander Brest Museum & Gallery**

Jacksonville University  
2800 University Blvd. N., Phillips Fine Arts Bldg., Jacksonville  
www.ju.edu

Peruse this diverse collection of captivating displays, relics and rare pieces of art in ceramics, paintings, carved ivory, prints and sculptures at this intriguing JU museum.

**DUVAL-WEST**

**CoRK Arts District**

2689 Rosselle St., Jacksonville  
http://corkartsdistrict.com

Deriving its name from corner of Rosselle and King, CoRK consists of warehouses that have been transformed into 80,000 square feet of art studios, galleries and production space. CoRK is not open to the public daily, but visitors are invited attend one of CoRK's events or book an appointment.

**Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens**

829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville  
www.cummermuseum.org

The First Coast's largest fine arts museum holds more than 5,000 works of art in its permanent collection. After walking through the museum, take a stroll through the lush green gardens adorned with fountains, arbors and sculptures.

**Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) Jacksonville**

333 N. Laura St., Jacksonville  
mocajacksonville.unf.edu

Visitors to downtown Jacksonville's beloved MOCA can view nearly 1,000 pieces of modern visual art in the museum's permanent gallery. MOCA is one of the largest contemporary art museums in the Southeast.

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

**Crisp-Ellert Art Museum**

48 Sevilla St., St. Augustine  
www.flagler.edu

Flagler College's own contemporary art museum showcases artwork from local, national and international artists and hosts numerous exhibitions and several community programs.

**Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, The**

50 Executive Way, Ponte Vedra Beach  
www.ccpvb.org

The Cultural Center gives the Ponte Vedra community the opportunity to experience the arts through their educational programs, classes, events, workshops and exhibits. The center also plans to build a new 15,000-square-foot center on A1A.

**St. Augustine Art Association**

22 Marine St., St. Augustine  
www.staaa.org

The epicenter of the St. Augustine art community, the St. Augustine Art Association brings extraordinary artwork to St. Johns County through juried exhibits and a permanent collection.

# Check Out These Art Walks and Festivals!

**Artrageous Artwalk**

Downtown Fernandina Beach  
www.islandart.org/artrageous-artwalk  
*Second Saturday of the month*

**First Friday Artwalk**

St. Augustine  
www.artgalleriesofstaugustine.com/  
first-friday-artwalk  
*First Friday of the month*

**First Wednesday Art Walk**

Downtown Jacksonville  
www.jacksonvilleartwalk.com  
*First Wednesday of the month*

**Jax Beach Artwalk**

First St. from Beach Blvd. to Fifth Ave. N.  
www.betterjaxbeach.com/jax-beach-art-walk.html  
*Second Tuesday of the Month*

**Mandarin Art Festival**

Mandarin Community Club  
12447 Mandarin Rd., Jacksonville  
www.mandarinartfestival.org  
*Every Easter weekend*

**North Beaches Art Walk**

Beaches Town Center  
Atlantic Blvd. and First St., Neptune Beach  
www.nbaw.org  
*Third Thursday of each month*

**Riverside Arts Market**

715 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville  
www.riversideavondale.org/ram-home  
*Every Saturday*

**San Marco Art Festival**

Balis Park  
1999 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville  
*Thanksgiving weekend*

**St. Augustine Festival of Art**

Francis Field  
25 W. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine  
www.staaa.org/festival  
*Thanksgiving weekend*

Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, photo by Tom Smaligagic



Monarch Studio at the Crisp-Ellert Art Museum, photo by Kheili Huffman



# THE SHOW MUST GO ON!

## Entertainment on the First Coast



Entertainment venues in Jacksonville, photo courtesy of the City of Jacksonville

**For a night of nonstop entertainment, the First Coast has so much to choose from! Our top-notch performing arts venues feature everything from Broadway plays and musicals to variety shows and comedians. Head to local venues such as VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, Daily's Place or the Amp St. Augustine for an unforgettable show close to home.**

### CLAY COUNTY

#### Thrasher-Horne Center

283 College Dr., Orange Park  
[www.thcenter.org](http://www.thcenter.org)

Thrasher-Horne hosts a wide variety of exciting theater, dance and musical performances.

### DUVAL-BEACHES

#### Beaches Fine Arts Series

416 12th Ave. N., Jacksonville Beach  
[www.beachesfinearts.org](http://www.beachesfinearts.org)

Beaches Fine Art Series offers the community world-class musical and dance performances, from classical music to jazz and everything in between.

### SeaWalk Pavilion

75 1st St. N., Jacksonville Beach  
[www.jacksonvillebeach.org](http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org)

A hub for Jacksonville Beach events, this outdoor amphitheater offers beachside concerts, festivals and movie screenings.

### DUVAL-NORTH

#### Florida Ballet, The

10131 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.floridaballet.org](http://www.floridaballet.org)

With dazzling classical ballet performances, such as the annual presentation of *The Nutcracker*, this ballet company brings world-class dance to the First Coast.

**Linda Berry Stein College of Fine Arts  
Performing Arts Series**

2800 University Blvd. N., Jacksonville  
[www.ju.edu/cfa](http://www.ju.edu/cfa)  
 JU's performing arts series showcases a wide variety of world-class dance performances, theatrical productions and concerts.

**DUVAL-SOUTH****Alhambra Theatre & Dining**

12000 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.alhambrajax.com](http://www.alhambrajax.com)  
 Experience a gourmet dinner and an exciting theatrical show at the nation's longest continuously operating professional dinner theater.

**Comedy Zone, The**

3130 Hartley Rd., Jacksonville  
[www.comedyzone.com](http://www.comedyzone.com)  
 For a laughter-filled evening, head to The Comedy Zone in Mandarin to see hilarious stand-up comedians.

**Morocco Shrine**

3800 St. Johns Bluff Rd. S., Jacksonville  
[www.moroccoshrine.org](http://www.moroccoshrine.org)  
 Morocco Shrine offers the First Coast with family-friendly events such as circuses, trade shows and exhibitions.

**Nathan H. Wilson Center for the Arts**

11901 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.fscj.edu/campuses/south-campus/nathan-h-wilson-center-for-the-arts](http://www.fscj.edu/campuses/south-campus/nathan-h-wilson-center-for-the-arts)  
 The center's illuminating performances include a wide range of genres such as opera and dance, as well as multidisciplinary productions that fuse visual art, music, theater and the humanities.

**University of North Florida (UNF) Fine Arts Center**

1 UNF Dr., Bldg. 45, Jacksonville  
[www.unf.edu/fineartscenter](http://www.unf.edu/fineartscenter)  
 The UNF Fine Arts Center presents enriching concerts, dance performances, dramas and operas from international, national and local artists and groups to the First Coast.

**DUVAL-WEST****Daily's Place**

1 Daily's Pl., Jacksonville  
[www.dailysplace.com](http://www.dailysplace.com)  
 Rock out to your favorite musical artist at this downtown amphitheater. Connected to the south end of TIAA Bank Field, Daily's Place seats 5,500 concertgoers.

**Florida Theatre**

128 E. Forsyth St., Ste. 300, Jacksonville  
[www.floridatheatre.com](http://www.floridatheatre.com)  
 Hosting 200 events annually, the Florida Theatre continues to bring remarkable concerts, comedians, dance performances and more to the First Coast.

**Friday Musicale**

645 Oak St., Jacksonville  
[www.fridaymusicale.com](http://www.fridaymusicale.com)  
 The oldest musical organization in the state, Friday Musicale has held a variety of fine musical concerts in an intimate setting since 1890.

**FSCJ Artist Series, The**

501 W. State St., Ste. 109, Jacksonville  
[www.artistseriesjax.org](http://www.artistseriesjax.org)  
 The First Coast's premier source for professional Broadway shows, the Artist Series also hosts concerts, international dance, international opera, family and variety shows.

**Jacksonville Symphony**

300 Water St., Ste. 200, Jacksonville  
[www.jaxsymphony.org](http://www.jaxsymphony.org)  
 As one of the nation's top regional orchestras, the Jacksonville Symphony has enchanted First Coast audiences with a variety of orchestral performances for 70 years.

**Metropolitan Park**

4110 Gator Bowl Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net)  
 This spacious riverfront park hosts several outdoor concerts, festivals and events.

**Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center**

1000 Water St., Jacksonville  
[www.primefosborn.com](http://www.primefosborn.com)  
 This convention center provides a historic setting for conventions, trade shows and more in this former train terminal.

**Riverside Fine Arts**

1100 Stockton St., Jacksonville  
[www.riversidefinearts.org](http://www.riversidefinearts.org)  
 First Coast residents can hear world-class musical performances from award-winning musicians at this fine arts association.

**Times-Union Center for the  
Performing Arts**

300 Water St., Jacksonville  
[www.timesunioncenter.com](http://www.timesunioncenter.com)  
 Set alongside our beautiful river, the performing arts center brings the best Broadway, comedy, ballet, concert, and symphony performances to Jacksonville.

**The First Coast is the best place to rock out!  
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 artists such as Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Allman  
 Brothers Band and 38 Special.**



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## Community Theaters on the First Coast

### 5 & Dime: A Theatre Company, The

112 E. Adams St., Jacksonville  
www.the5anddime.org

### All Beaches Experimental Theatre

544 Atlantic Blvd., Neptune Beach  
www.abettheatre.com

### Amelia Community Theatre

207/209 Cedar St., Fernandina Beach  
www.ameliacommunitytheatre.org

### Limelight Theatre

11 Old Mission Ave., St. Augustine  
www.limelight-theatre.org

### Orange Park Community Theatre

2900 Moody Ave., Orange Park  
www.opct.info

### Players by the Sea

106 6th St. N., Jacksonville Beach  
www.playersbythesea.org

### Theatre Jacksonville

2032 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville  
www.theatrejax.com

### VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena

300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd.,  
Jacksonville  
www.jaxarena.com

From top-notch concerts from popular musicians to sporting events, there is always something exciting happening at the arena.

### ST. JOHNS COUNTY

#### Amp St. Augustine, The

1340C A1A S., St. Augustine  
www.staugamphitheatre.com

The Amp brings chart-topping artists such as ZZ Top, Zac Brown Band and Weezer to the nation's oldest city.

#### EMMA Concert Association

14 Granada St., St. Augustine  
www.emmaconcerts.com

This association provides the Old City with local and international orchestras, dance, and quality musical performances in partnership with Flagler College.

#### First Coast Opera

St. Augustine  
www.firstcoastopera.com

As the only opera company in the five-county area, the First Coast Opera presents astounding vocal performances in several locations around St. Augustine.

#### Ponte Vedra Concert Hall

1050 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach  
www.pvconcerthall.com

First Coast residents can see popular musicians and other performing artists at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall located in the heart of Ponte Vedra Beach.

Jersey Boys, photo courtesy of FSCJ Artist Series



## Independent Theaters and Movie Houses

### Corazon Cinema and Café, The

36 Granada St., St. Augustine  
www.corazoncinemaandcafe.com

### San Marco Theatre

1996 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville  
www.sanmarcotheatre.com

### Sun-Ray Cinema

1028 Park St., Jacksonville  
www.sunraycinema.com



San Marco Theatre, photo courtesy of the City of Jacksonville



**FIRST  
COAST  
FUN**

# Attractions



Marineland, photo by Julie Fletcher courtesy of Visit Florida

**When most people envision the First Coast, our beautiful beaches and dazzling rivers are probably the first to come to mind, but our area is home to numerous attractions for a day of unforgettable fun.**

**DUVAL-BEACHES**

**Adventure Landing**

1944 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach  
4825 Blanding Blvd., Jacksonville  
2780 SR 16, St. Augustine  
www.adventurelanding.com

With batting cages, arcades, go-karts, laser tag, miniature golf and waterpark at the Jacksonville Beach location, Adventure Landing locations offer a day of fun for First Coast families.

**DUVAL-NORTH**

**Catty Shack Ranch Wildlife Sanctuary**

1860 Starratt Rd., Jacksonville  
www.cattyshack.org

Get up close and personal with tigers, lions, cougars and bobcats during a daytime tour or nighttime feeding at the Catty Shack.



**The Catty Shack Ranch provides a safe environment for endangered big cats by rescuing them from dangerous situations.**



Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, photo by Stephanie Marty

**Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens**

370 Zoo Pkwy., Jacksonville  
www.jacksonvillezoo.org

Your safari adventure awaits you at the zoo, which is home to more than 2,000 rare and exotic animals and boasts the largest botanical garden in Northeast Florida.

**DUVAL-SOUTH**

**Autobahn Indoor Speedway**

6601 Executive Park Ct. N., Jacksonville  
www.autobahnspeed.com

The largest indoor karting facility in Florida, Autobahn Indoor Speedway is an 80,000-square-foot racetrack that has two unique Grand Prix-style tracks and modern high-speed Italian karts that reach speeds of 50 mph.



iFly, photo by Stephanie Marty



Adventure Landing, photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville

**Marineland Dolphin Adventure**

9600 Oceanshore Blvd., St. Augustine  
[www.marineland.net](http://www.marineland.net)

Experience the excitement of the ocean at Marineland where visitors can swim and interact with Atlantic bottlenose dolphins through several programs and packages.

**Potter's Wax Museum**

31 Orange St., St. Augustine  
[www.potterswax.com](http://www.potterswax.com)

The country's first established wax museum, this unique St. Augustine attraction displays more than 160 realistic wax sculptures of movie stars, athletes, musicians, authors, political figures and scientists.

**iFly Jacksonville**

10579 Brightman Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.iflyworld.com/Jacksonville](http://www.iflyworld.com/Jacksonville)  
 Thrill seekers can experience skydiving with iFly's vertical wind tunnel technology that safely simulates the feeling of skydiving without any planes, parachutes or jumping!

**Main Event Jacksonville**

10370 Philips Hwy., Jacksonville  
[www.mainevent.com](http://www.mainevent.com)  
 There's never a dull moment at Main Event, with bowling, mini golf, laser tag, karaoke, gravity ropes, rock walls, and much more.

**TopGolf Jacksonville**

10531 Brightman Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.topgolf.com/us/jacksonville](http://www.topgolf.com/us/jacksonville)  
 For more information about TopGolf, see our Golf section on page 178.

**NASSAU COUNTY****White Oak**

581705 White Oak Rd., Yulee  
[www.whiteoakwildlife.org](http://www.whiteoakwildlife.org)  
 Take a walk on the wild side on one of White Oak's expert-led conservation tours where you can see animals such as rhinoceroses, cheetahs, antelope, zebras, and the rare giraffe relative okapi.

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY****Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park**

11 Magnolia Ave., St. Augustine  
[www.fountainofyouthflorida.com](http://www.fountainofyouthflorida.com)  
 Take a step back in time at this historical attraction where you can learn about Juan Ponce de León and the Spanish settlers who came to the New World searching for the legendary Fountain of Youth in 1513.



Topgolf, photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville

**Ripley's Believe It or Not!**

19 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine  
[www.ripleys.com/staugustine](http://www.ripleys.com/staugustine)  
Showcasing Robert L. Ripley's collection of more than 800 curious artifacts, the "Odditorium" at Ripley's features shrunken heads, a spinning vortex and the world's smallest production car.

**St. Augustine Alligator Farm**

**Zoological Park**

999 Anastasia Blvd., St. Augustine  
[www.alligatorfarm.com](http://www.alligatorfarm.com)  
Embark on an adventure at one of Florida's oldest continuously running attractions. The Alligator Farm is home to every species of crocodilian and numerous other birds, reptiles and more. Guests can also zip line across seven acres through the treetops above the park.

**St. Augustine Aquarium**

2045 SR 16, St. Augustine  
[www.saaquarium.com](http://www.saaquarium.com)  
Experience the wonders of the ocean at this aquarium, where guests can feed sharks and stingrays, snorkel, and zipline above the aquarium.

**St. Augustine Wild Reserve**

5190 Farm Creek Rd., St. Augustine  
[www.staugustinewildreserve.org](http://www.staugustinewildreserve.org)  
Housing more than 50 large mammals such as lions, tigers and wolves, this nonprofit animal reserve rescues unwanted exotic animals and offers private tours.

**World Golf Hall of Fame IMAX® Theater**

1 World Golf Pl., St. Augustine  
[www.worldgolfimax.com](http://www.worldgolfimax.com)  
Catch a flick at the IMAX Theater located in World Golf Village, which boasts a 3D digital screen—the largest in North Florida at 80 feet wide and 50 feet high.

# Bounce Around at these First Coast Trampoline Parks!

**Bravoz Entertainment Center**

14985 Old St. Augustine Rd., Jacksonville  
[www.bravoz.com](http://www.bravoz.com)

**Flight Fit N Fun**

7022 AC Skinner Pkwy., Ste. 200, Jacksonville  
[www.flightfitnfun.com](http://www.flightfitnfun.com)

**Get Air**

1564 Park Ave., Orange Park  
[www.getairsports.com](http://www.getairsports.com)

**Jumpstreet**

1210 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach  
[www.gotjump.com](http://www.gotjump.com)

**Urban Air Adventure Park**

9950 Southside Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.urbanairtrampolinepark.com](http://www.urbanairtrampolinepark.com)

St. Augustine Aquarium, image provided by FloridasHistoricCoast.com



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Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp game, photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville

**With a bunch of great teams and fun events, sports lovers will never find themselves without a team to root for or game to attend.**

**DUVAL-NORTH**

**Florida State College at Jacksonville BlueWave**

4501 Capper Rd. (North Campus), Jacksonville  
11901 Beach Blvd. (South Campus), Jacksonville  
www.gobluewave.com

Part of the Florida College System Activities Association and the National Junior College Athletic Association, the FSCJ BlueWave is comprised of five competitive teams for men and women.

**Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament**

[July 13-18, 2020]  
Jim King Park and Boat Ramp at Sisters Creek  
8203 Heckscher Dr., Jacksonville  
www.kingfishtournament.com  
A tradition for the First Coast, this week-long competition is one of the largest kingfish tournaments in the Southeast and draws in fishers of all ages.

**Jacksonville University (JU) Dolphins**

2800 University Blvd. N., Jacksonville  
www.judolphins.com  
“Dare to be bold” and check out one of the 18 teams at JU. Whether it’s baseball, basketball or soccer, you’re sure to have a great time.

**DUVAL-SOUTH**

**Jacksonville Armada Football Club**

1 UNF Dr., Jacksonville  
www.jacksonvillearmada.com  
Since 2015, the Armada have garnered a passionate following as the area’s only professional soccer team. They recently competed in the NPSL Sunshine Conference Playoffs.

**Jacksonville Axemen Rugby League**

1 UNF Dr., Jacksonville  
www.jaxaxe.com  
One of the most successful rugby league football clubs in the country, the Axemen give their all on the pitch and recently won their second consecutive USA Rugby League South Conference championship.

**Jacksonville Ice & Sportsplex**

3605 Philips Hwy., Jacksonville  
www.jaxiceandsportsplex.com  
Get your skates on and glide at the NHL regulation-sized rink or enjoy any of the other recreational activities the Sportsplex offers on their indoor courts and multi-purpose turf area.

**Jacksonville Roller Derby**

Skate Station Funworks Mandarin  
3461 Kori Rd., Jacksonville  
www.jacksonvillrollerderby.com  
Made up of more than 70 skaters and six teams, the women of the roller derby league have acquired a reputation for playing hard and hitting harder.

**Kona Skatepark**

8739 Kona Ave., Jacksonville  
www.konaskatepark.com  
As the longest surviving private skate park in the world, Kona has become a sanctuary for skaters of all levels looking to hone their skills or compete for prize money.

**University of North Florida (UNF) Ospreys**

1 UNF Dr., Jacksonville  
www.unfospreys.com  
Join the Swoop Squad and cheer for our beloved UNF Ospreys, who compete in NCAA Division I athletics with multiple teams for both men and women.

**DUVAL-WEST**

**Edward Waters College (EWC) Tigers**

1658 Kings Rd., Jacksonville  
www.ewctigerpride.com  
As fierce as the jungle cat they’re named after, EWC is home to several intercollegiate teams for men and women, plus a coed cheerleading team.

**Florida-Georgia Football Classic**

[Oct. 31, 2020]  
TIAA Bank Field  
1 TIAA Bank Field Dr., Jacksonville  
www.flgajax.com  
Since 1933, this more than 100-year-old rivalry has been pitting Florida Gator and Georgia Bulldog fans against each



**Jacksonville Jaguars**  
National Football League  
TIAA Bank Field  
Established: 1995  
Division Championships: 3

**Jacksonville Sharks**  
National Arena League  
VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena  
Established: 2009  
League Championships: 3

**Jacksonville Armada FC**  
North American Soccer League/  
National Premier Soccer League  
Hodges Stadium  
Established: 2013

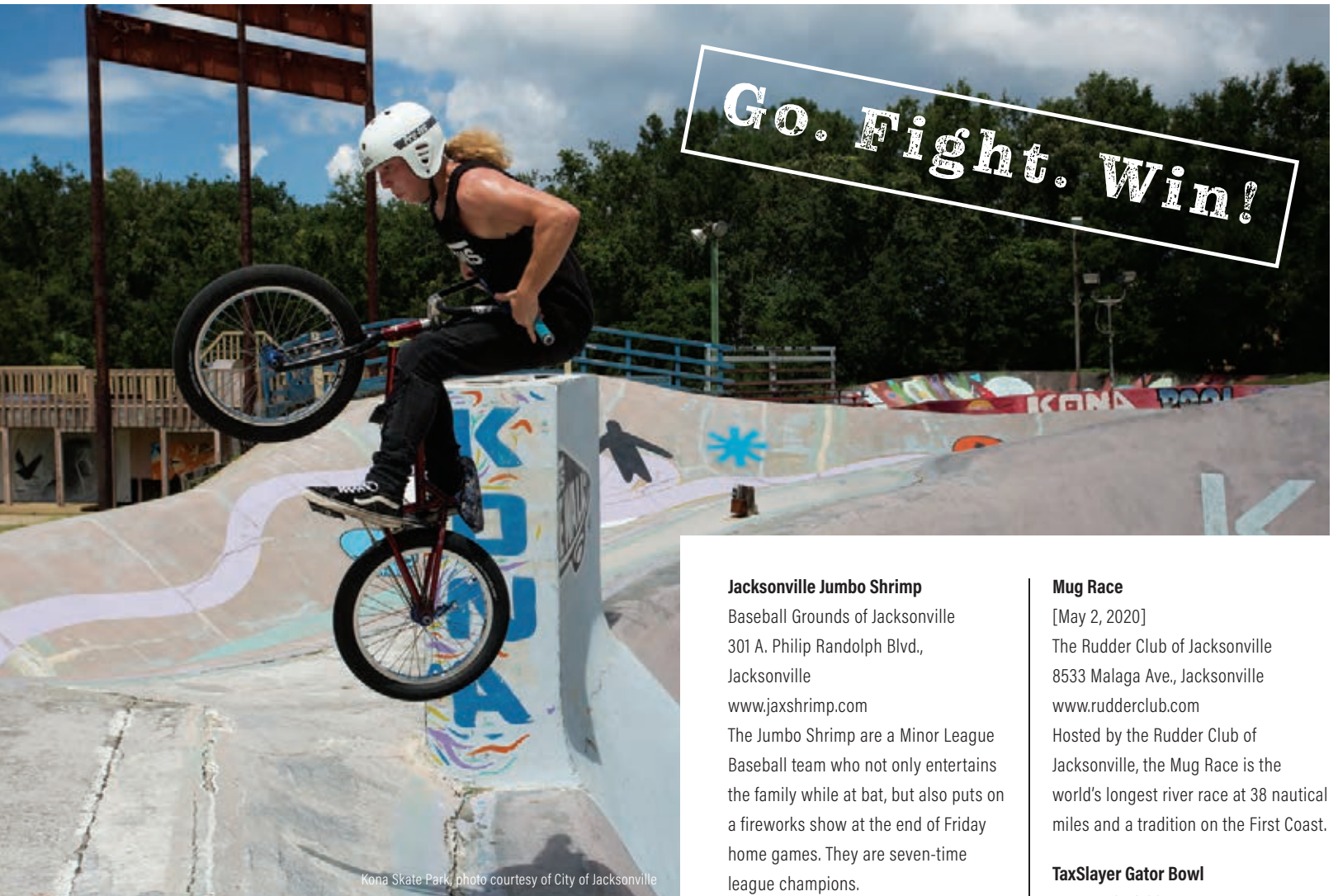
**Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp**  
Minor League Baseball  
Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville  
Established: 1962  
League Championships: 7

**Jacksonville Giants**  
American Basketball Association  
VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena  
Established: 2010  
League Championships: 6

**Jacksonville Icemen**  
ECHL (formerly the East Coast Hockey  
League)  
VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena  
Established: 1992

**Jacksonville Axemen**  
USA Rugby League  
University of North Florida North  
Practice  
Soccer Fields  
Established: 2006  
League Championships: 3

**In 2018, the Jaguars installed the Pet Paradise Park, the first stadium dog park in existence.**



Kona Skate Park, photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville

other in Jacksonville for an intense, football-filled week that leads up to the big game.

**Jacksonville Equestrian Center**

13611 Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.jaxequestriancenter.com](http://www.jaxequestriancenter.com)  
 For equestrians on the First Coast, the Jacksonville Equestrian Center is a premier facility for equine shows, with grounds for horseback riding, hiking, biking and other outdoor activities.

**Jacksonville Giants**

VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena  
 300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.jacksonvillegiants.com](http://www.jacksonvillegiants.com)  
 For years, the Jacksonville Giants have continued to annihilate competitors, proving hard work pays off with their six American Basketball Association National Championship wins.

**Jacksonville Icemen**

VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena  
 300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.jacksonvilleicemen.com](http://www.jacksonvilleicemen.com)  
 For nearly 30 years, Jacksonville has been home to an East Coast Hockey League team that wows fans with their quick skating and nimble puck handling.

**Jacksonville Jaguars**

TIAA Bank Field  
 1 TIAA Bank Field Dr., Jacksonville  
[www.jaguars.com](http://www.jaguars.com)  
 As Jacksonville's own NFL team, the Jaguars have made themselves a staple of the First Coast with some of the most loyal fans you'll ever find. The Jaguars have seven playoff appearances and have won three division championships.

Go. Fight. Win!

**Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp**

Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville  
 301 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.jaxshrimp.com](http://www.jaxshrimp.com)  
 The Jumbo Shrimp are a Minor League Baseball team who not only entertains the family while at bat, but also puts on a fireworks show at the end of Friday home games. They are seven-time league champions.

**Jacksonville Sharks**

VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena  
 300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.jaxsharks.com](http://www.jaxsharks.com)  
 The Sharks are an arena football team who recently reclaimed the championship title for the National Arena League Championship in 2019.

**Mug Race**

[May 2, 2020]  
 The Rudder Club of Jacksonville  
 8533 Malaga Ave., Jacksonville  
[www.rudderclub.com](http://www.rudderclub.com)  
 Hosted by the Rudder Club of Jacksonville, the Mug Race is the world's longest river race at 38 nautical miles and a tradition on the First Coast.

**TaxSlayer Gator Bowl**

TIAA Bank Field  
 1 TIAA Bank Field Dr., Jacksonville  
[www.taxslayergatorbowl.com](http://www.taxslayergatorbowl.com)  
 The TaxSlayer Gator Bowl is one of the oldest college football bowl games in the nation, entertaining football fans for 75 years and counting.



TIAA Bank Field, photo by Stephanie Marty



# Walks, Runs, and Rides



## **26.2 With DONNA the National Marathon to Finish Breast Cancer**

[www.breastcancermarathon.com](http://www.breastcancermarathon.com)  
Named one of the "Seven Marathons Worth the Trip" by CNN, The DONNA Marathon is a weekend-long event full of runs and everything pink. Each year, proceeds from the event benefit The DONNA Foundation and Mayo Clinic in an effort to find a cure for breast cancer. If you needed even more reason to participate, the race is also a Boston Marathon qualifier.

## **Ameris Bank Jacksonville Marathon, Half Marathon & 5K**

[www.amerisbank.com/jacksonville-marathon](http://www.amerisbank.com/jacksonville-marathon)  
Immerse yourself in the beauty of Jacksonville while running a marathon, half-marathon or 5K. This race is the oldest in Jacksonville and takes runners through Mandarin and along the St. Johns River. Qualifying runners are eligible for the next two Boston Marathons.

## **Down Syndrome Association of Jacksonville Buddy Walk**

[www.dsaj.org](http://www.dsaj.org)  
This annual one-mile walk along Jacksonville Beach works with local and national organizations and programs to provide awareness and education about Down syndrome. Afterwards, keep the party going by enjoying the carnival games, rides, live music and local food trucks.

## **Fight for Air Climb**

[www.lung.org](http://www.lung.org)  
Head on up for one of the most unique charity walks on the First Coast. Each year the American Lung Association hosts a climb up a Jacksonville skyscraper to raise money and honor those affected by lung disease.

## **Gate River Run**

[www.1stplacesports.com](http://www.1stplacesports.com)  
Each year, many residents from the First Coast participate in the largest 15K in the nation. Not excluding runners who prefer shorter distances,

there is also the *Florida Times-Union* 5K for Charity, Brooks Rehabilitation Challenge Mile, and for the little ones, the Junior River Run 1 Mile or the Diaper Dash.

## **Katie Ride for Life**

[www.katiecoples.org](http://www.katiecoples.org)  
The Katie Ride for Life raises funds and awareness for the more than 125,000 people who need an organ transplant. The cycling and walking events offer courses of varying distances on Amelia Island so everyone can participate.

## **Light the Night Walk**

[www.lightthenight.org/ncfl](http://www.lightthenight.org/ncfl)  
Light the night with illuminated balloons to honor those touched by cancer. This Leukemia & Lymphoma Society event raises funds for cancer treatments and research.

## **Never Quit 5K and 10K**

[www.neverquitnever.com](http://www.neverquitnever.com)  
Embrace a "never quit" attitude and participate in this Jacksonville Beach event created to educate the community on avoiding brain bleeds, stroke and heart disease through healthy life choices.

## **St. Augustine Half Marathon**

[www.active.com/st-augustine-fl/running/distance-running-races/st-augustine-half-marathon-2019](http://www.active.com/st-augustine-fl/running/distance-running-races/st-augustine-half-marathon-2019)  
With a focus on family bonding and unity, the St. Augustine Half Marathon wants to give families the chance to exercise and enjoy the oldest city together. A kids' race, 5K and 10K options are offered in addition to the half marathon.

## **Walk For Wishes**

[www.wish.org](http://www.wish.org)  
Enjoy a day at Metropolitan Park and help raise funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and celebrate the more than 300,000 wishes previously granted.

# Taking a Swing: Golf on the First Coast



THE PLAYERS Championship, photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville

**With brilliant blue skies and sunny days, it's no wonder that golf is a major pastime on the First Coast. Everywhere you go there are courses galore and each year, our lovely area hosts multiple championship events. For just a smidge of all the golf First Coast has to offer, take a look below.**

## Events

Each year, the First Coast plays host to two major golf competitions. Arguably the most anticipated tournament on the PGA TOUR, **THE PLAYERS Championship** draws in golf fanatics to the Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass, one of the best courses in the nation. For five days in March it's all golf, all the time while fans watch golfers compete for the largest purse available. Every September, golfers flock to the picturesque Atlantic Beach Country Club for the **Web.com Tour Championship**. This competition identifies future players who are ready to compete in the big leagues.

## For Your Entertainment

Located near the St. Johns Town Center, **TopGolf** has become one of the most popular places for date nights and friendly get togethers. Rent one of their bays and hit a few balls while you enjoy fares from their tasty menu or grab a drink after dinner. Whether it's during the day or late at night, everyone is sure to have a great time!

Take a walk through golf history at the **World Golf Hall of Fame** at World Golf Village in St. Augustine. Each year, there are different special exhibits, including one for that year's Hall of Fame inductees, which makes multiple trips to the museum a must. Along with the special exhibits, golf fans can walk through the Trophy Tower and Wall of Fame or test their skills at the world-renowned Golf Simulator.

If you're looking for something a little more relaxed and kid-friendly, there are numerous miniature golf courses along the First Coast. Whether it's overlooking a koi pond or near a blue waterfall, the family is sure to have a great time.

With three locations, **Adventure Landing** is a First Coast staple for children and adults alike. The Jacksonville Beach and Blanding locations offer two 18-hole courses and the St. Augustine location has one. When the weather is a little gray, head to **Main Event Jacksonville** and check out their indoor, glow-in-the-dark courses, each with a unique theme. The **Batt Family Fun Center** off Cassat Avenue is home to one of the most unique golf experiences on the First Coast. Enjoy a round of Krazie golf where everything is glow in the dark and you can add 3D glasses to up the

fun. For over 60 years, **Putt-Putt of Amelia Island** has been entertaining families with their "competition" style 36-hole course perfect for any level of golfer. The nautically themed **Heron's Cove Adventure Golf** is a great place for Amelia Island residents to enjoy a round of golf while being shaded by a canopy of live oaks. Walk across bridges and through tunnels in Fernandina Beach to experience the 18 and a half holes and gorgeous waterfalls of **Island Falls Adventure Golf**. For over 30 years, **Anastasia Miniature Golf** has been a staple for St. Augustine residents and visitors. While making your way through the course, take a moment to enjoy the Japanese koi pond and lush tropical landscape. On the coast of St. Augustine, the **Fiesta Falls Mini Golf** offers up a gorgeous view and an amazing location to head straight to the beach after a round.

# 2020 HOME SCHEDULE

	<b>APRIL 25</b>
	<b>MAY 2</b>
	<b>MAY 16</b>
	<b>MAY 30</b>
	<b>JUNE 6</b>
	<b>JUNE 27</b>
	<b>JULY 18</b>

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**JAXSHARKS.COM**





## Top 10 Public Courses

1. Bent Creek Golf Course
2. Eagle Harbor Golf Club
3. Eagle Landing Golf Club
4. Golf Club at North Hampton, The
5. Queen's Harbour Yacht & Country Club
6. St. Johns Golf & Country Club
7. TPC Sawgrass (Dye's Valley)
8. TPC Sawgrass (The Players Stadium)
9. World Golf Village (King & Bear)
10. World Golf Village (Slammer & Squire)

## Top 10 Private Courses

1. Atlantic Beach Country Club
2. Deercreek Country Club
3. Deerwood Country Club
4. Hidden Hills Country Club
5. Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort (Long Point)
6. Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort (Oak Marsh)
7. Palencia Club, The
8. Ponte Vedra Inn & Club (Lagoon)
9. Ponte Vedra Inn & Club (Ocean)
10. Sawgrass Country Club

The Clubhouse at TPC Sawgrass, image provided by FloridasHistoricCoast.com



# Watersports

With gorgeous beaches and waterways galore, the First Coast is a prime spot for watersports of all kinds. Take advantage of the amazing weather and sunshine and spend the day on the boat with friends. Or use those muscles and enjoy some paddle boarding or kayaking along the river or intracoastal.



Photo by Stephanie Marty

## Fishing

Where there's a body of water, you can be sure that there will be someone fishing. There are many opportunities for different types of fishing including: off-shore, inshore/flats, bottom/reef and charter fishing. Many places in the area will either rent a boat to patrons or take you out themselves for a day of fishy fun. Or for a more casual experience, check out one of our piers or take to the shores.

A large orange circular graphic with the text "Fish of the First Coast" written in white, curved letters along the top edge. Inside the circle, seven different fish species are illustrated in profile, each with a black label underneath. The fish are: Catfish (top left), Cobia (top right), Trout (middle left), Bluefish (middle right), Spanish Mackerel (bottom left), Sailfish (bottom right), and Snapper (bottom center). The background of the graphic is white.



Photo by Stephanie Marty

## Boating

Whether it's the river, ocean or intracoastal, boats can be seen far and wide. Relax on deck or attach some water skis or a wakeboard to practice some sick tricks. Check out the First Coast's boat rental opportunities for a day of fun in the sun.

**Surf, Boogie or Skim Boarding**

The waves of the Atlantic are versatile, allowing beachgoers of all ages and skill level to enjoy all the activities they have to offer. Pick up a surf, boogie or skim board and ride those waves all day long.



## Paddle Sports

Paddle sports are increasing in popularity on the First Coast. Kayaks, paddleboards and canoes can be found gliding along the St. Johns or the intracoastal.



Photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville



## Jet Skis

Enjoy the wind in your hair and water on your face while on the back of a jet ski. There are several rental locations in the area so you can get out and have fun.



St. Johns Town Center, photo by Stephanie Marty

# Shopping:

## FIRST COAST RETAIL THERAPY

**The First Coast is the best place to treat yourself to some retail therapy! Our many shopping centers have everything you could ever want and more. Whether you're looking for a haute couture handbag, fine antiques or a gift from the department store, the First Coast shopping scene has got you covered.**

### CLAY COUNTY

For those living in Clay County, incredible shopping centers are just down the road, so no need to travel far. Shoppers in the area have plenty of options such as the **Orange Park Mall** on Wells Road and various **Fleming Island Shopping Centers**.

### DUVAL COUNTY

No matter where you are in Duval, everyone's retail needs can be met with the wide selection of shopping malls and plazas. Nestled in the heart of Atlantic and Neptune beach communities, the **Beaches Town Center** allows shoppers to enjoy the sea breeze while meandering through trendy shops and boutiques.

On the Southside, everyone can get their retail fix at Northeast Florida's premier indoor shopping mall **The Avenues**. Close by is the **St. Johns Town Center**, the premier retail destination on the First Coast. This open-air shopping center attracts shoppers from all over the Southeast and has something for every need and budget. Not to be outdone by the **St. Johns Town Center**, **The Markets at Town Center** is home to several popular retailers.

In Jacksonville's hip San Marco neighborhood, **San Marco Square** has some of the best one-of-a-kind boutiques on the First Coast. In the boho Riverside neighborhood of **Five Points** is a trendy shopping district where you will find fashionable clothes, unique accessories or something for your four-legged friend. Take a stroll along the quaint, tree-lined St. Johns Avenue in Jacksonville's historic Avondale neighborhood while perusing the locally owned stores at **The Shoppes of Avondale**. For the Westside and Orange Park communities, **Oakleaf Town Center** is a convenient retail center that has everything shoppers can need right in their own backyard. Up on the Northside near Jacksonville International Airport, **River City Marketplace** is a large shopping complex that attracts shoppers from all over the First Coast.

**NASSAU COUNTY**

The First Coast's northernmost county is home to two amazing shopping areas, **Centre Street** and **The Shops of Amelia Island Plantation**. For those living in or visiting Amelia Island and Fernandina Beach, wander through the local boutiques and shops to find one-of-a-kind pieces for your closet or unique home decor.

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

St. Johns County is truly a shopper's paradise, with plenty of shopping centers to choose from. In Ponte Vedra Beach, shoppers at **Sawgrass Village** can soak up the sun while browsing through the lakefront outdoor shopping center that is home to upscale boutiques and shops. Just minutes from Nocatee's delightful neighborhood villages lies the **Nocatee Town**



Mod + Mkt photo by Stephanie Marty



Photo by Dawna Moore Photography, courtesy of Amelia Island Tourist Development Council



Chamblin's Updown, photo by Stephanie Marty



Photo courtesy of Amelia Island Tourist Development Council

***Forbes***  
**ranked**  
**Jacksonville**  
**as the**  
**ninth best**  
**shopping city**  
**in the U.S.!**

## All-Natural and Organic Grocery Stores

### Grassroots Natural Market

2007 Park St., Jacksonville

### Grassroots Natural Market II

1915 East West Pkwy., Ste. 1,  
Fleming Island

### Sprouts Farmer's Market

4873 Town Center Pkwy., Jacksonville

### The Fresh Market

12795 San Jose Blvd., Ste. 1, Jacksonville  
13493 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville  
150 Riverside Ave., Ste. 200, Jacksonville  
1960 East West Pkwy., Ste. 100,  
Fleming Island  
840 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach

### Trader Joe's

11112 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville  
4180 S. 3rd St., Jacksonville Beach

### Whole Foods Market

10601 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville

Center, with many popular stores and restaurants just minutes away from residential homes. One of the largest development projects in northern St. Johns County, the new **Pavilion at Durbin Park** provides convenient shopping and dining opportunities for St. Johns County residents. Many stores are already open with more to follow. Once complete, the Durbin Park shopping area will be the largest in Northeast Florida.

For shoppers looking to score a deal, the **St. Augustine Outlets** and **St. Augustine Premium Outlets** compete with the best shopping venues in Northeast Florida by carrying some of the best designer names available at a fraction of the cost. In St. Augustine's historic district, shoppers will find many treasures along the historic cobblestone **St. George Street**, a thoroughfare only open to pedestrian traffic that stretches about four blocks.



Avonlea Antique Mall, photo by Stephanie Marty



Photo by Stephanie Marty



# First Coast Food Scene: A Foodie's Paradise!



Cowford Chophouse, photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville

**The First Coast food scene is bursting with flavor! Whatever type of cuisine you crave, you'll surely find something to satisfy your taste buds. The First Coast's diversity is evident in the numerous types of cuisines available to us. Adventurous foodies will relish in the vast array of eateries from cultures all over the world. From Southern fare and barbecue, to Mexican and Japanese dishes, the First Coast offers it all! Your food journey would not be complete without trying some seafood, with many restaurants serving up the First Coast's famous Mayport shrimp. There are also many innovative fusion concepts that take influences from several cultures to make something completely unique and unexpected.**

No matter what side of town you're on, you're never far away from an excellent eatery. Whether you are looking for a romantic evening for two, to chow down on some comfort food, or simply just want to try something new, these First Coast restaurants will certainly make your mouth water.

*Bon appétit!*



Meehan's Irish Pub & Seafood House, image provided by FloridaHistoricCoast.com

 **American**

**Ill Forks**  
Southside

**29 South**  
Fernandina Beach

**10/Six Grille**  
Downtown

**bb's restaurant and bar**  
San Marco

**Blackstone Grille**  
Fruit Cove

**Bread and Board, The**  
Five Points

**ChopHouse Thirteen**  
Mandarin

**Cowford Chophouse**  
Downtown

**Eleven South**  
Jacksonville Beach

**Grumpy's Restaurant**  
Orange Park

**Good Dough**  
San Marco

**Hilltop, The**  
Orange Park

**Jax Beach Brunch Haus**  
Jacksonville Beach

**M Shack**  
Atlantic Beach, Nocatee, Town Center

**Matthew's Restaurant**  
San Marco

**Metro Diner**  
Jacksonville Beach, Mandarin, Orange Park, Ortega, Ponte Vedra Beach, San Marco, Southside, St. Augustine



Pepper's Cocina, photo courtesy of Clay County Tourist Development Council

**Mini Bar Donuts**

Jacksonville Beach

**Nona Blue Tavern**

Ponte Vedra Beach

**Prohibition Kitchen**

St. Augustine

**Restaurant Doro**

Neptune Beach

**Salt**

Amelia Island

**True Food Kitchen**

Town Center



**Barbecue**

**4 Rivers Smokehouse**

Orange Park, Southside

**Mojo No. 4**

Avondale

**Monroe's Smokehouse Bar-B-Q**

Southside, Westside



**French**

**Bistro AIX**

San Marco

**Orsay**

Avondale

**Rue Saint Marc**

San Marco



**Italian/Pizza**

**Barrique Kitchen & Wine Bar**

Avondale

**Caffe Andiamo**

Ponte Vedra

**Taverna**

San Marco

**V Pizza**

Fleming Island, Jacksonville Beach,  
Mandarin, Ponte Vedra, San Marco



**Japanese**

**Crane Ramen**

Five Points

**Domu**

Town Center

**Kazu Japanese Restaurant**

Mandarin



**Mexican**

**Burrito Gallery**

Downtown, Jacksonville Beach,  
Riverside, Town Center

**Cantina Louie**

Atlantic Beach, Fernandina Beach,  
Ponte Vedra Beach, Southside, St.  
Augustine

**El Jefe**

Westside

**Flying Iguana Taqueria  
& Tequila Bar**

Atlantic Beach



Cantina Louie, photo by Stephanie Marty



S'mores Waffle at Grumpy's in Orange Park, photo courtesy of Clay County Tourist Development Council

Maple Street Biscuit Company, photo courtesy of Visit Florida



**Pepper's Cocina Mexicana & Tequila Bar**  
Amelia Island, Fleming Island

**TacoLu**  
Jacksonville Beach

 **Pan-Asian**

**Blue Bamboo**  
Southside

**Hawkers Asian Street Fare**  
Five Points

 **Seafood**

**Aqua Grill**  
Ponte Vedra Beach

**Azurea at One Ocean**  
Atlantic Beach

**Blue Fish, The**  
Avondale

**Catch 27**  
St. Augustine

**Fish Company, The**  
Atlantic Beach



Mini Bar-Donuts, photo by Monica Gutos



**Marker 32**  
Intracoastal

**North Beach Fish Camp**  
Atlantic Beach

**Safe Harbor Restaurant**  
Jacksonville Beach, Mayport

**Timoti's Seafood Shak**  
Fernandina Beach, Five Points, Nocatee

 **Southern**

**Bellwether**  
Downtown

**Coop303**  
Atlantic Beach

**Copeland's of New Orleans**  
Southside

**Floridian, The**  
St. Augustine

**Ida Claire**  
Town Center

**Maple Street Biscuit Company**  
Baymeadows, Fleming Island, Jacksonville Beach, Julington Creek, Murray Hill, San Marco, St. Augustine

**South Kitchen & Spirits**  
Nocatee

**Town Hall**  
San Marco

**Treyler Park**  
Nocatee

 **Spanish**

**Michael's**  
St. Augustine

 **Thai**

**Blue Orchid Thai**  
Southside

**Indochine**  
Downtown



Florida Cracker Kitchen, photo by Stephanie Marty



Good Dough, photo by Jessica Henderson on Unsplash

## Pet-Friendly Restaurants

The First Coast has plenty of restaurants that allow you to bring Fido along to sit with you on their patio. Even though non-service animals are generally not allowed inside restaurants, most places with an outdoor seating area allow dogs, but always check with the restaurant to be safe. Here are a few tried and true spots that welcome four-legged customers.

**Barley Republic**  
St. Augustine

**Pussers Caribbean Grille**  
Ponte Vedra Beach

**Bearded Pig, The**  
San Marco

**River City Brewing Company**  
Southbank

**Brick Restaurant**  
Avondale

**Uptown Kitchen & Bar**  
Springfield

**Carmine's Pie House**  
Riverside

**Wicked Barley**  
Baymeadows

**Florida Cracker Kitchen**  
Intracoastal

## First Coast Food Trucks

- Great for foodies on the go, our food trucks dish out everything from burgers and grilled cheese to Latin fusion, sushi and much more.
- Food trucks also gather at weekly art walks, festivals and other special events. To find a food truck near you, visit [foodtruckfinderusa.com/jacksonville-food-truck-schedule](http://foodtruckfinderusa.com/jacksonville-food-truck-schedule)
- For those working or living in Downtown Jacksonville and looking to grab a weekday bite, check out: The Court Urban Food Park at 17 N. Hogan St.



Florida Cracker Kitchen, photo by Stephanie Marty

**The First Coast is home to more than 100 food trucks!**

# Outdoor Dining With a View



Whitey's Fish Camp, photo courtesy of Clay County Tourist Development Council

Having the opportunity to dine al fresco is one of the many perks of living on First Coast. Not only does our beautiful weather allow for eating outdoors, having the breathtaking sights of beaches, waterways and the cityscape perfectly complements the dining experience. Eat fresh seafood while enjoying unparalleled views of the ocean or gaze upon the Jacksonville skyline and St. Johns River on a rooftop terrace at one of our many trendy eateries.

## Ocean Views

### Casa Marina Restaurant

Jacksonville Beach

### Joe's Crab Shack

Jacksonville Beach

### Salt Life Seafood Shack

Fernandina Beach, St. Augustine

### Sliders Seaside Grill

Fernandina Beach

### South Beach Grill

Crescent Beach

### The Reef

Vilano Beach

## Intracoastal Waterway Views

### Cap's on The Water

St. Augustine

### Marker 32

Intracoastal

### Mavi Waterfront Bar & Grill

Jacksonville Beach

### Safe Harbor Seafood Restaurant

Jacksonville Beach

## River Views

### Aunt Kate's

St. Augustine

### Brett's Waterway Café

Fernandina Beach

### Clark's Fish Camp

Julington Creek

### Julington Creek Fish Camp

Julington Creek

### Meehan's Irish Pub & Seafood House

St. Augustine

### Palms Fish Camp

Northside



Clark's Fish Camp, photo by Stephanie Mary

### River City Brewing Company

Southbank

### Safe Harbor Seafood Market & Restaurant

Mayport

### Sandollar Restaurant & Marina

Northside

### Whitey's Fish Camp

Fleming Island

## City Views

### Black Sheep

Riverside

### Burrito Gallery - Brooklyn

Riverside

### Cowford Chophouse

Downtown

### River & Post

Riverside

**Amelia Island Coffee**

207 Centre St., Fernandina Beach  
 www.ameliaislandcoffee.com  
*Sip on: Ultimate Frozen Mocha*

**Bold Bean Coffee Roasters**

869 Stockton St., Ste. 1, Jacksonville  
 1905 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville  
 2400 S. 3rd St., Ste. 200, Jacksonville Beach  
 www.boldbeancoffee.com  
*Sip on: Vanilla Latte*

**Brass Tacks Coffee Co.**

4352-01 Southside Blvd., Jacksonville  
 www.brasstackscoffee.com  
*Sip on: Cortado*

**Coffee Grinder, The**

9834 Old Baymeadows Rd., Jacksonville  
 www.thecoffeegrinderjax.com  
*Sip on: Chocolate Mint Latte*

**DOS Coffee & Wine**

300 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine  
 www.dosbar.com  
*Sip on: Salted Caramel Macchiato*

**Kookaburra Coffee, The**

24 Cathedral Pl., St. Augustine  
 1835 US Hwy. 1 S., St. Augustine  
 4265 A1A S., St. Augustine  
 647 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine  
 76 Dockside Dr., Ste. 104, St. Augustine  
 www.thekookaburracoffee.com  
*Sip on: Honey Badger (latte with honey, cinnamon and vanilla)*

**Sippers Coffeehouse**

7643 Gate Pkwy., Ste. 101, Jacksonville  
 www.facebook.com/sipperscoffeehouse  
*Sip on: Caramel Macchiato*

**Social Grounds Coffee Company**

1712 N. Main St., Jacksonville  
 www.socialgroundscs.com  
*Sip on: Café Con Leche*

**Southern Grounds**

1671 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville  
 200 1st St., Neptune Beach  
 Coming Soon: Avondale location  
 www.southerngrounds.com  
*Sip on: Drip Coffee*

**Twisted Compass Brewing Company**

585 N. SR 13, Ste. 101, St. Johns  
 www.twistedcompassbrewing.com  
*Sip on: Twisted Drip*

**Urban Bean Coffeehouse Cafe, The**

2023 Park Ave., Orange Park  
 www.theurbanbeancoffeehouse.com  
*Sip on: Nitro Brew*

**Urban Grind Coffee Company**

45 W. Bay St., Jacksonville  
 50 N. Laura St., Jacksonville  
 www.urbangrind.coffee  
*Sip on: Iced Vanilla Latte*

**Vagabond Coffee Co.**

223 N. Hogan St., Jacksonville  
 934 Edgewood Ave. S., Jacksonville  
 www.vagabondcoffee.com  
*Sip on: Vanilla Latte*

**Witty Whisker Cat Cafe - Coming Soon**

St. Augustine  
 www.wittywhisker.com

**LOCAL  
 COFFEE  
 SHOPS ON  
 THE FIRST  
 COAST**



Locally owned and operated coffee shops and cafes have become a First Coast staple. They not only serve as a place to grab a quick coffee, but an environment to meet with friends, study or get some work done. If you're looking for something a little more elevated than a cup of black coffee, allow a local barista to craft a delicious caffeinated beverage for you. Sit back, relax and sip on a delicious cup of java!



Bold Bean in San Marco, photo by Wade Austin Ellis on Unsplash



The Kookaburra, photo by Monica Gutos



Photo by Ryan Ketterman, courtesy of Visit Jacksonville

**When the sun goes down, the First Coast comes to life! No matter where you are on the First Coast, the nightlife is always in full swing. Whether you are a beer aficionado, wine lover or more of a cocktail sipper, there are numerous places to go at the end of a long day or on the weekend. Choose from beachside tiki bars, swanky lounges, secret speakeasys, beloved neighborhood dives and everything in between. As you get to know your new home, visit any number of these local haunts and celebrate life on the coast.**



**Pete's Bar in Neptune Beach is featured prominently in John Grisham's novel *The Brethren*.**

Ice Plant, photo courtesy of Visit Florida



**CLAY COUNTY**

**Cheers Park Avenue**  
Orange Park

**Corner Pocket, The**  
Green Cove Springs

**Locals**  
Orange Park

**Mellow Mushroom**  
Fleming Island

**River House, The**  
Orange Park

**DUVAL-BEACHES**

**Brix Taphouse, The**  
Jacksonville Beach

**Flask & Cannon**  
Jacksonville Beach

**Hoptinger Bier Garden & Sausage House**  
Jacksonville Beach

**Lemon Bar, The**  
Neptune Beach

**Lynch's Irish Pub**  
Jacksonville Beach

**Mellow Mushroom**  
Jacksonville Beach

**Pete's Bar**  
Neptune Beach

**Ragtime Tavern**  
Atlantic Beach

**Ritz, The**  
Jacksonville Beach

**Shim Sham Room, The**  
Jacksonville Beach

**Surfer The Bar**  
Jacksonville Beach

**DUVAL-SOUTH**

**Beer:30**  
San Marco

**Grape & Grain Exchange, The**  
San Marco

**Mellow Mushroom**  
Southside

**Parlour, The**  
San Marco

**Sidecar**  
San Marco

**SMASH Ping Pong Bar & Restaurant**  
Southside

**DUVAL-NORTH**

**CopperTop Bar & Restaurant**  
Oceanway

**Mellow Mushroom**  
River City Marketplace

**DUVAL-WEST**

**1904 Music Hall**  
Downtown

**Birdies**  
Five Points

**Dos Gatos**  
Downtown

**Hoptinger Bier Garden & Sausage House**  
Five Points

**Keg & Coin**  
Riverside

**Loft, The**  
Riverside

**Marah Brewing Company**  
Five Points

**Mellow Mushroom**  
Avondale

**Phoenix Bar & Bowling, The**  
Westside

**Rain Dogs**  
Five Points

**Rec Room**  
Five Points

**Rouge**  
Riverside

**Volstead, The**  
Downtown

**NASSAU COUNTY**

**Hammerhead Beach Bar**  
Fernandina Beach

**Palace Saloon**  
Fernandina Beach

**Sheffield's at the Palace**  
Fernandina Beach

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

**Auggie's Draft Room**  
St. Augustine

**Bar With No Name, The**  
St. Augustine

**Chatsworth Pub, The**  
St. Augustine

# Pet-Friendly Bars

**Bayard Rooster, The**  
Bartram Park

**Brewz**  
Atlantic Beach, Bartram Park, Riverside

**Bull & Crown Publick House**  
St. Augustine

**Garage, The**  
Riverside

**Harp's American Pub & Grill**  
Westside

**Kanine Social**  
Riverside

**Kickbacks Gastropub**  
Riverside

**Town Beer Co.**  
Westside



Mellow Mushroom, photo by Stephanie Marty

St. Augustine Distillery, photo by Stacy Hilton courtesy of Visit Florida



Photo by Ryan Ketterman, courtesy of Visit Jacksonville



## Tour and Sample these First Coast Wineries and Distilleries

**Fionn MacCool's**

Ponte Vedra

**Ice Plant**

St. Augustine

**Mulligan's Pub**

Ponte Vedra Beach

**Odd Birds**

St. Augustine

**Scarlett O'Hara's**

St. Augustine

**Stogie's Cigar Bar**

St. Augustine

**Tini Martini Bar**

St. Augustine

**City Gate Spirits**

11 St. George St., St. Augustine

[www.citygatespirits.com](http://www.citygatespirits.com)

**Four Fathers Distillery**

2917 Borden St., Jacksonville

[www.fourfathersdistillery.com](http://www.fourfathersdistillery.com)

**Manifest Distilling**

960 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville

[www.manifestdistilling.com](http://www.manifestdistilling.com)

**Marlin & Barrel**

115 S. Second St., Fernandina Beach

[www.marlinbarrel.com](http://www.marlinbarrel.com)

**St. Augustine Distillery**

112 Riberia St., St. Augustine

[www.staugustinedistillery.com](http://www.staugustinedistillery.com)

**San Sebastian Winery**

157 King St., St. Augustine

[www.sansebastianwinery.com](http://www.sansebastianwinery.com)

# First Coast Breweries

The First Coast has become a haven for craft beer lovers! Our local breweries serve up a wide range of innovative beer creations for those looking to sample some tasty brews. From Fernandina Beach to St. Augustine and everywhere in between, there is a friendly neighborhood brewery just around the corner. Cheers!



Aardwolf Brewing Company, photo by Ryan Ketterman, courtesy of Visit Jacksonville

## CLAY COUNTY

### Pinglehead Brewing Company

14B Blanding Blvd., Orange Park  
www.pinglehead.com

Try: *Imperial Red - Red Ale*

## DUVAL - BEACHES

### Atlantic Beach Brewing Company

725 Atlantic Blvd., Units 3 & 15,  
Atlantic Beach  
www.atlanticbeachbrewingcompany.com

Try: *Duality IPA*

### Engine 15 Brewing Co.

1500 Beach Blvd., Ste. 217,  
Jacksonville Beach  
http://engine15.com

Try: *J'Ville Lager*

### Green Room Brewing

228 3rd St. N., Jacksonville Beach  
www.greenroombrewing.com

Try: *Head High - IPA*

### Reve Brewing

1237 Mayport Rd., Atlantic Beach  
www.revebrewing.com

Try: *Feed Your Head - Hazy IPA*

### Ruby Beach Brewing

131 1st Ave. N., Jacksonville Beach  
www.rubybeachbrewing.com

Try: *Twin Finn - Pale Lager*

### Southern Swells Brewing Co.

1312 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach  
www.southernswells.com

Try: *Karate in the Garage - IPA*

## DUVAL - SOUTH

### Aardwolf Brewing Company

1461 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville  
www.aardwolfbrewing.com

Try: *B.P.A - Belgian Pale Ale*

### Bottlenose Brewing

9700 Deer Lake Ct., Ste. 1, Jacksonville  
www.bottlenosebrewing.com

Try: *Blueberry Lemon Shandy*

### Legacy Ale Works

14965 Old St. Augustine Rd., Ste. 129,  
Jacksonville  
www.legacyaleworks.com

Try: *Casper's Shadow - Pale Ale*

### Veterans United Craft Brewery

8999 Western Way, Ste. 104,  
Jacksonville  
www.vubrew.com

Try: *Raging Blonde - Blonde Ale*

### Wicked Barley Brewing Company

4100 Baymeadows Rd., Jacksonville  
www.wickedbarley.com

Try: *Left Leg Lager*

## DUVAL - WEST

### Bold City Brewery

109 E. Bay St., Jacksonville  
2670-7 Rosselle St., Jacksonville  
www.boldcitybrewery.com

Try: *Killer Whale Cream Ale*

### Engine 15 Brewing Co. - Downtown

633 Myrtle Ave. N., Jacksonville  
http://engine15.com

Try: *J'Ville Lager*

### Fishweir Brewing Company

1183 Edgewood Ave. S., Jacksonville  
www.fishweirbrewing.com

Try: *Lazy River Pilsner*

### Hyperion Brewing Co.

1740 N. Main St., Jacksonville  
www.hyperionbrewing.com

Try: *Phoebe's P.B. - Peanut Butter Porter*

### Intuition Ale Works

929 E. Bay St., Jacksonville  
www.intuitionaleworks.com

Try: *I-10 IPA*

### Main & Six Brewing Company

1636 N. Main St., Jacksonville  
www.mainandsixbrewing.com

Try: *Hubbard St. Stout*

### Strings Sports Brewery

1850 N. Main St., Jacksonville  
www.stringsportsbrewery.com

Try: *Birdie Holler - Belgian Wit*

## Tabula Rasa Brewing

2385 Corbett St., Jacksonville  
https://tabularasa.beer

Try: *The Tartanic Scottish Ale*

## NASSAU COUNTY

### Amelia Island Brewing Company

318 Centre St., Fernandina Beach  
www.theameliatavern.com/aibc

Try: *Sm'kn M'rtha Smoked Porter*

### SJ Brewing Company

463646 SR 200, Ste. 13, Yulee  
www.sjbrewingco.com

Try: *Nassau Red*

## ST. JOHNS COUNTY

### Ancient City Brewing

18 Cathedral Pl., St. Augustine  
3420 Agricultural Center Dr.,  
St. Augustine

www.ancientcitybrewing.com

Try: *Augustine's Orange Amber Ale*

### Bog Brewing Company

218 W. King St., St. Augustine  
www.bogbrewery.com

Try: *Leichtbier - German light lager*

### Dog Rose Brewing Co.

77 Bridge St., St. Augustine  
www.dogrosebrewing.com

Try: *Rhapsody in Red - American  
amber ale*

### Old Coast Ales Brewery

300 Anastasia Blvd., St. Augustine  
www.oldcoastales.com

Try: *Burt's Summer - American Wheat Ale*



# Festivals & Celebrations

**We have so much to celebrate on the First Coast, so come join us! Our many music festivals continue to put the First Coast on the map as a musical destination. During the fall and winter seasons, there are many festive celebrations to put you in the holiday spirit. No matter where you are on the First Coast, you'll find plenty of exciting gatherings with delicious food, electrifying entertainment and pure fun. We hope you enjoy your time in your new home!**

Sea and Sky Air Show, photo courtesy of the City of Jacksonville

**BAKER COUNTY**

**Battle of Olustee**

February  
[www.battleofolustee.org](http://www.battleofolustee.org)  
 Watch history come alive at this annual Civil War reenactment done to commemorate Florida's largest Civil War battle on Feb. 20, 1864. Hundreds of reenactors and spectators gather at Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park for this event each year. There are also arts and crafts, parades and more.

**CLAY COUNTY**

**Northeast Florida Scottish Games & Festival**

February  
[www.neflgames.com](http://www.neflgames.com)  
 Grab your kilt and head to this festival that celebrates Scottish heritage with traditional cuisine, music and Highland games. Events such as whisky tastings and the Kirkin' of the Tartan ceremony lead up to the festival.

**Town of Orange Park Fall Festival**

October  
[www.opfallfestival.com](http://www.opfallfestival.com)  
 For more than three decades, Clay County's most beloved festival is filled with fabulous food, entertainment, 200 arts and crafts vendors and activities for kids!

**DUVAL COUNTY**

**Community First Seawalk Music Festival**

February  
[www.communityfirstseawalkmusicfest.com](http://www.communityfirstseawalkmusicfest.com)  
 This seaside music festival in Jacksonville Beach attracts families from all over to get a taste of the local music scene along with plenty of food vendors. Don't forget to bring a lounge chair!

**Jacksonville Greek Festival**

February  
[www.jaxgreekfest.com](http://www.jaxgreekfest.com)  
 This celebration of Greek culture features authentic cuisine and music straight from Greece. Opa!

**World of Nations Celebration**

February/March  
[specialevents.coj.net](http://specialevents.coj.net)  
 Travel around the world at this annual multicultural festival in Metropolitan Park that features authentic food, arts and crafts, music, dance, and exhibitions that highlight the traditions and customs of different cultures from all over.

**Opening of the Beaches Parade**

April  
[www.jacksonvillebeach.org](http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org)  
 A Jacksonville Beach tradition for more than 70 years, this festive parade marks the official beginning of beachgoing season on the First Coast. There is also a sandcastle competition to get you in the spirit!

**Springing The Blues Festival**

April  
[www.springingtheblues.com](http://www.springingtheblues.com)  
 This festival is one of the world's finest blues events, with three days of local and regional blues musicians at the Seawalk Pavilion in Jacksonville Beach.

**Jacksonville Jazz Festival**

May  
[www.jacksonvillejazzfest.com](http://www.jacksonvillejazzfest.com)  
 Every Memorial Day weekend, downtown Jacksonville plays host to one of the largest jazz festivals in the country. Amateur artists and jazz legends perform at two outdoor stages.

**The CSI Companies Country Music Fest**

June  
[www.greatatlanticfestival.com](http://www.greatatlanticfestival.com)  
 For "beach, boots, bikinis and brews" head to Jacksonville Beach for this outdoor music festival that features performances from country bands, numerous food vendors and more.

**Sea and Sky Air Show**

October  
[www.jaxseaandsky.com](http://www.jaxseaandsky.com)  
 Witness thrilling aerial demonstrations from the famous U.S. Navy Blue Angels at this Jacksonville Beach event.

**Spooktacular**

October  
[www.jacksonvillezoo.org](http://www.jacksonvillezoo.org)  
 Perfect for the whole family, this not-so-spooky celebration features a number of fall festivities.

**Jacksonville Light Boat Parade**

November  
[specialevents.coj.net](http://specialevents.coj.net)  
 A First Coast holiday tradition for more than 30 years, residents and visitors gather along the north and south banks of the St. John River to see boats adorned with festive lights float along, all followed by a dazzling fireworks display.

**Deck The Chairs**

November/December  
[www.deckthechairs.org](http://www.deckthechairs.org)  
 This holiday light display unlike any other features more than 40 lifeguard chairs elaborately adorned with twinkling lights in Jacksonville Beach's Latham Plaza.

**NASSAU COUNTY**

**Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance**

March  
[www.ameliaconcours.org](http://www.ameliaconcours.org)  
 Now in its fourth decade, this legendary automotive event at the Ritz-Carlton in Amelia Island and the Golf Club of Amelia Island showcases more than 300 rare, vintage and classic automobiles as well as driving experiences, awards and a silent auction.

**Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival**

May  
[www.shrimpfestival.com](http://www.shrimpfestival.com)  
 A Fernandina Beach tradition for more than 50 years, this festival celebrates Amelia Island's unique history with a Pirate Parade, Blessing of the Fleet, a boat decoration contest, a 5K run, live music, arts, crafts and of course tons of delectable shrimp!

**Dickens on Centre**

December  
[www.ameliainland.com](http://www.ameliainland.com)  
 This holiday street festival transports visitors back in time to the Victorian era reminiscent of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, with costumed characters, holiday entertainment, Christmas carolers, and festive food and drink.

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

**St. Augustine Lions Seafood Festival**

March  
[www.lionsfestival.com](http://www.lionsfestival.com)  
 Each year more than 20,000 people flock to St. Augustine's oldest festival for delectable seafood, toe-tapping music and arts and crafts.

**Rhythm & Ribs**

April  
[www.rhythmndribs.net](http://www.rhythmndribs.net)  
 Voted St. Augustine's "Best Festival" for 12 years, Rhythm & Ribs attracts visitors from all over for live music from local and regional musicians, children's activities and mouthwatering barbecue.

**Nights of Lights**

November through January  
[www.floridashistoricoast.com/nights-lights](http://www.floridashistoricoast.com/nights-lights)  
 During the holiday season, historic St. Augustine becomes adorned with millions of sparkling, white lights. This beloved tradition includes special events such as parades, carriage tours, art walks and holiday concerts.



**Springing  
 The Blues  
 is the  
 largest free  
 oceanfront  
 blues  
 festival!**

Jacksonville Jazz Festival, photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville



Jacksonville Jazz Festival, photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville

St. Augustine Nights of Lights, image provided by FloridasHistoricCoast.com



Fireworks over Downtown Jacksonville, photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville



Jacksonville Jazz Festival, photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville



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