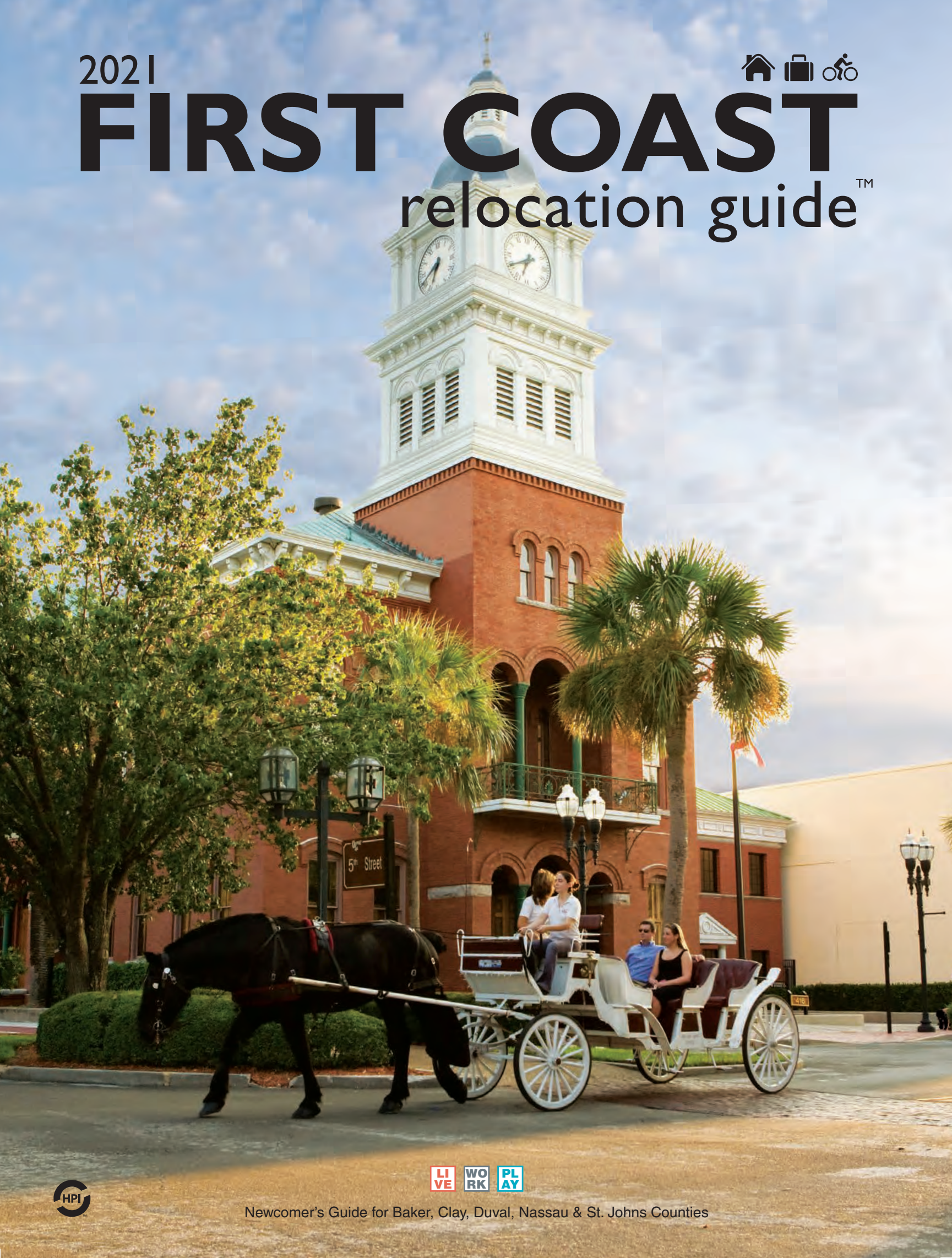


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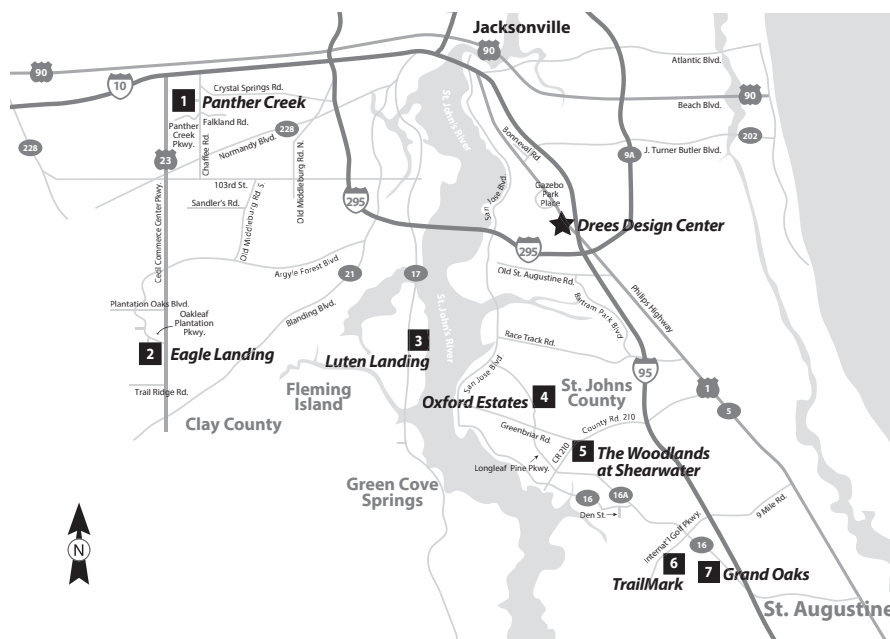
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something for everyone. There are many neighborhoods to explore each with their own unique feeling. Since moving here I have spent a lot of time exploring different areas of the First Coast. I love the outdoors, so I have discovered some amazing areas full of their own history and adventure from Amelia Island to Jacksonville to St. Augustine.

In Amelia Island, I have visited Fort Clinch State Park, which is known for its shark teeth, and enjoyed walking the beach in Big Talbot Island State Park, known for its gorgeous driftwood and rich coastal ecosystems. Jacksonville has the largest urban park system in the entire country with more than 80,000 acres and 337 locations, which is perfect for those looking for an adventure hiking, enjoying wildlife and gardens, and even arboretums.

If you want to travel to a unique spot on the First Coast that is brimming with history, St. Augustine is about 40 minutes from Jacksonville. Known as the "Nation's Oldest City" with iconic Spanish colonial architecture, charming cobblestone streets, historical landmarks and stunning beaches, you can go on a kayaking adventure, enjoy the history and beauty of the city, and end the evening with tasting tours featuring local cuisine and craft beer.

The food scene on the First Coast is a true melting pot from hole-in-the-wall eateries to elegant restaurants perfect for a date night on the water. I love that there is such a variety of flavors inspired from hearty southern comfort meals to delicious flavors of the coast with fresh seafood from the sea to your plate.

The First Coast is full of family fun for all ages. Did you know that you and the family could spend the day with a pirate in St. Augustine? Or you could take a walk into the Land of the Tiger and African Forest, two world-renowned exhibits found at the Jacksonville Zoo. The Museum of Science and History is another family favorite for my boys, where they can learn about coastal creatures of Northeast Florida or come face-to-face with amphibians, opossums and more in their native Florida exhibit.

While there has been much growth to the First Coast, the small-town feel is still easily seen throughout our variety of neighborhoods. I am so excited that you have decided to call the First Coast home!

# Note from the EDITOR

After moving to the First Coast about 10 years ago from the Midwest, I immediately saw how much people love Jacksonville. In a matter of minutes, you can go from a sprawling urban city to rural farmlands, which made me feel even more at home. Even in the last decade this area has grown into a booming city that has expanded its business, sports, entertainment, shopping and dining tremendously. In the last year, Jacksonville's population has grown to the point where it has made the number one spot for biggest gain in residents above cities

such as Sacramento, New York and Boston. Many new residential and commercial developments have begun to pop up to keep up with the population influx. With beautiful beaches a quick car ride away to soak up the sun and sand and a variety of local farm-to-table choices available, it is easy to see why so many people want to call the First Coast home.

For me, it seems like every day there is something new to discover on the First Coast. Whether you are looking for a day with the family or a night on the town, there is

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Settled on the Northeast corner of Florida, the First Coast is a gem of a city that truly has it all. From year-round enjoyable weather to its picturesque shores, the First Coast is the best place to Live, Work and Play! We have some of the top-rated health care facilities in the nation; an exceptional education system with personalized learning for all types of students; exciting sports teams and events; as well as a vibrant cultural and art community filled with museums, festivals, special events, music and more.

In the Live Section, we provide you with descriptions of many First Coast neighborhoods and master-planned communities. We dive into many of our First Coast counties including Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns. While focusing on many of our neighborhoods, we also have a comprehensive section with your go-to on apartment living and even the current real estate market. You will also find important information while settling into the area such as utility and

internet providers. We have a pet section for pet lovers, which gives information on local dog parks, pet-friendly beaches, doggy day cares and animal hospitals.

The Work Section provides comprehensive information on major First Coast industries including financial services, logistics and distribution, top employers, and an overview of the area's many successful businesses. You will also discover what makes Northeast Florida one of the fastest growing areas in the U.S. and the newest content to keep you up-to-date with the First Coast business sector.

Jacksonville is the largest city by area in the United States, covering approximately 840 square miles. As a new resident to the First Coast, you will want to have all the information about getting from point A to B. This includes covering new toll roads in the area and the many transportation services around the First Coast that make it a major logistics center.

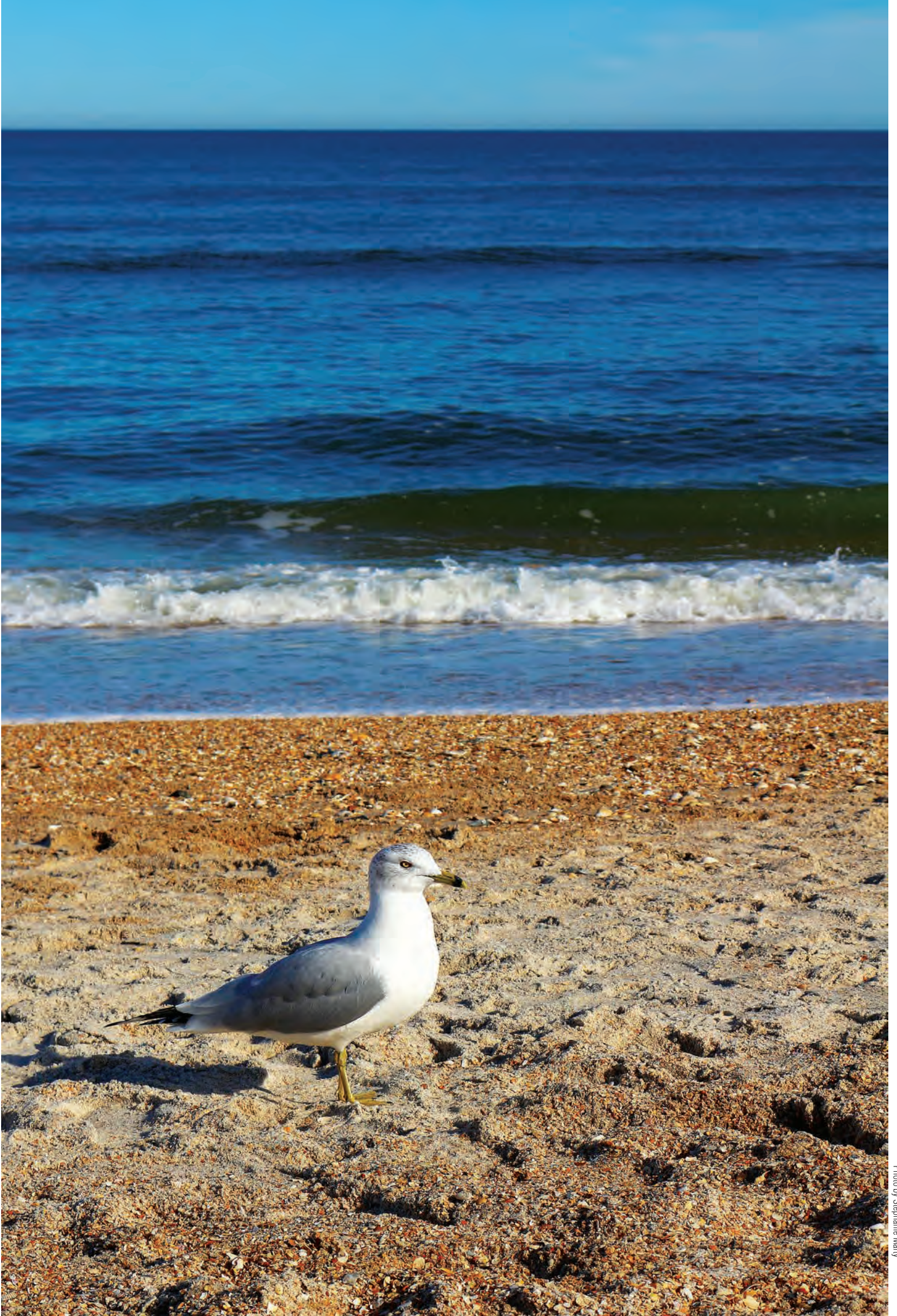
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In the Play Section, you will find everything there is to have fun on the First Coast! Our climate gives us enjoyable weather year-round, making it the perfect place for outdoor adventures. We have miles of beaches and coastline and the largest urban park system in the country, making it the ideal place for anyone who wants to enjoy the bustle of a vibrant city, but also wants to enjoy nature.

Besides outdoor fun, we have other endless entertainment opportunities. You will have no problem finding a thrilling concert or outdoor festival, heartening Broadway performance or action-packed professional sporting event. The First Coast is also full of booming dining scenes with restaurants headed by some of the most prestigious chefs as well as some unique culinary flavors. After your meal, check out the town and experience our bustling nightlife with unique bars and nightclubs.

We are so glad that you have chosen the First Coast as your new home. We hope the *First Coast Relocation Guide*™ helps connect you with everything that makes the First Coast an amazing place to Live, Work and Play!



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## *Reasons Why We Love the First Coast!*

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### Mighty Military

The First Coast has a strong military presence that has a significant impact on the region by employing thousands of active duty, reserve, and civilian men and women. Jacksonville is home to Naval Air Station Jacksonville, which is the largest Navy base in the Southeast. North of Atlantic Beach is Naval Station Mayport, which is home to the Navy's Fourth Fleet. Kings Bay Naval Base is about 45 minutes from Jacksonville in southeast Georgia. Marine Corps Blount Island Command and Camp Blanding Joint Training Center are also located here in the First Coast. For more information on our military see page 135.



### World Class Health Care

The First Coast is one of the biggest destinations for health care in Florida with some of the best health care providers and medical centers in the nation. Jacksonville is a prime location with easy access along major interstates and waterways, which has helped make the area flourish for health care. We have one of the three Mayo Clinics and MD Anderson Cancer Center as well as Baptist Health, Ascension St. Vincent's and UF Health. Residents in Jacksonville also have access to children's health care with Nemours Children's Specialty Care and Wolfson Children's Hospital. Right outside of Jacksonville, residents can receive top-notch care at Flagler Health+ in St. Augustine, affiliated with Flagler University, which has been a leader on studies in national health. To learn more about health care on the First Coast, see page 104.

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The First Coast is full of unique selection of neighborhoods each with a unique personality. Whether you are looking for a downtown loft, historic home, a community with new builds, a beachside cottage or rural farmhouse, your new home is here for you. There is a wide variety of styles and budgets available to help find your perfect home. You can find our list of neighborhoods starting on page 23.

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### Exhilarating Entertainment

We love to have fun on the First Coast, which can be seen by our many concert venues and performing arts centers including the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts, VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, and Daily's Place. Every year popular performers and recording artists grace the First Coast with their talent. For more entertainment options on the First Coast, see page 164.

### Picturesque Beaches

Jacksonville is a prime spot for beach lovers with miles of sandy beaches and scenic shoreline filled with the true beauty of nature. Our beaches are ideal for those looking to surf, fish, kayak, or simply enjoy a relaxing day on the beach. Sun and sand are main attractions of the beaches, but several of the beaches also offer a glimpse the area's history and culture. Find your perfect beach in our Beaches and Waterways section on page 149.



Jacksonville Jaguars, photo by Michael Foldger from Flickr



### Thrilling Sports

Here on the First Coast there's always a game to watch! The First Coast has just about any sport you could want! Whether you're looking to head to TIAA Bank Field to cheer on the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars, or stroll to VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena for an evening of hockey with the Jacksonville Icemen, or enjoy a baseball game with the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp, there is a sporting event for everyone. Annual events in Jacksonville include THE PLAYERS Championship, Florida-Georgia game and the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl. See our Sports section on page 171 for all of the great teams in our area.

### Delectable Dining

The First Coast food scene is a tantalizing fusion of casual elegance and classic southern comfort. You can sample cuisines from all over the world and find some of the best seafood on the East Coast! Whether you are looking for an upscale restaurant, casual café or quaint coffee shop, you're bound to find the perfect restaurant. On page 183 you can find our list of restaurants.



Photo courtesy of Florida's Historic Coast

### Unique Shopping

The First Coast offers shopping districts and options for any taste! The St. Johns Town Center has more than 150 retailers and is a premier shopping destination. For trendy, upscale and unique boutiques visit our historic neighborhoods. Jacksonville is also home to many farmers markets where you can browse homemade arts and crafts and shop from local area farms. Our shopping section starts on page 180 and will be your go-to resource for First Coast shopping.

We believe this publication will be your go-to for everything you need to know about living on the First Coast. We love living here, and we are excited for you to discover what you love about your new home and city. Before you know it, you will see why the First Coast is the best place to call home.



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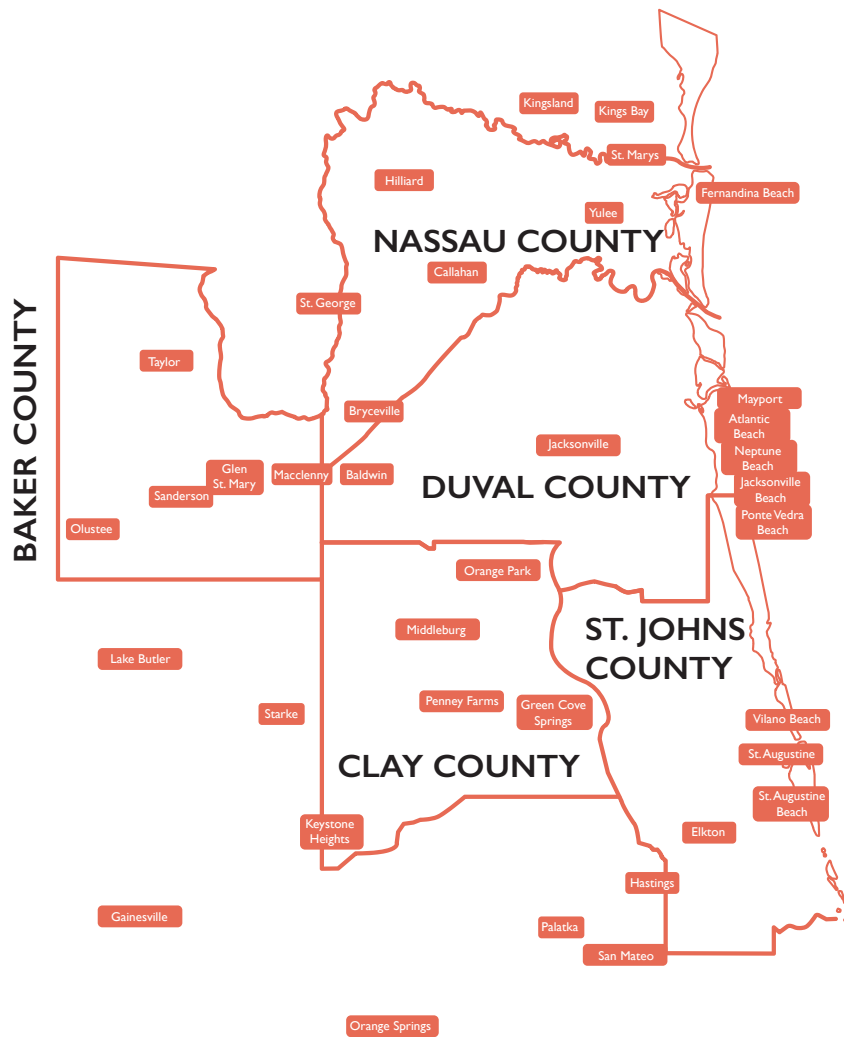
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living on the First Coast.**



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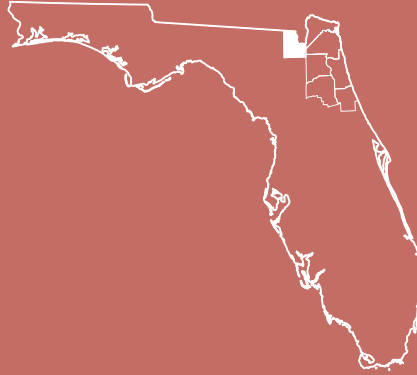


# Where to Hang Your Hat: Finding the Perfect Neighborhood



You're in luck when starting the search for your new home because the First Coast has a plethora of neighborhoods to explore for your perfect home. To help you navigate this large region, we have put together descriptions of many different neighborhoods in the five First Coast counties of Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns. Each of these areas has their own unique treasures whether you are looking for a brand new home in a master-planned community, a historic home on a gorgeous street lined by trees covered in Spanish moss, a luxury condominium, or a beach bungalow, there are many styles of homes to choose from.

# Baker County



Estimated Population  
30,067 (2020)



Area  
589 square miles

Has a quaint country atmosphere with all the conveniences of being close to the big city. In the last year, Baker County has grown by 2.93 percent, which could partially be because downtown Jacksonville is a quick 20-minute drive, giving residents the ability to easily commute into the city. Osceola National Forest falls within the county's boundaries and is a true Florida gem. The area has been preserved by the beauty of old Florida full of woodlands and swamps that give both residents and visitors opportunities for camping, hiking and more—truly getting to experience the beauty that the area holds.

## GLEN ST. MARY/MACCLENNY

If you are looking for a slower paced small-town atmosphere, Glen St. Mary and Macclenny could be the perfect place to call home. Currently, 460 people call Glen St. Mary home, with additional residents in the area including the city of Macclenny, which is a quick five-minute drive down the road from Glen St. Mary. Whether you are looking for a single-family home, gated community or even a property with sprawling acreage where you can own horses, Glen St. Mary may be the perfect place for you.

Macclenny stands as the county seat of Baker County and was established in 1890. The original trade of the area was timber, with sawmills built along rivers and waterways. This was the perfect way for lumber to be transported. Now the town has a population of about 6,700 residents and is located a quick 35 miles from Jacksonville and six miles from the Georgia border. This city provides residents with subdivisions that offer single-family homes, apartment complexes and townhomes.



Baker County Courthouse, photo courtesy of jaxusa.org

Baker County, photos courtesy of jaxusa.org



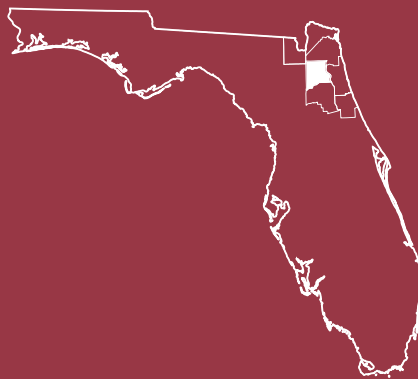
Family Fishing at Spring Park in Green Cove Springs, photo courtesy of Clay County Tourist Development Council



**Estimated Population**  
222,596 (2020)



**Area**  
644 square miles



# Clay County

Located southwest of Jacksonville and west of historic St. Augustine, much of Clay County is rural and consists of farms connected by country roads. The area was founded more than 160 years ago and was a popular destination for tourists because of its mild climate and springs. The population of the area has grown 1.53 percent in the last year, bringing in a mix of suburban neighborhoods as well as up-and-coming communities into the rural atmosphere.

## FLEMING ISLAND

Fleming Island is a thriving residential and commercial area full of life. The area has major developments including Eagle Harbor, Fleming Island Plantation and Pace Island as well as a bustling commercial area filled with shopping centers, entertainment and restaurants. For nature lovers, Black Creek Park located on the south side of Fleming Island borders Black Creek, which is full of nature trails for both hikers and bikers.

## GREEN COVE SPRINGS

Green Cove Springs was established in 1854 as White Sulphur Springs, eventually changing to Green Cove Springs in 1866. Today, these natural sulfur springs flow into the St. Johns River where many older homes line the river. Recently, the town has also had an arrival of new housing developments, but also has housing ranging from gated golf course communities to large acreage farms and ranches. Green Cove Springs has



Green Cove Springs, photo courtesy of EXIT Real Estate Gallery

rodeos, fairs, concerts and parades with the Annual Memorial Day RiverFest being one of the most popular.

**KEYSTONE HEIGHTS**

The lakeside community of Keystone Heights is in the southeast corner of Clay County. Here, prospective residents will find tree-lined streets, cozy cottages, single-family homes and much undeveloped land waiting for the right owner. The city has a family-friendly appeal with many parks and beautiful sand bottom lakes, including Lake Geneva.

**OAKLEAF PLANTATION**

Oakleaf Plantation is a family-oriented planned community with multiple village-style subdivisions situated in Clay County, with a small area falling into Duval County. Oakleaf Plantation sits on more than 6,000 acres of land with a dedicated nature preserve accounting for almost 1,500 acres of untouched wildlife. Nature lovers will also enjoy being adjacent to Jennings State Forest that has a diverse number of paths and trails. The Oakleaf Town Center has various shopping and restaurant options. The plantation offers newcomers

single- and multi-family homes, luxury condominiums and comfortable apartments.

The resort-style community of Eagle Landing at Oakleaf Plantation sits nearby to beautiful Jennings State Forest. It has a variety of new home styles ranging from traditional to contemporary with an abundance of amenities, including an 18-hole championship golf course designed by Clyde Johnson, a well-known golf course architect who has designed more than 100 golf courses. Johnson is the son of C.B. “Johnny” Johnson, a PGA golf professional

and former golf coach at Wake Forest College. The community allows golf cart access everywhere within the community, which makes it much easier to navigate the area. The community offers “dive-in” movies, golf clinics, tennis leagues and summer camps at the amenity complex. The amenity complex also has a full-size gym with a fitness center, golf clubhouse, Swim Park, Kid’s Club, eight lighted Har-Tru tennis courts and a village store with a café. Residents will also have access to A-rated schools as well as Ascension St. Vincent’s Clay County Hospital.



Middleburg, photo by Ebyabe courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

**MIDDLEBURG**

Located near Black Creek in Central Clay County, Middleburg has grown into a suburban community with residential and commercial opportunities for residents. Jennings State Forest allows Middleburg residents to hike, bike, swim and enjoy the area’s natural flora and fauna.

**ORANGE PARK**

Located 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. Residents can also find rural homes on sprawls of land further to the west. The area offers many shopping and entertainment options including a variety of stores, restaurants and more. The area also has close access to I-295 and NAS Jacksonville.



Eagle Harbor Country Club, photo courtesy of jaxusa.org



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As president of the Northeast Florida Builders Association, I would like to welcome you to the First Coast – an area that not only offers an outstanding quality of life for residents, but one that also provides exciting new opportunities for business.

The First Coast is a relocation destination for several reasons. Our climate is sunny and mild year-round. We have miles of beautiful beaches, the largest urban park system in the U.S., premier golf courses, a generous diversity of arts and cultural events and abundance of recreational opportunities. The area offers excellent schools, health care, and affordable housing.

The Northeast Florida Building community has many positive economic indicators on the horizon. Several banking institutions have headquarters and offices in Jacksonville, making it a powerful financial center. The Jacksonville Port Authority is expanding, drawing many international shipping companies to do business here. The transportation and distribution, manufacturing, health care, and insurance industries are also growing.

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!

Nate Day

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**LENNY CURRY**  
MAYOR



Dear Neighbor:

On behalf of our citizens, I thank you for choosing our corner of Northeast Florida. From my family to yours, it is my pleasure to offer a warm welcome to Jacksonville! As the largest city by land mass in the contiguous United States, our 840 square miles are as diverse and vibrant as our citizens.

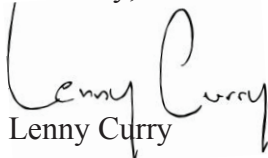
With the St. Johns River at its centerpiece, Jacksonville features a wealth of natural resources, including the largest urban parks system in the country with several waterfront access points and activities, and the longest shoreline in all of Florida. Our vibrant city features a wealth of natural resources,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

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.

With world-class healthcare facilities, new and sustained development, a friendly business environment, and thousands of new jobs across a variety of globally recognized industries, our city provides endless opportunities.

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,



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Mayor



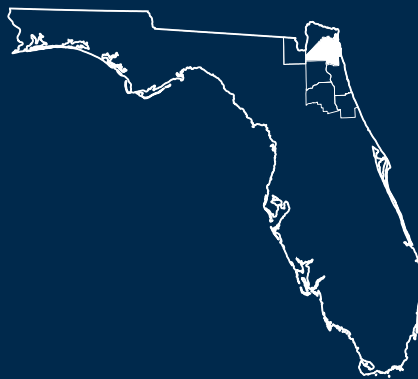
# Duval County



**Estimated Population**  
966,858 (2020)



**Area**  
918 square miles



Duval County and the city of Jacksonville have many different neighborhoods which makes it one of the most varied areas of the First Coast. Since Jacksonville is the largest city in the United States land mass-wise, we have broken down the areas of the city into North, West, South and the Beaches. Each area has its own smaller neighborhoods and communities. From family-friendly suburbs, to a bustling downtown, Duval County will have a neighborhood perfect for you.

## DUVAL-BEACHES

If you're looking for a casual, yet lively area, the Beaches may be the perfect place for you. This area encompasses Neptune Beach, Atlantic Beach, Jacksonville Beach and Mayport. These coastal neighborhoods offer beachfront properties including cute beach bungalows as well as sprawling oceanfront homes. Neptune Beach covers a small area of 2.5 square miles and is the youngest and smallest of

the beach communities. Even though the area is smaller, there is an air of tranquility preserved with beautiful sandy beaches perfect for shell gathering and bird watching. Neptune Beach is also known for an attractive downtown area with boutiques, shops, and restaurants with a love for the local arts and culture. Filled with single-family homes, Atlantic Beach is a mainly residential area. For outdoor lovers, the community has parks with walking and biking trails, as well as many outdoor events throughout the year.

Jacksonville Beach is a lively area; filled with restaurants, bars and clubs boasting some great nightlife and entertainment with an amazing view of the beach within walking distance. Known for their delicious Mayport shrimp, the fishing village of Mayport is one of the oldest in the county. A quick 15-minute drive from Atlantic Beach, Mayport offers a variety of single-family homes and apartments, which is convenient for both military personnel and civilians who work at Naval Station Mayport.



**Nicknames for Jacksonville include: Jax, Bold City, River City, Duval, The 904, J-Ville**



***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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## DUVAL-NORTH

### ARLINGTON/FORT CAROLINE

Arlington/Fort Caroline was one of the first areas in the United States settled by the Europeans in 1564. The area of Jacksonville's Arlington/Fort Caroline is bordered by the St. Johns River to the west and north and the Intercoastal Waterway to the east and Atlantic Boulevard to the south. The area offers single- and multi-family homes, townhomes, condominiums, waterfront properties, new buildings and homes on picturesque golf communities.

### NORTHSIDE/OCEANWAY

The Northside offers quick access to the airport, the Jacksonville Zoo and River City Marketplace—a bustling retail area with a variety of stores and restaurants. The area consists of neighborhoods north of downtown Jacksonville and undeveloped land directly above the St. Johns River. Covering the northern



Jacksonville Beach, photo by Lance Asper on Unsplash



eTown, photo by Stephanie Marty

area of Duval County, Oceanway stretches from U.S. 1 to the Atlantic Ocean then moves from the Duval/Nassau county line to the St. Johns and Trout Rivers. Oceanway is up and coming with new housing developments, townhouses and apartment complexes bringing new life to the area.

### **DUVAL-SOUTH INTRACOASTAL WEST**

The Intracoastal West area is located west of the Intracoastal Waterway, north of John Turner Butler Boulevard (JTB), along Kernan Boulevard. This area gives residents access to amenities that go with being close to Jacksonville, including shopping, restaurants and

nightlife, yet also offering the relaxation of nature combined with the beauty of the Intracoastal. Jacksonville Beach and Southside areas as well as several major roadways are close by. New residents will find that there are a multitude of apartments, condominiums, subdivisions, and retirement communities nestled along the Intracoastal.

A new home community, Tamaya, is nestled along the Intracoastal and will give residents the glorious feeling of being on the edge of the world where the city and sea meet. The community offers homes with Tuscan, Mediterranean and Spanish architectural styles. To learn more about Tamaya, please see page 49.

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## MANDARIN

Once called a "tropical paradise" by Uncle Tom's Cabin author, and resident Harriet Beecher Stowe, Mandarin is a historic neighborhood located in the southern part of Jacksonville that is full of history. Named in 1830 after the area's major crop of Mandarin oranges, the area was also known as a small farming village that also shipped grapefruit, lemons and other fruits and vegetables to the local area. Mandarin is known for its ancient oak trees draped in Spanish moss, parks and water views. In fact, the area has more water views than any other neighborhood in Jacksonville. Two older neighborhoods in the area that border Mandarin include Beauclerc to the north and San Jose. Beauclerc has a mixture of brick and rambler homes and some two-story contemporary layouts. For those looking for more of a historic home, San Jose has many homes built in the 1950s and 1960s, but also boasts some new

developments. The area is also bordered on the south by Julington Creek and the St. Johns River to the west.

## SAN MARCO

In the center of San Marco is the beautiful tree-lined San Marco Square, home to the Three Lions Fountain sculpture, as well as many locally owned businesses. The square reflects architecture found in an Italian piazza. San Marco is a trendy, yet historic neighborhood located just south of downtown Jacksonville's Southbank. The neighborhood is full of unique boutiques and art galleries as well as many outdoor cafes. For those looking for a lively nightlife, the neighborhood has trendy craft cocktail bars and breweries. Potential residents have many housing options such as apartments, small bungalows, riverfront mansions and trendy condos.

## SOUTHSIDE/BAYMEADOWS

For those looking for new and luxurious apartments, the Southside/Baymeadows area offers many residential choices like single-family homes, gated communities, apartments and townhomes. There are vast amounts of shopping and dining options, with the well-known Avenues Mall located in the heart of the area. The area also has several corporate office parks, retail centers and residential communities.

The master planned community of eTown is Jacksonville's up-and-coming master planned community located off 9B in southern Duval County. The community offers single-family homes, apartments and multiple retail areas. eTown is very eco-friendly, and the homes are designed with sustainability and energy efficiency in mind. The five-acre amenity center, Recharge, recently opened and includes a resort-style pool

with zero entry, adjoining lap pool and high-tech fitness center which includes an outdoor yoga lawn, rooftop patio, playground, outdoor spaces and a dog park.

## TOWN CENTER

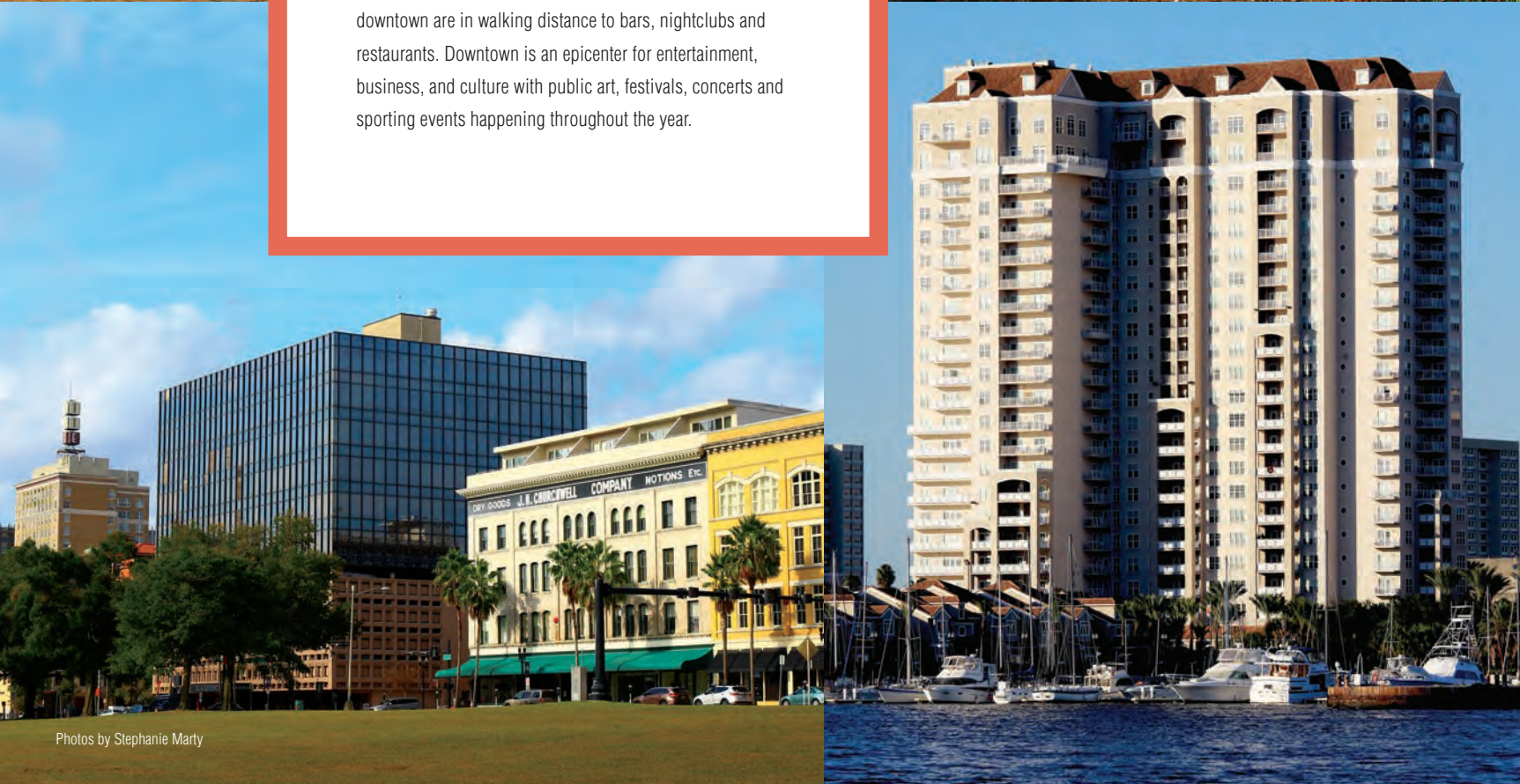
The ever-expanding area around the St. Johns Town Center is home to many luxury apartments, townhouses and condominiums. Residents in this area are near some of the best shopping Jacksonville has to offer. The Town Center is home to more than 175 stores ranging from clothing to electronics. The area also has exciting entertainment, and some of the most delicious restaurants. A quick drive down the road will take you to the University of North Florida.



## **DUVAL-WEST**

### **DOWNTOWN**

Downtown Jacksonville is full of various residential options including lofts, townhomes and riverfront condominiums. Many loft apartments are found in renovated buildings dating back to the early 1920s. Some apartments and lofts are even in converted warehouses full of history. Residents living downtown are in walking distance to bars, nightclubs and restaurants. Downtown is an epicenter for entertainment, business, and culture with public art, festivals, concerts and sporting events happening throughout the year.



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The historic neighborhood of Ortega is south of Riverside and north of Naval Air Station Jacksonville.

**RIVERSIDE/AVONDALE**

Riverside and Avondale neighborhoods are a great combination of a historic charm and an artsy cultural vibe. Strolling through the neighborhoods, residents will find trendy restaurants, cafés, boutiques, antique shops, art galleries and nightclubs. The tree-lined streets have homes that have been restored to keep original architecture and history preserved truly keeping the diversity of the community alive. Organizations such as the Riverside Avondale Preservation is one of the lead advocates of the historic neighborhoods, public spaces and commercial districts. Besides large historic homes and quaint bungalows the community also gives living options of multi-unit buildings and brick quadruplexes and duplexes.

The Brooklyn Riverside apartments offer urban living and modern comforts, located in the heart of Jacksonville close to I-95, allowing easy access to

shopping, activities and more. Residents will have a variety of new amenities including apartments with granite and quartz countertops, in-unit washer/dryer combinations and beautiful downtown skyline views. The apartments are located close to Riverside Park, with wonderful water views of the St. Johns River.

**SPRINGFIELD**

Established in 1869, Springfield is the oldest neighborhood in Jacksonville. It is a diverse neighborhood that has experienced revitalization recently, with many restored mansions and bungalows surrounded by majestic oaks which shade the picturesque residential streets. Springfield was once home to some of the city's wealthiest residents. It is bordered to the east and north by railroad tracks, the south by Hogan's Creek and the west by Boulevard Street. The area is full of hip restaurants, local shops, craft breweries, public art and beautiful murals.

**WESTSIDE**

Jacksonville's Westside beginnings date back to 1764, with waterfront mansions, Tudor-style homes and quiet wooden-frame houses surrounded by ancient live oak trees, and tranquil parks. The area is made up of smaller communities including Normandy, Marietta/Whitehouse, Maxville and Baldwin. For those looking for some nautical fun, the Westside is known for its marinas and boating facilities, with access to the St. Johns and Ortega rivers. The historic neighborhood of Ortega is south of Riverside and north of Naval Air Station Jacksonville. The area residents are mainly military personnel due to the close proximity of the base.



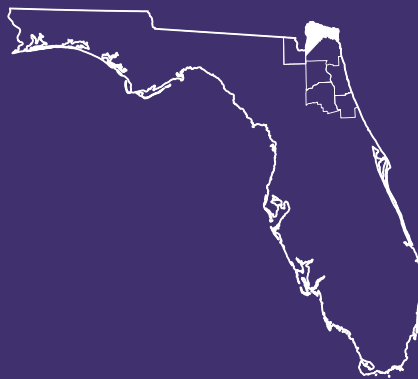
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**Estimated Population**  
91,314 (2020)



**Area**  
726 square miles



# Nassau County

Nassau County is in the northeastern corner of Florida and is home to scenic rivers, meadows, farms and magnificent beaches. Known as the eastern gateway of the Sunshine State, Nassau County is truly a Florida treasure that has something for everyone.

## AMELIA ISLAND/FERNANDINA BEACH

Located on the Georgia border about 30 minutes north of downtown Jacksonville, this Victorian seaport village was once a place for pirates, adventurers and shrimpers. This mesmerizing island was granted the nickname Isle of Eight Flags after eight national flags claimed ownership of the island. Residents can visit the oldest saloon in Florida in the historic seaside area of Fernandina Beach. The area is made up of many desirable neighborhoods and communities with many different highlights offering large pieces of land, cozy homes and sprawling estates. Several larger developments on the islands include Amelia Park and Amelia Walk.



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### CALLAHAN

If a small-town feel is more your style, Callahan may be the perfect community for you. Located in Nassau County, Callahan's major industries are timber and agriculture, and is just a quick 20 minutes from downtown Jacksonville and very close to the Georgia state line. Callahan has a variety of homes including subdivisions, large properties and single-family homes. Callahan residents love spending time outdoors biking, fishing and hiking. The community loves to come together to enjoy an evening cheering on the local high school football team.



### HILLIARD

Hilliard is a small town in northwestern Nassau County that has an active farming community filled with a rich agricultural history. The area has single-family homes, apartments and undeveloped lots.

### YULEE

Yulee is a developing community in the largest unincorporated area of Nassau County, west of Amelia Island and the Intracoastal Waterway. This area has an abundance of housing options including apartments, condominiums, waterfront properties and planned communities. Residents enjoy outdoor activities including hiking, hunting, fishing, kayaking, golfing, and enjoying local flora and fauna.

The new community of Wildlight is nestled in Florida's low country in Yulee that encompasses nature. Half of its total acreage is preserved for bike trails, bike lanes and parks. Wildlight homes cater to front porch living with Southern-style architecture with a country twist. "This Northeast Florida community brings people, nature, homes, and businesses together for a live, work, play lifestyle," says Wildlight.



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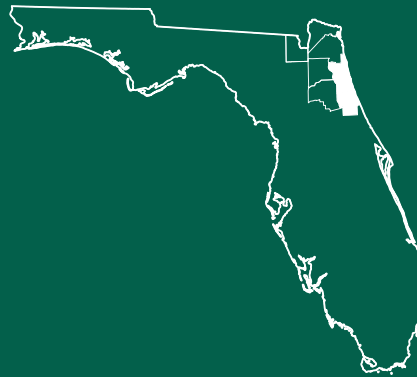
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Bridge of Lions, photo by Stephanie Marty



# St. Johns County



**Estimated Population**  
275,530 (2020)



**Area**  
822 square miles

For those looking for the perfect area to golf, shop and enjoy beautiful beaches, St. Johns County may be the perfect place. Lately, the county has had much growth with new residents and has become one of the highest-income areas in the United States.

## Nocatee

See an in-depth description of everything the community of Nocatee offers on page 46.

## NORTHWEST ST. JOHNS

Northwest St. Johns County is bursting with life as ever-expanding developments and new neighborhoods are popping up throughout the area. The charming

community of Fruit Cove is located east of the St. Johns River and south of Mandarin and is perfect for those wishing to enjoy a pleasant country setting with the convenience of having local amenities around the corner. Recreational activities in the area are plentiful with access to hiking trails and multiple parks. The William Bartram Scenic and Historic Highway (SR 13) winds along

the St. Johns River through swamps, oak hammocks, pine and palmetto barrens. This area is full of numerous parks, cultural destinations and trails perfect for nature lovers. Julington Creek is a family-friendly neighborhood covering 4,120 acres. The neighborhood offers a variety of living options from starter homes and townhomes to sprawling estates within gated communities.

For those looking for beautifully built homes that come with amazing amenities, the Shearwater community offers this and more. Residents have access to the exclusive Fitness Lodge, which includes a resort-style lagoon pool and lazy river. There are also programs and events at the Kayak Club, including tennis. Those looking for some fresh air can hike along the extensive trail system in the community.

Durbin Crossing, photos by Stephanie Marty



The Durbin Crossing community is a master-planned community St. Johns County gem, offering exquisitely built homes with top-notch amenities. This community spans more than 2,000 acres in northwest St. Johns County. The Pavillion at Durbin Park is a large mix-use development that intersects with Race Track Road and Bartram Park Boulevard. Stores and restaurants are open in this area with much more expansion expected. The development will have more than 2.4 million square feet of retail space with more than 44,000 homes within a 5-mile radius.

The up-and-coming master-planned community of Silverleaf is located along St. Johns Parkway south of CR 210. These ideally located new homes offer community amenities including tennis, pickleball, dog parks, the Resident's club, pools and more.

RiverTown offers quaint neighborhoods, parks overlooking picturesque lakes, preserves and woodlands. The community is designed with waterfront living in mind, on the shores of the St. Johns River. The community offers several home designs as well as a variety of neighborhood amenities including a boardwalk, waterfront dining,

a playground, waterfront amphitheater, infinity edge pool, kayak launch and hiking trails.

### Aberdeen

The community of Aberdeen is nestled around a vast wetland conservation area full of beauty and serenity. With 1,623 single-family lots and 168 multi-family units the community spans 1,316 acres with 68 acres of the community devoted to lakes. D.R. Horton, Rosewood Homes, Watson Custom Home Builders and Woodside Communities of North Florida are the notable builders found in this community with several different floorplans including both townhomes and single-family homes. Amenities include the Resident Center which features a clubhouse, health and fitness center and aquatic facility. There are also walking trails, a playground, community picnic area, sports park and a basketball court.

### Beachwalk

Comprised of five neighborhoods, the unique community of Beachwalk is in northern St. Johns County on CR 210. Vintage Estate Homes, Dream Finders Homes, Americrest Luxury Homes and Lennar Builders have created homes that bring the beach to residents' backyards. Residents can live the resort lifestyle with incredible amenities. Resort-style amenities include a golf putting course, beach club dining, a 24-hour fitness center, swim-up bar, dog splash park and tennis courts. The community is inspired by the West-Indies and is centered around a 14-acre Crystal Lagoon with a white sandy beach. Residents can enjoy swimming in the clear blue water, kayaking across the serene lagoon or slide down the 40-foot-high waterslides. With convenience in mind, the community is working to expand a retail center with shopping, restaurants and more.



Atlantica Isles at Beachwalk



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- 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
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### PONTE VEDRA BEACH

Located in the northeast corner of St. Johns County between the Atlantic Ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway lies the gorgeous community of Ponte Vedra. The community is made up of resort-style living with oceanfront estates, elite neighborhoods, gated communities, subdivisions and apartment complexes. The community is home to the famous TPC Sawgrass Stadium Course where THE PLAYERS Golf Championship is held. Potential residents also have access to upscale shops, spas and restaurants.

### ST. AUGUSTINE

The nation's oldest city of St. Augustine is a quick hour drive from Jacksonville. The city was founded back in 1565 by Ponce De León and is full of rich history. The city draws in many visitors with its beauty. Many housing options are available in the area with a variety of renovated historic homes, oceanfront estates, planned communities, apartment complexes and condominiums. The city's

fascinating history includes distinctive Spanish Colonial architecture, 19th century mansions, grand hotels and the legendary Castillo De San Marcos National Monument.

North of the City of St. Augustine is the quaint community of Markland, a 314-acre master-planned community with many amenities. The community offers a beach entry pool, fitness centers, a dog park, hiking, a kayak launch, cozy fire pit and more.

### ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH

Known for its breathtaking ocean views and beautiful beaches, St. Augustine has many living options for the outdoor lover. Residents can frequent the white sand beaches or enjoy the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail at Anastasia State Park where many native Florida birds and animals can be sighted. For those looking to stroll along the water, St. Augustine Beach's Ocean Hammock Park has nature trails, picnic areas and is known as a sea turtle nesting site from May to October.



The Treasury on the Plaza, photo by Stephanie Marty



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

**The Neighborhoods Of World Golf Village**

For those who are looking for an affluent residential community, the Neighborhoods of World Golf Village offer nearly 20 different neighborhoods including custom estates, new community builds, condominiums and townhomes. The community also includes the World Golf Hall of Fame, IMAX Theater, restaurants, shops and more.

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.

**VILANO BEACH**

Northeast of St. Augustine is the pleasant seaside community of Vilano Beach, located between the Atlantic Ocean and Tolomato River. The residential community is very family oriented and has several small businesses. The area is known for its sharks' teeth, which can be found along the beach. Fishing enthusiasts can also enjoy the Vilano Beach Fishing Pier and Surfside Park provides easy beach access.

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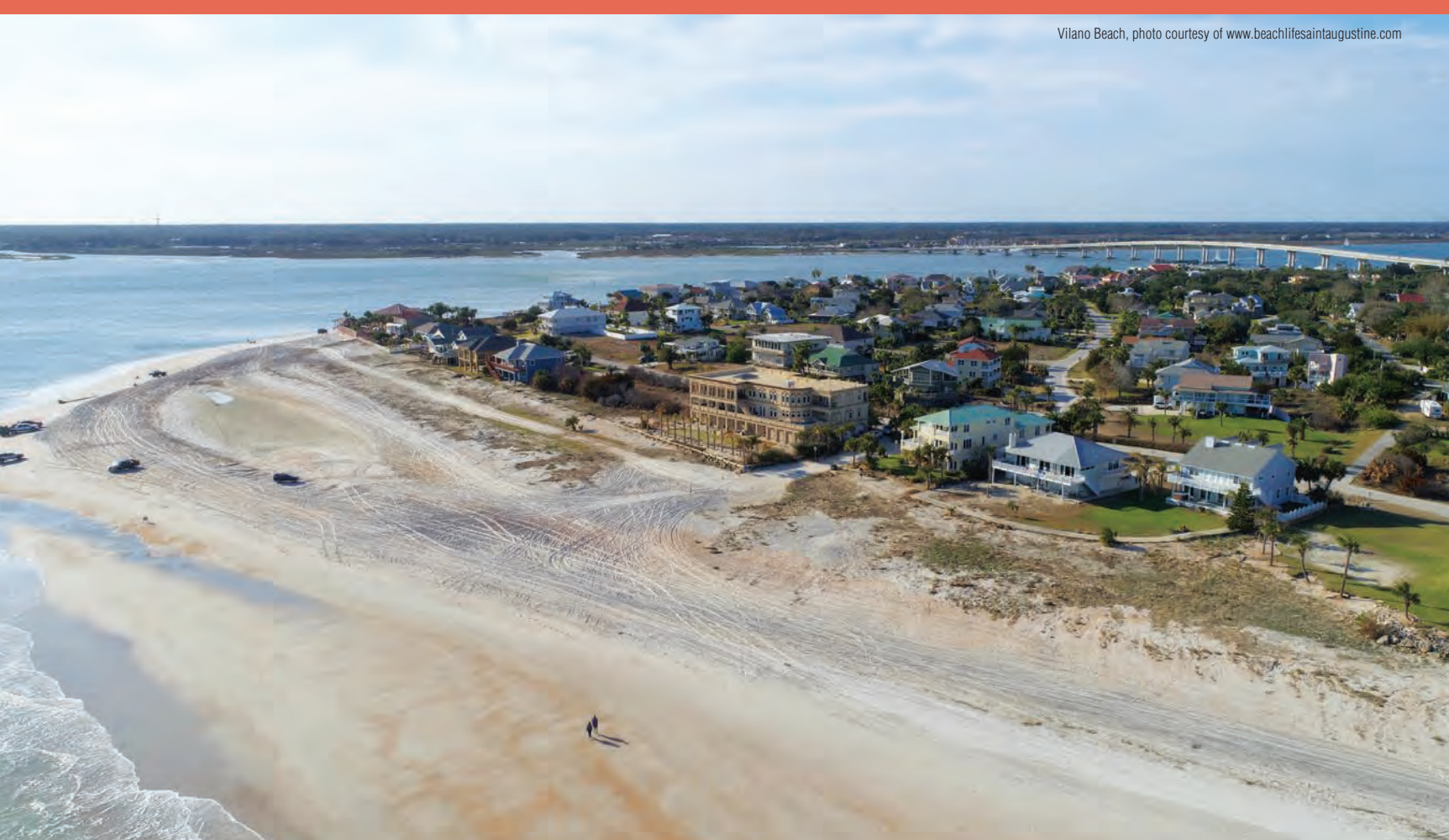
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Del Webb Ponte Vedra

*The Communities of*  
***NOCATEE***

One of the best-selling master-planned communities in the nation sits right here in Northeast Florida. Nocatee has many neighborhoods that combine both luxury and convenience. The village-like neighborhoods have a variety of homes including single-family homes, luxury estate homes, townhouses, condominiums and apartments from some of the top home builders in the state of Florida. The area also offers exclusive communities for those 55 and up.

**Del Webb Ponte Vedra**

Del Webb Ponte Vedra an active-adult community for those looking to live close to the beach. This 55-plus gated community is located minutes from the ocean as well as dining and shopping. The community offers recreation such as golf, pickleball and more. Nature lovers will find the Nocatee Preserve, which borders Del Webb Ponte Vedra, spanning 2,400 acres along the

Intracoastal Waterway. A trip to the preserve gives residents the chance to enjoy the beauty of nature with native plants, birds and animals frequently sighted. The community offers a variety of condominium floorplans ranging from 1,538 to 1,868 square feet. The Anastasia Club located within the community has both indoor and outdoor pools, arts and crafts amenities, start-of-the-art fitness center, multi-purpose rooms, a café, grand ball room, and outdoor courts for pickleball, bocce ball and tennis.

**Del Webb Nocatee**

The 55-plus active adult community of Del Webb Nocatee has traditional, coastal, and craftsman style homes and villas starting from the mid \$200s. The community is the first in the country to release 12 Next Gen floor plans that range from 1,488 to 3,361 square feet. The community's clubhouse and recreation area has a resort-style swimming pool with lap lanes, a

fitness center, pickleball and tennis courts and more. The onsite full-time Lifestyle Director is available to plan thrilling events, classes and clubs for all residents.

**Liberty Cove at Crosswater**

The new neighborhood of Liberty Cove at Crosswater has the old-town America feel with beautiful tree-lined streets, homes with picturesque white picket fences, large sweeping front porches



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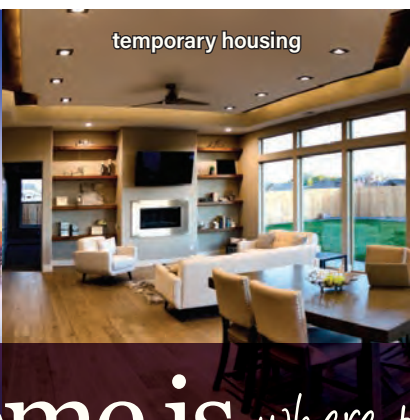
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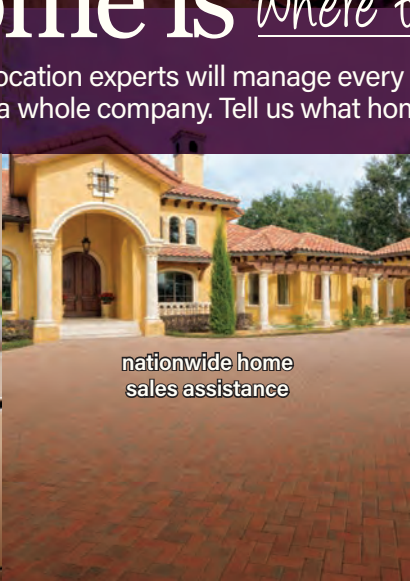
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and American flags gently swaying in the wind. Providence Homes, ICI Homes and David Weekley Homes offer desirable floorplans throughout this 138 homesite community. Homes start in the high \$200s ranging from 1,500 to more than 2,300 square feet with various floorplans. The homes are located on the south end of Nocatee near the Nocatee Splash Waterpark and Nocatee Spray Park. The Schoolyard, a new Crosswater resident-only park, is available with nature trails, a playground, dog parks, open-air pavilion, play fields and outdoor activity space.



### Artisan Lakes

Artisan Lakes is a picturesque gated community perfect for nature lovers. The community is for 55 and over. Many of the 196 homesites back up to preserves, water or parks with homes starting in the mid \$300s. There are a multitude of select private amenities such as a zero-entry pool with infinity edge, two pickleball and bocce ball courts, a fitness center, putting green, event lawn and pocket parks.



### Pioneer Village at Crosswater

Pioneer Village at Crosswater will let you travel back to traditional America. Residents will find sweeping front porches and American flags proudly swaying in the wind in this charming

community. This 159-home community has homes from the top-notch builders of Riverside Homes, Providence Homes and David Weekley Homes. The spectacular amenity center of Crosswater Park features an open-air pavilion, a pool with lap lanes, playground and dog parks. Homes have a variety of floorplans ranging 1,576 to more than 2,748 square feet starting in the low \$300s.

### Tidewater at Nocatee

Tidewater at Nocatee by Pulte Homes is a gated master-planned community with stunning three-story townhomes with two-car garages. Residents have access to a private pool and clubhouse as well as access to Nocatee's nature trails, dog parks and water parks. The townhomes start in the low \$300s and are close to the Nocatee Town Center, which has multiple stores and restaurants.



### Timberland Ridge at Nocatee

For those in search of a family-friendly residential community, Timberland Ridge is a great option. The neighborhood is bordered by a beautiful nature preservation and water with one- and two-story single-family homes starting in the low \$300s. Home builders Providence Homes, ICI Homes and David Weekley Homes offer residents the options of different floorplans ranging from 1,800 to 3,200 square feet on estate-sized lots. Timberland Ridge is in Duval County, close to Twenty Mile Park and Cypress Park where residents will find hiking, dog parks, pools and playgrounds.



### Oakwood at Nocatee

Oakwood at Nocatee by Toll Brothers is a beautiful 43 townhome community with homes ranging from 2,250 to 2,500 square feet. The townhomes start in the mid \$300s and feature a first-floor master bedroom, two-story family room, loft, kitchen island and relaxing lanai. The gated community offers residents a broad range of amenities. The community also has majestic oak trees, a park and dog park with landscape maintenance available.

### Heritage Trace at Crosswater

Heritage Trace at Crosswater is a community of 188 homes that comes surrounded by stunning lake views and nature preservation. Homes start in the mid \$300s and range from 1,900 to 3,200 square feet. The top-notch builders of Riverside Homes, Providence Homes, ICI Homes, Dostie Homes and David Weekley Homes have incorporated an Americana theme into their unique floorplans. Crosswater offers a resident-only park, The Schoolyard, that includes nature trails, hiking, a playground, open-air pavilion, playfield and dog parks.

### Freedom Landing at Crosswater

Freedom Landing at Crosswater is nestled away in a magnificent preservation featuring 240 homesites. Many of these homes back up to glistening lakes and lush preserves. The floorplans offered by David Weekley Homes, Dostie Homes, ICI Homes, Providence Homes and Riverside Homes

incorporate a wistful, Old Towne feel. Homes in Freedom Landing start in the mid \$300s and range from 1,900 to more than 3,200 square feet. The Schoolyard, a Crosswater resident-only park offers a playground, open air-pavilion, dog parks, nature and hiking trails and a playfield.

### Daniel Park at Town Center

Daniel Park at Town Center is the perfect place to call home for those looking for amenities a short walking distance from Nocatee. David Weekley Homes is the exclusive builder for the community with homes ranging 1,477 to 3,000 square feet from the mid \$300s.

### Coastal Oaks

Families will enjoy grand oak trees and tranquil nature preserves that can be found in the Coastal Oaks neighborhood by Toll Brothers. The community includes a recreation complex with a fitness center, soccer and softball field, tennis and basketball courts, a children's splash pool and two outdoor pools. Homes start in the high \$300s and offer several different floorplans.

### Starling at Nocatee

Starling at Nocatee is the ideal place to live an energetic lifestyle offering independent living, assisted living and memory care. This resort-style community offers three lifestyle options to provide personalized care for each resident. Starling is closely situated to Nocatee's Town Center across from Splash Water Park. The relaxing surroundings is perfect to enjoy gorgeous landscapes filled with the beauty of nature.



The Ranch at Twenty Mile



### The Reserve at Nocatee

For those looking for a close-knit apartment community, The Reserve at Nocatee may be the perfect place. The community offers luxury one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments with the most up-to-date amenities. Each apartment comes equipped with a state-of-the-art kitchen including granite counter-tops, stainless steel appliances, modern 42-inch cabinetry and USB ports in the kitchen island. The community also has a variety of amenities for those who love to live an active lifestyle. Besides the community's clubhouse which has top-notch fitness facilities, residents can also enjoy a beach entry pool and dog park with a dog wash.



### Olea at Nocatee

Located minutes from Ponte Vedra's luxurious beaches, Olea at Nocatee is an active-adult apartment community for those living an active lifestyle and are ready to share the spirit of adventure. The neighborhood offers beach living with close access to St. Augustine and Jacksonville. Resort-style amenities, wellness programs and on-site management services make Olea the perfect stress-free and maintenance-free neighborhood. Residents can choose from 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom apartment homes and also have access to Nocatee's many amenities such as monthly community events, Fitness Club and Swim Club.



### Twenty Mile Village

Twenty Mile Village at Nocatee is a master-planned residential community designed around Twenty Mile Park. The community is known for its rustic feel with neighborhoods full of historic oak trees and old Florida charm. The community offers a variety of living options. **The Ranch at Twenty Mile** is the closest neighborhood nestled up to the Intracoastal Waterway and Ponte Vedra Beaches and has luxury homes starting in the low \$600s. **The Outlook at Twenty Mile** has one- and two-story single-family homes starting in the high \$500s. The homes are built by Providence Homes offer spacious lots in a quiet neighborhood. **The Hammock at Twenty Mile** is an assortment of nine private custom homes from Glenn Layton Homes, local home builder of the HGTV Smart Home. These homes range from

2,500 to 7,500 square feet and start in the mid \$800s. **The Vista at Twenty Mile** is a unique neighborhood of 44 modern estates featuring Mission-style and bold Spanish architecture built by the Pineapple Corporation. Homes in this gated neighborhood start in the high \$700s. **The Junction at Twenty Mile** features homes by Dostie Homes and is located within the historic Twenty Mile neighborhood. Homes start in the high \$400s and have floor plans ranging from 2,494 to 3,500 square feet. **The Colony at Twenty Mile** offers residents one- and two-story single-family homes. Providence Homes, ICI Homes and David Weekley Homes offer new homes ranging from 2,450 to 3,800 square feet starting in the low \$400s. For those looking for a tranquil lifestyle in a secured access neighborhood, **The Settlement at Twenty Mile** may be the perfect neighborhood. These roomy homes from Toll Brothers and ICI Homes range from 2,100 to 2,900 square feet and have both one- and two-story single-family home options. The homes start in the high \$300s and many have gorgeous preserve or water views.

# TAMAYA

Between  
the City  
and the  
Sea



Photos by Stephanie Marty



Tamaya is a master-planned community perfectly situated between the city and the sea from ICI Homes. The community is in the heart of Jacksonville offering both lakefront and conservation homes.

This gated community is in Jacksonville's Intracoastal area at the intersection of Kernan and Beach Boulevards, minutes away from gorgeous water views. The area offers everything newcomers and established residents could want including shopping, restaurants, fine dining, entertainment and more. Your home in Tamaya gives you access to so many opportunities including access to many businesses, a short drive to Mayo Clinic, six miles from the beach and close to top rated schools.

Residents have access to many state-of-the-art amenities and opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. For the nature lover, this gorgeous community offers pristine landscaping, walking and hiking paths, picturesque lakes and much more. Tamaya's custom-built homes provide residents with access to the 10,000-square-foot clubhouse. Here, relaxation is the top priority with a cabana and lounge chairs ready for events and parties. Also, residents can enjoy an exquisite zero-entry pool along with a competition-style pool with lap lanes.

Tamaya is a wonderful community for those looking to lead an active lifestyle. The Har-Tru tennis courts, basketball court, playground and event lawn give an expanse of options for activities. The 5,000-square-foot fitness center offers residents some great exercise options including weight machines, ellipticals and treadmills. Nearby is University of North Florida which offers many walking paths and trails. Tamaya offers luxurious amenities including the \$12 million cigar club, which has a great room complete with sculpted wooden ceiling beams, luxury seating, striking furnishings and windows that allow the true beauty of the community into the space.

New homes in Tamaya range from 1,800 square feet to more than 4,000 square feet and start from the \$300s. The homes designs focus Tuscan, Spanish and Mediterranean architectural styles. Families can choose from 31 customizable floor plans that allow every family to pick each feature they could want in the home. Tamaya has given the Jacksonville area an easy and affordable way to build a one-of-a-kind home.

Sitting at the corner of Kernan and Beach Boulevards is the Tamaya Market, a

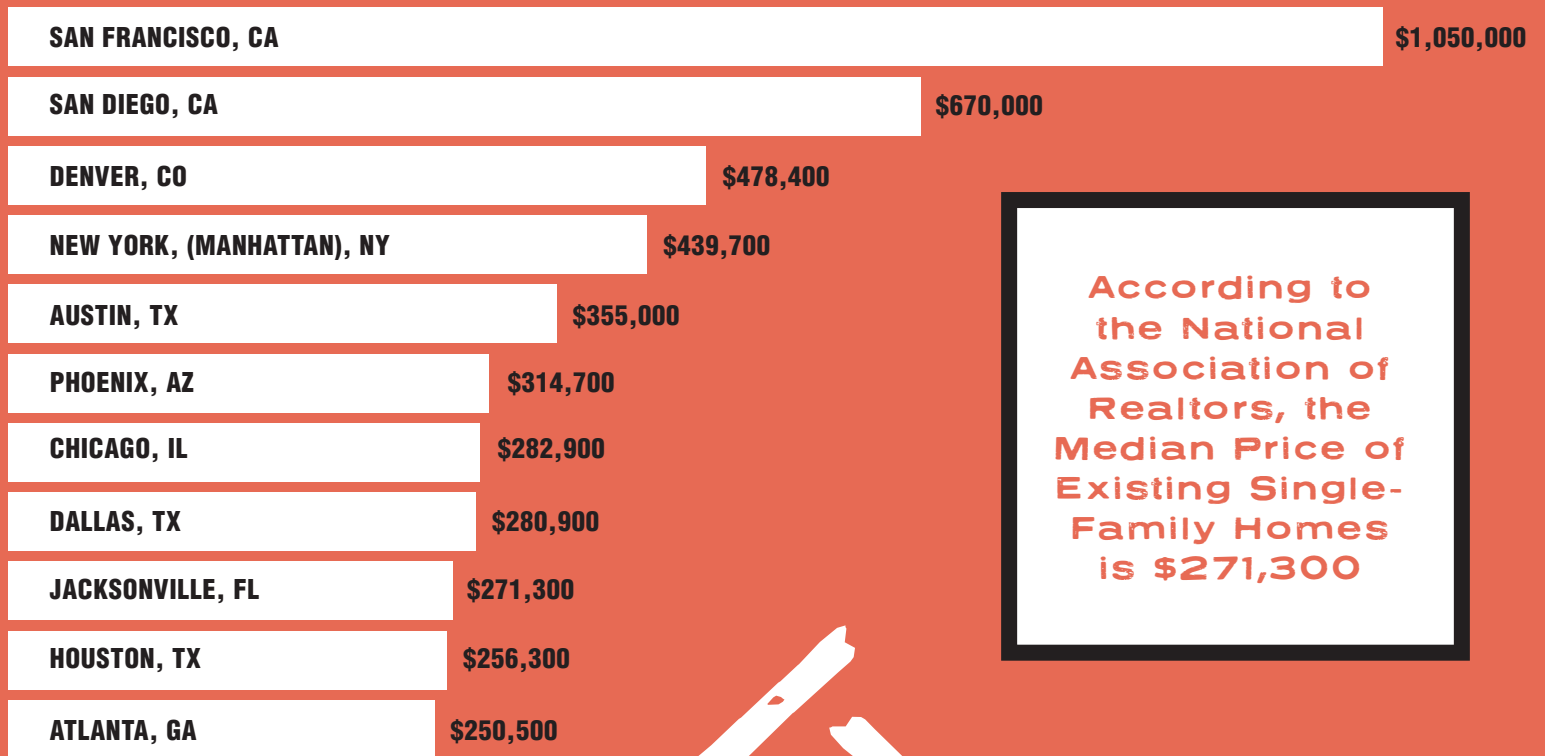
500,000 square-foot commercial and retail space. The shopping center is continuing to grow, but currently houses Sprouts, an organic and health food grocery store and Shipley Do-nuts, which offers a variety of sweet treats and coffee. Tamaya Market also has a nail salon, bank and plans to expand with more businesses.

The community offers so much all within a close distance to home. Whether newcomers are looking for entertainment, shopping, great schools or a quick trip to the beach, Tamaya is the place to be. The custom build homes can fit almost any budget, and the state-of-the-art amenities and true family community make Tamaya a great place to call home.

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 community that newcomers simply must discover. Tamaya truly is a hidden gem between the city and the sea.

# Home Sales Comparison

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 \$271,300

## Affordable First Coast

Here are some median prices of homes in our First Coast communities. With budget in mind, this can help you pick the neighborhood perfect for you.

Macclenny	\$206,374
Orange Park	\$226,384
Green Cove Springs	\$233,351
St. Augustine	\$301,269
Mandarin	\$354,221
San Marco	\$352,827
Jacksonville Beach	\$428,877
Fernandina Beach	\$395,677
Ponte Vedra Beach	\$560,988

Source: www.zillow.com

# Bang for Your Buck



**Magnolia West \$200s - \$250s**  
Green Cove Springs

The First Coast area is affordable and has the right home for you no matter what your budget is. Many of our neighborhoods offer a wide array of prices making it easy to find the perfect home.

Below are a few developments in the First Coast area.



**Durbin Crossing \$200s - \$500s**  
St. Johns



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



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



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



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



**Wildlight \$200s - \$400s**  
Yulee



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



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



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



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



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



**Markland \$300s - \$800s**  
St. Johns

# *Apartment Living*

Though the last year has been very difficult with the outbreak of COVID-19, the residential rental market in the First Coast has continued to grow with new residents moving into our variety of neighborhoods every day. To accommodate the newcomers, apartment complexes are popping up all over the city. According to 2020 Migration Trends many cities' ratios of population inflows to outflows have changed exponentially from April to August 2020 compared to the previous year. Jacksonville has fallen into the category of biggest gains in net arrivals with an increase of 10.7 percent in 2020. The average median rent for apartments falls into the range \$1,150, which is much lower than the national average. The growth in multi-family housing continues with much development in the Southside and the downtown Jacksonville neighborhoods.

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Making the decision of where you want to live when you move to the First Coast can be a daunting task and could take some time and consideration while you explore neighborhoods and areas for your needs and wants. While many do talk about advantages of owning your own home, there are many advantages that come with renting apartments.

Apartments are booming in the First Coast, so there are options available to satisfy what you are looking for. Below are some reasons as to why First Coast residents choose to rent over owning.

**Financial:** One benefit of living in an apartment is the financial aspect of renting. Depending on where you choose to live, it is possible that rent is cheaper than a mortgage. Much of the time upkeep and utilities are also lower due to the size of the unit.



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**Safety:** Many apartments are gated which provides additional security. Even if an apartment complex is not gated, groups of people living in close a vicinity can provide a stronger sense of security.

**Community:** It is very easy to develop a close sense of community in an apartment with close neighbors and attending events that are hosted by many complexes.

**Evaluation:** Apartments allow for a newcomer to explore the area before jumping into owning a home. Some

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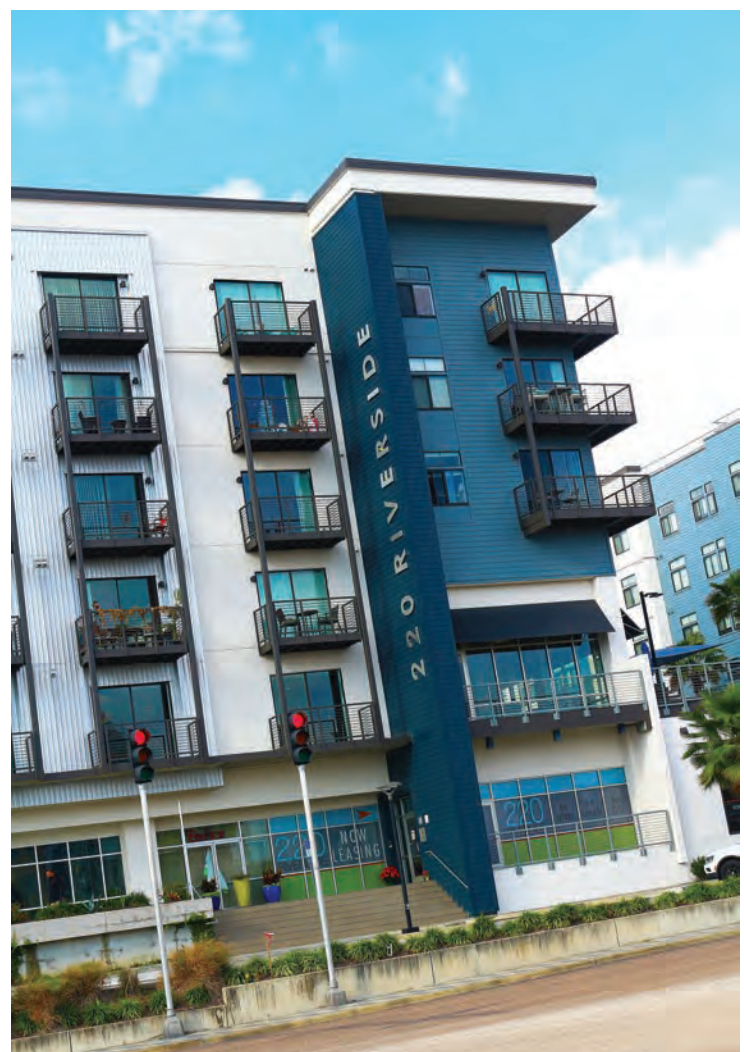
### Preparing for Your New Apartment

When exploring apartment options, many potential renters start by touring complexes, but before signing a lease and moving in, apartments do require several items to start the rental process. Start with having photo identification and proof of residency available. Many apartments won't allow potential renters to even tour a unit without a valid form of ID. It is important to find out what an apartment complex requires for a potential renter to begin the leasing process. The apartment complex will have a potential renter fill out an application as well as request proof

of employment. Proof of employment could mean providing the last few paystubs or a current W-2, but each complex may have their own separate preference. Some apartments also ask for previous addresses and landlord contact information to complete reference checks. In event of a hurricane, fire or flood, some apartments require renter's insurance, which can be a good preventative with the ever-changing weather on the First Coast.

Make sure to do your research if you are bringing a furry friend along with you to make sure it is a pet friendly community. Also renting requires upfront costs such as application and deposit fees. Also ask to see if any discounts or specials are being offered. Some complexes offer discounts for active military, students or employees working at certain companies.

We are so excited that you have chosen to call the First Coast your home and know that you will find the perfect home here!

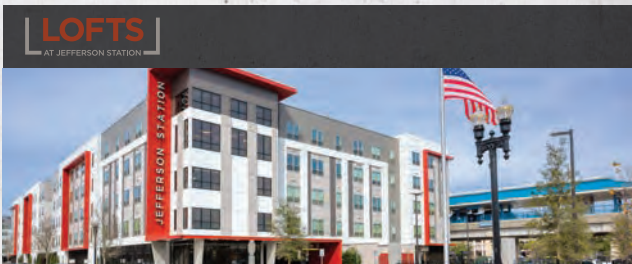




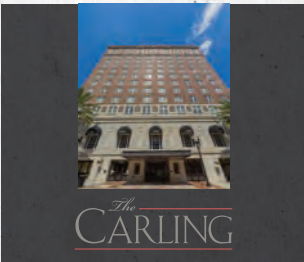
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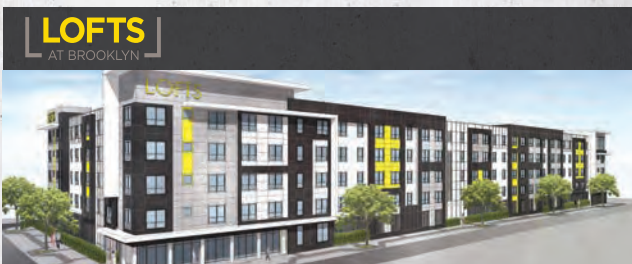
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It is common for many Florida homes to have an outdoor patio or lanai connected to the home. While these areas can be a good addition to a home, many are small and in certain situations, may not be the best use of limited space. Updating an outdoor area is a guaranteed way that homeowners can utilize all the space possible whether by converting their lanai, adding a patio cover, an awning or a screen enclosure. The latest LightStream Home Improvement Survey found that 77 percent of homeowners had plans to renovate their homes with almost half of those homeowners planning on accomplishing outdoor renovations before working on indoor improvements throughout their home.

An updated, enclosed outdoor area is the perfect way to enjoy the beauty of the outdoors all year long. A patio enclosure or lanai provides some control over the elements protecting you from inclement weather, and even allows you to watch a beautiful sunset in a relaxing space. Besides giving you protection from weather, a lanai or patio enclosure will also give you additional privacy and security.

Relishing in the tranquility of your backyard with the peaceful songs of birds and the gentle breeze can be enjoyed without exposure to your next-door neighbors or those pesky mosquitos and bugs that try to ruin an amazing evening. Besides bugs, Florida has an array of creatures that may try visiting your yard including mice, snakes, wasps, bees, birds and more. A patio enclosure protects you from those unwanted pests, but still allows you to enjoy the outdoors.

There are many options when it comes to furnishing your outdoor oasis whether you are looking for traditional wood, cast iron or aluminum, but nothing will protect your patio furniture and décor better than enclosing your outdoor patio. An enclosure offers needed protection from the Florida elements including rain, wind and the sun's harmful UV rays. No one wants to walk out onto their beautiful enclosure to find wet, soggy, sun-faded cushions complete with dust, dirt, mold and mildew. With a vision and plan, the perfect outdoor oasis is possible to turn from a dream into reality. The product is an oasis that you can share with family and friends. With lush, blooming foliage, gorgeous patio furniture and the relaxing breeze of a beautiful Florida day, you can take back your day with an enclosed outdoor oasis—the perfect place to enjoy that morning cup of coffee or evening entertaining.

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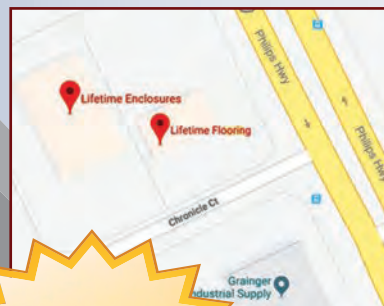
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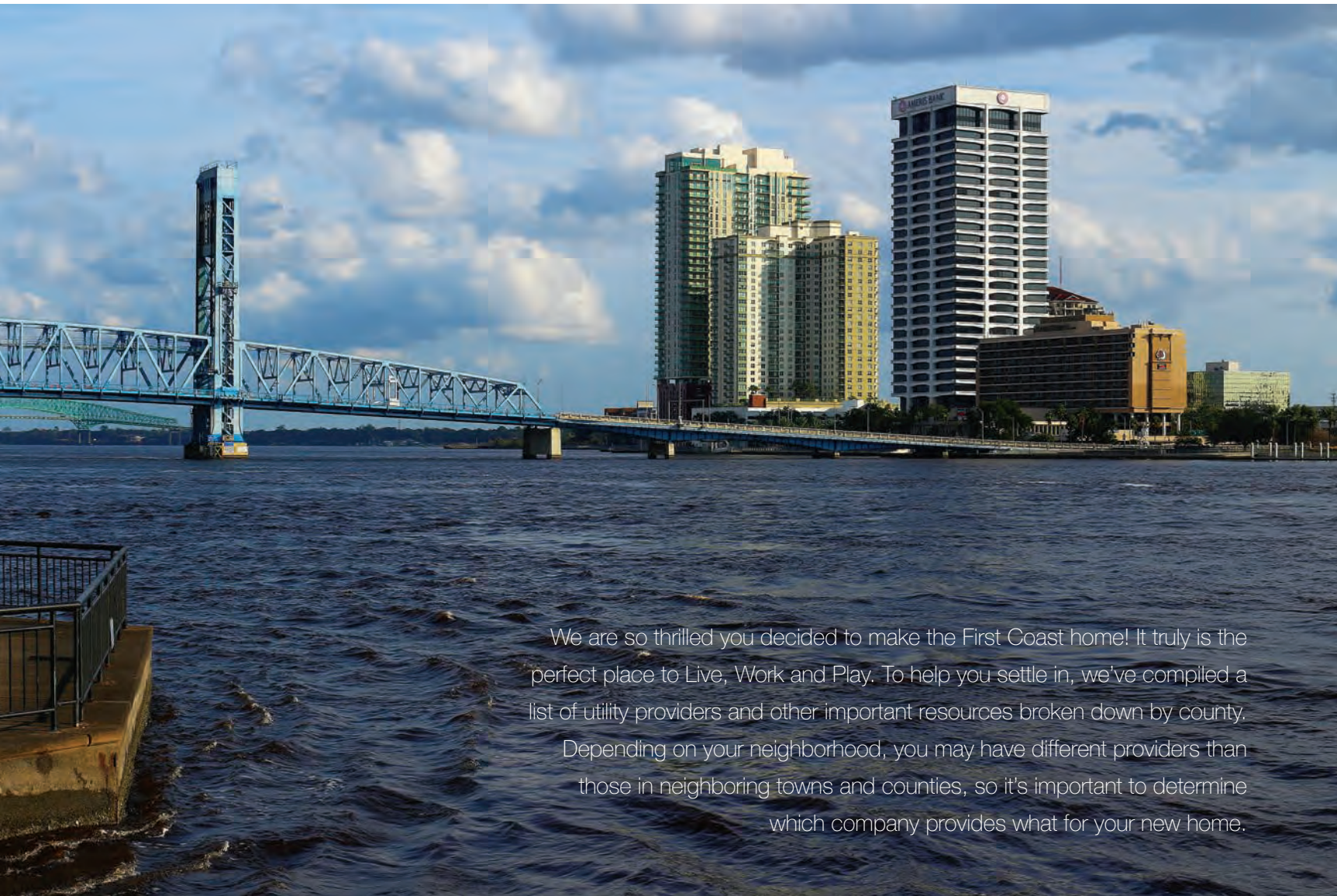
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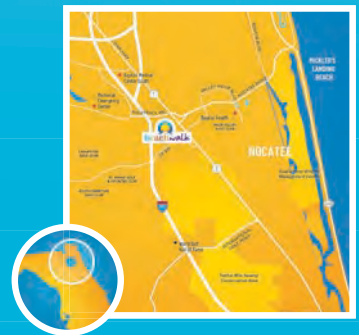
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Duval County/Jacksonville  
[www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net)

Jacksonville Beach  
[www.jacksonvillebeach.org](http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org)

Neptune Beach  
[www.ci.neptune-beach.fl.us](http://www.ci.neptune-beach.fl.us)

**Police/Sheriff**

Atlantic Beach Police Department  
[www.coab.us/25/Police](http://www.coab.us/25/Police)

Jacksonville Beach Police Department  
[www.jacksonvillebeach.org/government/departments/police](http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org/government/departments/police)

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office  
[www.jaxsheriff.org](http://www.jaxsheriff.org)

Neptune Beach Police Department  
[www.ci.neptune-beach.fl.us/police-department](http://www.ci.neptune-beach.fl.us/police-department)

**Fire/Rescue**

Jacksonville Beach Fire Department  
[www.jacksonvillebeach.org/government/departments/fire-and-emergency-services](http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org/government/departments/fire-and-emergency-services)

Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department  
[www.myjfrd.com](http://www.myjfrd.com)

**UTILITY SERVICES**

**Electricity**

Beaches Energy Services (Neptune Beach)  
[www.beachesenergy.com](http://www.beachesenergy.com)

Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) (Atlantic Beach)  
[www.jea.com](http://www.jea.com)

**Electricity, Water & Sewer**

Beaches Energy Services (Jacksonville Beach)  
[www.beachesenergy.com](http://www.beachesenergy.com)

Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) (Baldwin, Jacksonville)  
[www.jea.com](http://www.jea.com)

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**Garbage & Recycling**

City of Atlantic Beach  
[coab.us/15/Public-Works](http://coab.us/15/Public-Works)

City of Jacksonville  
[www.coj.net/departments/public-works](http://www.coj.net/departments/public-works)

City of Jacksonville Beach  
[www.jacksonvillebeach.org/government/departments/public-works](http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org/government/departments/public-works)

Waste Pro of Florida, Inc. (Neptune Beach)  
[www.ci.neptune-beach.fl.us/waste-recycling](http://www.ci.neptune-beach.fl.us/waste-recycling)

**Natural Gas**

TECO Peoples Gas (Atlantic Beach, Jacksonville, Jacksonville Beach, Neptune Beach)  
[www.peoplesgas.com](http://www.peoplesgas.com)

**Water & Sewer**

City of Atlantic Beach  
[coab.us/14/Public-Utilities](http://coab.us/14/Public-Utilities)



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City of Neptune Beach  
[www.ci.neptune-beach.fl.us/finance-utilities/pages/utilities](http://www.ci.neptune-beach.fl.us/finance-utilities/pages/utilities)

### **NASSAU COUNTY**

Callahan  
[www.townofcallahan-fl.gov](http://www.townofcallahan-fl.gov)

Fernandina Beach  
[www.fbfl.us](http://www.fbfl.us)

Nassau County  
[www.nassaucountyfl.com](http://www.nassaucountyfl.com)

#### **Police/Sheriff**

Fernandina Beach Police Department  
[www.fbfl.us/109/Police](http://www.fbfl.us/109/Police)

Nassau County Sheriff's Office  
<http://nassauso.com>

#### **Fire/Rescue**

Nassau County Fire Rescue  
[www.nassaucountyfl.com/122/Fire-Rescue](http://www.nassaucountyfl.com/122/Fire-Rescue)

#### **UTILITY SERVICES**

##### **Electricity**

Florida Power & Light (Callahan, Hilliard, Yulee)  
[www.fpl.com](http://www.fpl.com)

Florida Public Utilities (Amelia Island, Fernandina Beach)  
[www.fpuc.com](http://www.fpuc.com)

Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) (Yulee)  
[www.jea.com](http://www.jea.com)

Okefenokee Rural Electric (Callahan, Hilliard)  
[www.oremc.com](http://www.oremc.com)

##### **Garbage & Recycling**

Advanced Disposal (Amelia Island, Fernandina Beach, Hilliard, Yulee)  
[www.advanceddisposal.com](http://www.advanceddisposal.com)

Advanced Disposal - Stateline (Callahan)  
[www.advanceddisposal.com/fl/callahan/stateline-collection](http://www.advanceddisposal.com/fl/callahan/stateline-collection)

##### **Water & Sewer**

City of Fernandina Beach  
[www.fbfl.us/114/Utilities](http://www.fbfl.us/114/Utilities)

Florida Power & Light (Yulee)  
[www.fpl.com](http://www.fpl.com)

Hilliard Water Department  
[www.townofhilliard.com/publicworks/page/water-sewer](http://www.townofhilliard.com/publicworks/page/water-sewer)

Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) (Yulee)  
[www.jea.com](http://www.jea.com)

Town of Callahan  
[www.townofcallahan-fl.gov/water-wastewater-sanitation](http://www.townofcallahan-fl.gov/water-wastewater-sanitation)



## ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Ponte Vedra Beach  
[www.pvmsd.org](http://www.pvmsd.org)

St. Augustine  
<http://citystaug.com>

St. Augustine Beach  
[www.staugbch.com](http://www.staugbch.com)

St. Johns County  
[www.co.st-johns.fl.us](http://www.co.st-johns.fl.us)

### Police/Sheriff

St. Augustine Beach Police  
<https://sabpd.org>

St. Augustine Police Department  
<http://citystaug.com/241/Police-Department>

St. Johns County Sheriff's Office  
[www.sjso.org](http://www.sjso.org)

### Fire/Rescue

St. Augustine Fire Department  
<http://citystaug.com/211/Fire-Department>

St. Johns County Fire Rescue  
[www.sjcfi.us/FireRescue/index.aspx](http://www.sjcfi.us/FireRescue/index.aspx)

### UTILITY SERVICES

#### Electricity

Beaches Energy Services (Ponte Vedra Beach)  
[www.beachesenergy.com](http://www.beachesenergy.com)

Florida Power & Light (Hastings, St. Augustine, St. Augustine Beach)  
[www.fpl.com](http://www.fpl.com)

Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) (Julington Creek, Ponte Vedra Beach, St. Augustine)  
[www.jea.com](http://www.jea.com)

#### Garbage & Recycling

Advanced Disposal (Hastings)  
[www.advanceddisposal.com](http://www.advanceddisposal.com)

City of St. Augustine  
<http://citystaug.com/518/Trash-Recycling>

City of St. Augustine Beach  
[www.staugbch.com/publicworks/page/sanitation](http://www.staugbch.com/publicworks/page/sanitation)

Republic Services (Julington Creek, Ponte Vedra Beach)  
[www.republicservices.com](http://www.republicservices.com)

#### Natural Gas

TECO Peoples Gas (Hastings, Julington Creek, St. Augustine, St. Augustine Beach)  
[www.peoplesgas.com](http://www.peoplesgas.com)

#### Water & Sewer

City of St. Augustine  
<http://citystaug.com/529/Utilities>

Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) (Julington Creek, Ponte Vedra Beach)  
[www.jea.com](http://www.jea.com)

St. Johns Utility Department (Ponte Vedra Beach, St. Augustine Beach)  
[www.sjcfi.us/Utilities](http://www.sjcfi.us/Utilities)

### CABLE & SATELLITE TELEVISION

#### Internet & TV Providers

Comcast (Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, St. Johns)  
[www.xfinity.com](http://www.xfinity.com)

DIRECTV® (Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, St. Johns)  
[www.directv.com](http://www.directv.com)

Dish Network (Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, St. Johns)  
[www.dish.com](http://www.dish.com)

Windstream Communications (Nassau, St. Johns)  
[www.windstream.com](http://www.windstream.com)

### INTERNET

AT&T (Clay, Duval, Nassau, St. Johns)  
[www.att.com](http://www.att.com)

Comcast (Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, St. Johns)  
[www.xfinity.com](http://www.xfinity.com)

HughesNet (Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, St. Johns)  
[www.hughesnet.com](http://www.hughesnet.com)

NEFCOM Internet (Baker)  
<http://nefcom.net>

Windstream Communications (Nassau, Hastings)  
[www.windstream.com](http://www.windstream.com)

## First Coast Libraries

Our area libraries are not only a great resource for books, but many offer programs, children's activities, book festivals and a wide variety of enriching classes. Libraries are also a great place to volunteer!

### BAKER COUNTY

Emily Taber Public Library  
[www.newriverlibrary.org/etpl](http://www.newriverlibrary.org/etpl)

### CLAY COUNTY

Clay County Public Library  
[library.claycountygov.com](http://library.claycountygov.com)

### DUVAL COUNTY/CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

Jacksonville Public Library  
[www.jaxpubliclibrary.org](http://www.jaxpubliclibrary.org)

### NASSAU COUNTY

Nassau County Public Library  
[www.nassaureads.com](http://www.nassaureads.com)

### ST. JOHNS COUNTY

St. Johns County Public Library System  
[www.sjcpls.org](http://www.sjcpls.org)

# Good-to-Know Info

If you're not only new to the First Coast, but to the state of Florida as well, check out this list of good-to-know information for car and homeowners.

## Car Insurance

The mandatory minimum coverage for a registered motor vehicle is a \$10,000 personal injury protection (PIP) policy and a \$10,000 property damage liability (PDL) policy. The minimum coverage applies to all vehicles registered in the state of Florida, even if the vehicle is inoperable. Visit [www.flhsmv.gov/insurance](http://www.flhsmv.gov/insurance) for any further info.

## Driver's License and Motor Vehicles

Within 10 days of becoming employed, placing a child in public school or establishing residency in Florida, vehicles registered out of state are required to be registered in Florida and have a Florida license plate, a registration certificate and registration decal. You must apply for a Florida driver's license within 30 days of establishing residency in Florida to avoid fines and penalties. Visit [www.flhsmv.gov](http://www.flhsmv.gov) for more info.

## Property Taxes and Homestead Exemption

On the First Coast, property taxes are due in March and are considered delinquent as of April 1. Discounts are given for property taxes paid in advance. The maximum discount offered is 3 percent and applies to taxes paid in November. Late taxes are subject to penalty. See our list of tax collector's offices on this page.

Legal Florida residents who own and reside on property are eligible for a homestead exemption up to \$50,000. This exemption applies to the first and third \$25,000 of the assessed value of the primary residence. The first \$25,000 applies to all property taxes, including school district taxes. The second exemption applies to assessed value over \$50,000 and only to non-school taxes. To be eligible, you must own and occupy your home as your permanent residence on January 1. The deadline to file is March 1. To apply for the exemption, go to your local Property Appraiser's office.

## 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).

## First Coast Tax Collector's Offices

### BAKER COUNTY

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

### CLAY COUNTY

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

### DUVAL COUNTY

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

### 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)

## 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)

# 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.bahai.commcenterjax.com](http://www.bahai.commcenterjax.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)

## 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

Median Age <b>37.6</b>	<b>BAKER COUNTY</b> 30,067	<b>DUVAL COUNTY</b> 966,858	Median Age <b>36.1</b>
Median Age <b>39.5</b>	<b>CLAY COUNTY</b> 222,596	<b>NASSAU COUNTY</b> 91,314	Median Age <b>45.0</b>
	<b>ST. JOHNS COUNTY</b> 275,530	Median Age <b>43.4</b>	

## Number of Employees



<b>BAKER COUNTY</b> - 10,762	<b>13.2%</b>
<b>CLAY COUNTY</b> - 93,396	<b>24.9%</b>
<b>DUVAL COUNTY</b> - 462,060	<b>30.0%</b>
<b>NASSAU COUNTY</b> - 36,402	<b>29.6%</b>
<b>ST. JOHNS COUNTY</b> - 108,015	<b>44.7%</b>

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



## Median Household Income

Poverty Rate <b>14.9%</b>	<b>BAKER COUNTY</b> \$63,275	<b>DUVAL COUNTY</b> \$55,807	Poverty Rate <b>13.5%</b>
Poverty Rate <b>8.3%</b>	<b>CLAY COUNTY</b> \$65,740	<b>NASSAU COUNTY</b> \$69,943	Poverty Rate <b>9.0%</b>
	<b>ST. JOHNS COUNTY</b> \$82,252	Poverty Rate <b>6.4%</b>	

## Median Property Value



<b>BAKER COUNTY</b> - \$138,900	<b>75.3%</b>
<b>CLAY COUNTY</b> - \$185,400	<b>75.0%</b>
<b>DUVAL COUNTY</b> - \$191,500	<b>56.7%</b>
<b>NASSAU COUNTY</b> - \$230,900	<b>80.0%</b>
<b>ST. JOHNS COUNTY</b> - \$304,700	<b>80.4%</b>

Homeownership

Information from census.gov, datausa.io and worldpopulationreview.com. Data from 2019-2020



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**Commute Times to Downtown Jacksonville in Minutes**      **Miles from Downtown Jacksonville to Other Major Florida Cities**

- 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

- 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

# How many major U.S. cities can you fit in Jacksonville?

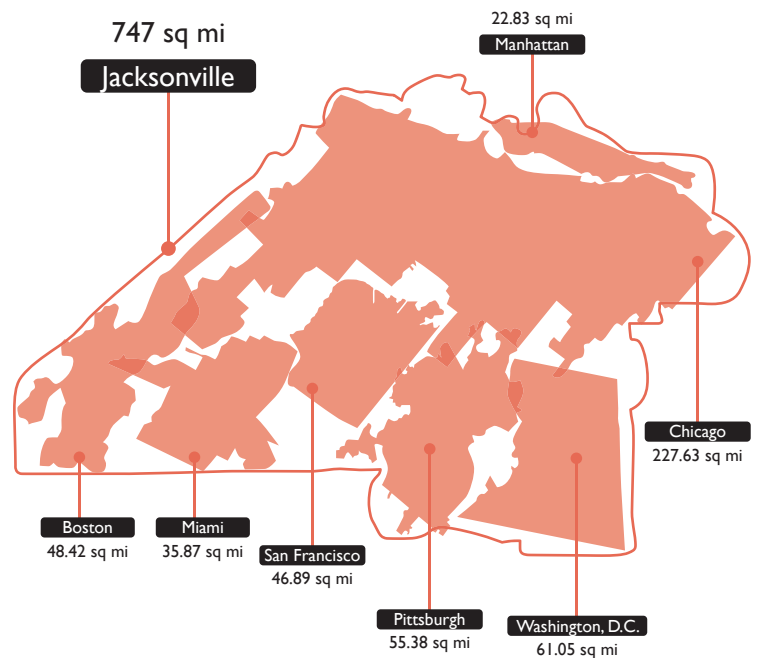




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# Doggy Day Cares

**For those times when your beloved pups need a playdate or they need care while you take a day trip, check out our local doggy day cares to find one that suits you and your dog! Your dogs will receive fantastic care and the socialization that every dog needs.**



Photo by Catherine Wyszczanski

## **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 Phillips Hwy., Jacksonville  
www.dogtopia.com/jacksonville-southside/

## **Dogtown in Mandarin**

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

## **Dogtown USA**

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**

*Bartram*  
14976 Walden Springs Way, Jacksonville  
Jacksonville Airport  
14272 Pecan Park Rd., Jacksonville  
*St. Augustine*  
125 Ponce Harbor Dr., St. Augustine  
*St. Johns at WGV*  
291 Center Place Way - St. Augustine  
*University Blvd.*  
5140 University Blvd. W., Jacksonville  
www.petparadise.com

## **Poochie's Park**

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

## **Sunland Acres**

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

## **Unleash Fido**

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

# *After Hours & 24-Hour* **Animal Hospitals**



**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  
733-5100  
[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)

Looking for a furry companion? Pet adoption events and local shelters are a great place to find that special someone.

# Pet Adoption

## Locations and Events



### ANIMAL SHELTERS

#### 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)

#### Ayla's Acres No-Kill Animal Rescue

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

#### Baker County Animal Control

[www.bakercountyfl.org/animals.php](http://www.bakercountyfl.org/animals.php)

#### Clay County Animal Services

[www.claycountygov.com/community/animal-services/adoption](http://www.claycountygov.com/community/animal-services/adoption)

#### Clay County Humane Society

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

#### Froggy's Cat Rescue

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

#### Greyhounds as Pets of Northeast Florida

[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-](http://www.nassaucountyfl.com/845/Animal-)

#### Nassau Humane Society

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

#### Old Dog House, The

[www.facebook.com/theolddoghouse](http://www.facebook.com/theolddoghouse)

#### 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)

**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/)

**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)



Photo by Stephanie Marty

# Wildlife Rehabilitation Programs

Local critters are an important part of our ecosystem on the First Coast. For those of you who may be looking for a different way to help local wildlife, such as squirrels, raccoons and opossums, there are several places on the First Coast where people can volunteer or even foster orphaned or injured animals in need. Please remember that you should not interact with wildlife without guidance from a local wildlife rehabilitation center. The programs are run by licensed professionals who are experienced handling wildlife.

**Ark Wildlife Care and Sanctuary, Inc., The**  
[www.thearkwildlifecareandsanctuary.com](http://www.thearkwildlifecareandsanctuary.com)

**Ark Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation, Inc., The**  
[www.thearkrescue.org](http://www.thearkrescue.org)

**Wildlife Rescue Coalition of Northeast Florida**  
[www.wildlifecoalition.com](http://www.wildlifecoalition.com)

An alternative to adopting, fostering animals is a great way to temporarily help care for pets in need of a forever home.



Photo by Catherine Wyszczanski



# Playing Ruff



Spend some quality time with your furry friends at one of the local pet-friendly beaches and parks where they can make new friends and enjoy some fresh air and Florida sunshine!

## 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)

### 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 Park

*Riverside*

[riversideavondale.org/john-gorrie-dog-park/](http://riversideavondale.org/john-gorrie-dog-park/)

### 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)

### Poochie's Park

*Orange Park*

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

### Springfield 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)

### 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

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### 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

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### Ponte Vedra Beach

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### St. Augustine Beach

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### Usina Beach

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### Vilano Beach

Must be leashed



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# *Sunny Skies Ahead:* **First Coast Weather**

**Here on the First Coast, we are fortunate enough to enjoy miles of beautiful beaches and waterways thanks to lovely temperate weather all year long. Summer temperatures range from the mid-70s to the low-90s but have been known to go well above 90 on a clear summer day. Winters are milder with temperatures ranging from the mid-40s to the mid-60s, though there have been mornings when First Coast residents have woken up to frost on the car. Summers do see a lot of afternoon rain, but overall, the First Coast weather is quite picturesque from November to April.**

### **Activities to Beat the Heat (Cool Activities for Summer)**

- Splash parks at the St. Augustine Pier, Jacksonville Zoo, Hanna Park, Sunshine Park, Wiley Playground, Losco Park, Abess Park and Murray Hill.
- Shipwreck Island Water Park at Adventure Landing
- Kayaking in Amelia Island

- JaxParks Aquatics - More than 30 pools are located throughout Jacksonville for public use including the Cecil Aquatic Center.
- Our beautiful beaches and waterways which stretch a more than a combined 60 miles and includes 50 public boat ramps.

### **Rainy Day Activities**

- Check out local museums such as the Cummer Art Museum, Museum of Contemporary Art and Museum of Science & History.

- Visit your local library - there are 21 locations throughout the area.
- Catch a flick at the IMAX Theater, Sun-Ray Cinema or a movie theater near you.
- Shop til you drop at indoor malls such as the Avenues Mall or Orange Park Mall.
- Bounce your way to an indoor trampoline park. Check out our list on page 170.



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# Weather Prep

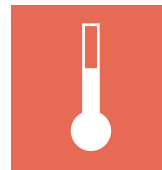
## Storm Preparations

Before a storm develops make sure to have a plan in place. An emergency kit should be created with necessary supplies accessible. Know your evacuation zone and act immediately if you are in a mandatory evacuation zone. If an evacuation does happen, have a full tank of fuel in your vehicle's gas tank and have enough food and water for at least three days. It is possible during an evacuation that highways, roads and bridges will be closed so plan multiple travel routes out of the area. To hear comprehensive 24-hour weather forecasts, purchase the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio.

During preparation for the storm, board up any windows and glass doors or install hurricane shutters. Any loose objects in the yard are a hazard during high winds and can fly away, so put away patio furniture, lawn tools, plants and toys. To find out if you live in a potential flood zone call your local emergency management or planning/zoning office. If you do fall into a flood zone, consider stocking up on sandbags to prevent water from getting into your home.

## HURRICANES

Some of the most powerful storms including hurricanes can develop from the First Coast's humid subtropical climate. Hurricane season begins in June and lasts until the end of November, though hurricanes can form throughout the year. Florida has three peninsulas, which brings into light that hurricanes are most threatening to coastlines. Luckily, Northeast Florida doesn't have as many hurricanes as other parts of the state because it is the most western point on the U.S. Eastern Seaboard.



### 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

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



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### Weather Terms to Know:

**Tropical Depression:**

maximum sustained wind speed of 38 mph

**Tropical Disturbance:**

originates in the tropics or subtropics and maintains an identity for 24 hours.

**Tropical Storm:**

maximum sustained wind speeds of 39 to 73 mph

**Hurricane:** winds 74 mph and above

**Hurricane Warning:**

hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours in or near the warning area.

**Hurricane Watch:**

hurricane conditions are possible within 48 hours in or near the watch area.

### Hurricane Categories:

The Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale is used by meteorologists to determine a hurricane's category and determine safety measures that residents should take to prepare for a hurricane. The categorization scale doesn't determine other hurricane related impacts such as rainfall-induced floods, tornadoes or storm surge.

**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**

### 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

Tornadoes in Northeast Florida are not normally as strong as Midwestern ones, but they can still cause substantial damage. Reaching 300 mph with an average forward speed of 30 mph, tornadoes can wipe an entire city out. Take shelter as soon as a tornado warning is issued. Keep in mind that advanced warning isn't always possible as tornadoes can develop quickly. Do not go outside, stay inside a building or home in the innermost room of the home, free of windows. A bathroom or closet usually works best. Keep low to the floor and cover your head with your hands.

### Weather Terms to Know:

**Tornado Watch:**

tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area.

**Tornado Warning:**

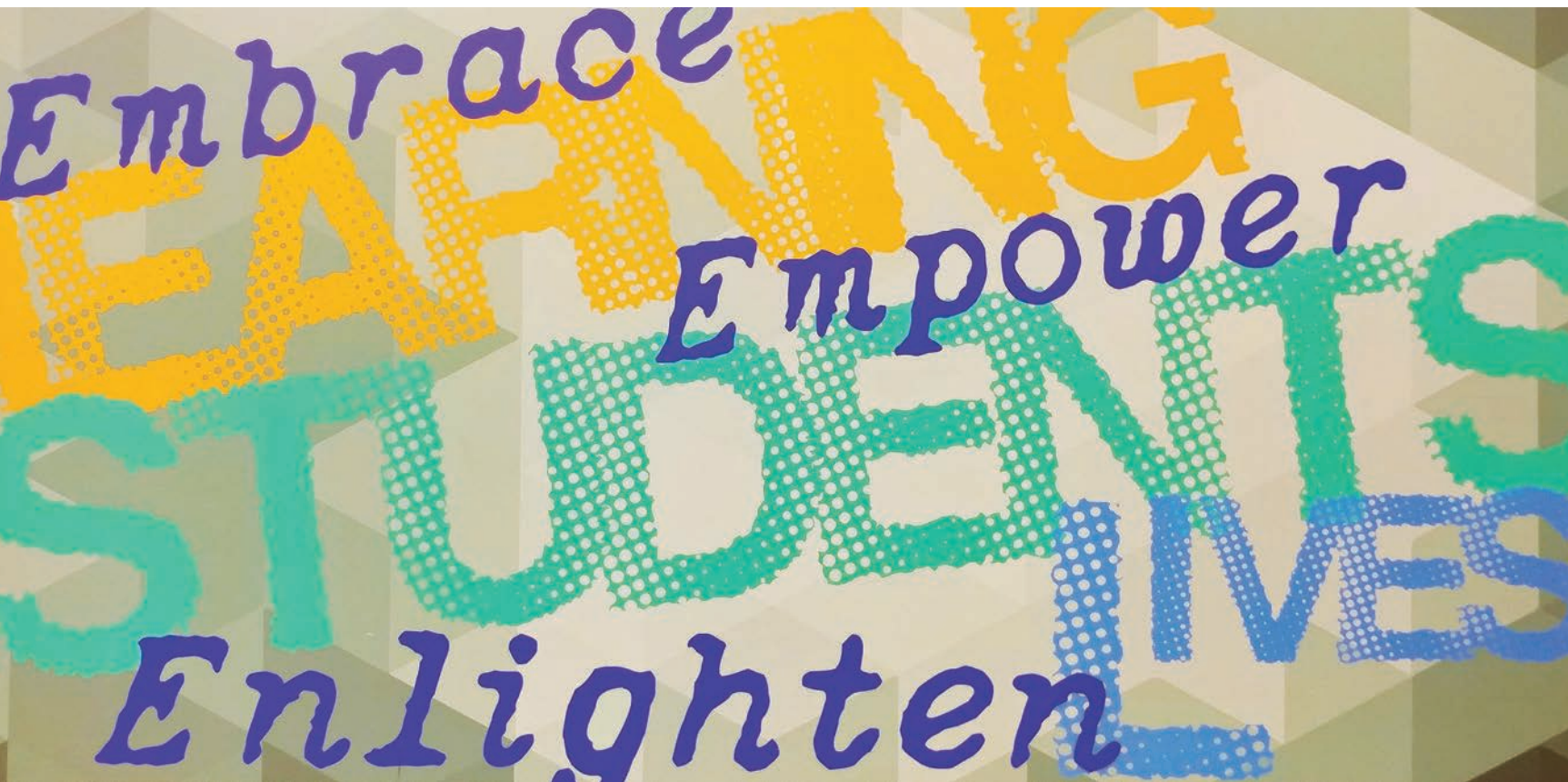
tornado sighted or indicated on radar.

**Waterspout:**

tornado that forms over warm water



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## ***Education***

The First Coast is full of bright young minds and energetic learners. Even through the challenges posed by COVID-19, educators have been flexible and creative in keeping the learning environment fun and engaging, whether in-person or online. It is easy to see how three of these five counties ranked in the Top 10 counties in the state for education.

# 227,588

## TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS

- BAKER COUNTY** 5,060
- CLAY COUNTY** 38,284
- DUVAL COUNTY** 130,229
- NASSAU COUNTY** 12,118
- ST. JOHNS COUNTY** 41,897



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# 299

## TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- BAKER COUNTY** 6
- CLAY COUNTY** 48
- DUVAL COUNTY** 184
- NASSAU COUNTY** 19
- ST. JOHNS COUNTY** 42



### BAKER COUNTY

[www.bakerk12.org](http://www.bakerk12.org)

The Baker County School District is dedicated to “building champions inside and outside of the classroom” at the six schools in the district. More than 5,000 students attend these schools and have access to many opportunities to teach them to become well-rounded and successful adults. Former students have continued their education at colleges and universities across the United States, joined all six branches of the military and completed apprenticeships/technical educational programs.

### CLAY COUNTY

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

The vision of Clay County District Schools is to “prepare life-long learners for success in a global and competitive workplace and in acquiring applicable life skills.” It is safe to say that they

succeed in this vision with a ranking of 8th in the state. The county ensures that students are learning in a motivating environment that is built on honesty, integrity and respect. All seven high schools offer Accelerated Learning programs so students can earn college credit while still completing high school.

### DUVAL COUNTY

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

Duval County is the largest on the First Coast leading Duval County Public Schools to provide the most options to parents and students. With neighborhood, magnet, charter and virtual schools, every student has the opportunity to attend a school that suits their needs. Duval County Public Schools is driven to constantly improve and provides a “whole child” approach to education. Duval offers a wide range of academic 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)

Nassau County School District is a fantastic option for students new to the area. Their mission is to “develop each student as an inspired life-long learner and problem-solver with the strength of character to serve as a productive member of society.” To accomplish this, Nassau offers strong academic curriculums with a wide range of AP classes, great athletic teams and diverse extracurricular activities.

### ST. JOHNS COUNTY

[www.stjohns.k12.fl.us](http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us)

St. Johns County School District’s dedication to education and their students has ranked them number one in the state. St. Johns works to create lifelong and passionate learners who make positive contributions to the world. The county offers AP, IB, AICE and Advancement Via Individual Determination programs. A countywide initiative called CHARACTER COUNTS! aims to “instill positive character traits in our young people” by “infusing the Six Pillars of Character” into the school district.



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Clay County District Schools – AN “A” SCHOOL DISTRICT AND RANKED NUMBER EIGHT IN THE STATE – is preparing students for success in a global and competitive workplace upon graduation. While learning environments look different, there are options for students to continue excelling inside and outside the traditional classroom.



**DAVID BROSKIE**  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

\*All photos were taken prior to COVID-19 in March 2020.

## DISTRICT Highlights

- Highest graduation rate in the history of the county at 93.4%
- 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”
- 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
- Expanded School Choice Options including Montessori and Pre-AICE programs
- All students have digital access through Chromebooks and Wi-Fi at every school
- Expanded Professional Development opportunities and increased teacher retention rate to 90%
- All High Schools have accelerated programs
- Academy of Criminal Justice: 2019 nationally recognized model academy



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## Clay County District Schools

Clay County Schools is an “A” district and is ranked number eight in the state! Clay reached the highest graduation rate in the history of the county in 2020 at 93.4 percent. Students, teachers, staff, board members and leadership worked extremely hard to enhance the educational experience for all learners, and achieving this goal is a result of their focus and dedication.

Under the leadership of Superintendent David Broskie, Clay County District Schools was one of the first districts in the state to successfully open all schools in 2020 during the pandemic, offering families multiple learning options including online and brick and

mortar. Clay had one of the highest rates of in-person learning in the state at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year as the District prepared a safe and healthy learning environment, meeting the needs of all students.

Over the past four 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 starts until they graduate as young adults. Schools have equitable access to technology and there is a strong focus on developing the whole child through robust learning and student engagement.

Clay County District Schools is continually adding innovative strategies and choice programs combined with the latest educational 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 School of the Arts, and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) at Lake Asbury Junior High School.

Clay County has increased the safety and security measures at all schools and district offices. 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 every student, Clay County District Schools is committed to providing sufficient resources to help all 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.

The District will continue to dedicate its efforts to enrich the academic experiences for all students and create a climate and culture that fosters collaboration, transparency, and most importantly, a safe environment, as it strives to become a Top Five school district in the state!



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# Private Schools

Christian Home Academy.....	276-3339
<a href="http://www.christianhomeacademy.info">www.christianhomeacademy.info</a>	
Citizens' High School .....	276-1700
<a href="http://www.citizenshighschool.com">www.citizenshighschool.com</a>	
Congregational Holiness Church School .....	529-1798
E.V. Turner Preparatory Academy .....	990-3423
<a href="http://www.turnerprepacademy.com">www.turnerprepacademy.com</a>	
Faith Christian Academy .....	276-1300
<a href="http://www.fcaflorida.com">www.fcaflorida.com</a>	
Grace Episcopal Day School.....	269-3718
<a href="http://www.geds.net">www.geds.net</a>	
Haile Academy of Higher Learning.....	505-0484
<a href="http://www.haileacademy.com">www.haileacademy.com</a>	
Heritage Christian Academy.....	343-1561
<a href="http://www.hcafi.info">www.hcafi.info</a>	
HighPoint Christian Academy.....	272-7949
Lighthouse Christian School .....	406-4866
<a href="http://www.lighthousechristianschool.net">www.lighthousechristianschool.net</a>	
Madeira Christian Academy .....	291-1875
Morningstar Christian School.....	352-473-3159

## BAKER COUNTY

United Christian Academy.....259-1199

## CLAY COUNTY

American Heritage Academy..... 269-2405  
[www.heritageministry.net](http://www.heritageministry.net)

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 282-0504 || [www.annunciationcatholic.org](http://www.annunciationcatholic.org) | |

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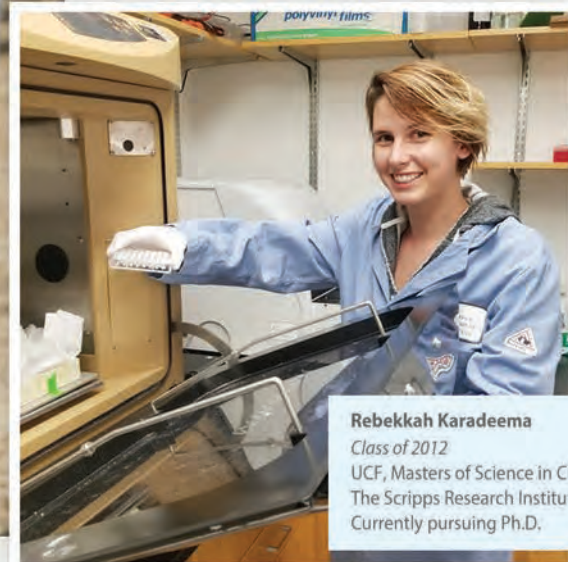
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- Beaches Chapel School..... 241-4211  
www.beacheschapelschool.com
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perform at top-tier in all grade levels and subjects in Duval County.

River City Science Academy has been a front-runner for bringing new technology into the classroom. For many years, students have been utilizing new computer programs, software, and technology to enhance their education. When the COVID-19 pandemic began, and schools had to quickly adapt to distance education, students and teachers at RCSA found the transition to be much easier and seamless than expected. Students’ experience with technology allowed them to easily adapt to their new learning style and continue receiving a great education online. RCSA has worked hard to make sure that their students and teachers remain safe and responsible through the pandemic, while still receiving the quality education that the schools prides itself on.

Offering an innovative science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) curriculum focus, RCSA now serves more than 3,000 students from kindergarten through 12th grade, with four campuses in Jacksonville. RCSA Schools have been voted consecutively as Best Schools in Jacksonville by multiple publishers such as Folio Magazine’s Best of Jax, Bold City Best, and Niche. Due to RCSA’s proven success and high demand, they will be opening a new campus in August 2021 titled RCSA Intracoastal, bringing their total to five campuses in the Jacksonville area. RCSA Innovation is also excited to be making a move to a brand new campus with a state-of-the-art gymnasium and field area.

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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. RCSA continues to remain innovative and improve. Bringing in new ideas is integral to helping students on their life-long journey to be better citizens.

Beginning in sixth grade, students are eligible to take part in RCSA's College

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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.





# Programs for Learning Differences

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**Seven Bridges School**  
[www.sevenbridgesschool.org](http://www.sevenbridgesschool.org)

With a large range of classes from foreign languages 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.

## DUVAL COUNTY DUVAL-BEACHES

**Noble School, The**  
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The Noble School welcomes students between 5th and 12th grade that may be dealing with dyslexia, ADD/ADHD, processing disorders or autism. Their classes focus on one-on-one instruction and individualized instruction and support.

## DUVAL-NORTH

**Greenwood School** ..... 726-5000  
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**Jericho School, The**  
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## DUVAL-SOUTH

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Alden Road focuses on creating a positive learning environment that will enable their students to become productive members of the community. Their program promotes self-advocacy, self-determination and self-esteem.

**Center Academy**  
Mandarin  
St. Johns Bluff  
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The Center offers a multitude of specialized programs for students grades 4 through 12 with learning differences, including college preparatory curriculums, dual enrollment and summer programs.

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

### **DePaul School of Northeast Florida**

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

The DePaul School has developed specialized curriculums for students between 2nd and 8th grade with dyslexia and related learning differences that is slow-paced, repetitive and deliberate to help them learn in a positive and encouraging manner.

### **Great Strides School**

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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)**

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### **Lighthouse Christian School**

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### **Little Star Center**

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### **Mainspring Academy**

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### **Morning Star School**

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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. They are the only special education school in the Diocese of St. Augustine.

### **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 ages 6-22 who have intellectual and developmental differences. The school offers an innovative academic and therapeutic environment for students up to age 40, as well as postgraduate programs including vocation training, internships and more.

## **DUVAL-WEST**

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

Lighthouse Christian School is a private school that focuses on students who may benefit from smaller classes and individualized instruction intended to help the students learn better. Many of their students go on to higher learning institutions.

### **Mt. Herman Exceptional Student Center**

**[dcps.duvalschools.org/mhesc](http://dcps.duvalschools.org/mhesc)**

The Mt. Herman Exceptional Student Center works with individuals from ages 3 to 21 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**

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## **NASSAU COUNTY**

### **Lighthouse Christian School**

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## **ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

### **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 is a fully accredited, tuition-free public school. They offer K-12th grade classes on campus, as well as a Pre-K early learning center.

## *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 Florida

[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 47 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 420 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, Ponte Vedra, Westside and Southside campuses are all fully accredited under Cognia, formerly known as AdvancED and the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges (SACS).

## **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. Dr. Broach was Pastor Emeritus at HighPoint Community Church until her passing in August of 2020. Nonetheless, her vision and passion for students continues to live on through her schools.

“It’s not so much what we teach, but the process of how we teach that matters. We teach HOPE.” Tommie Broach, Founder and CEO of The Broach Schools

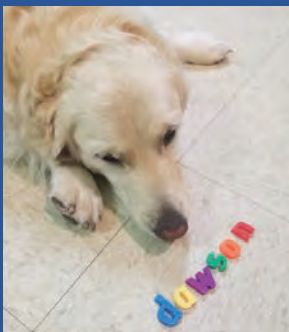
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# Adult Education



**For many, learning doesn't stop after high school graduation and figuring out the next step can be daunting. Whether you choose the technical or university route, the First Coast has the right educational path for you.**

**Conservative Theological University**  
[www.conservative.edu](http://www.conservative.edu)

Established in 1982, Conservative Theological University is a certified member of the Florida Council of Private Colleges of America. They offer a range of degrees from an associate of arts to a doctorate that all focus on a fundamentally Biblical education. Degree programs can be completed on a part- or full-time basis and on or off campus.

**Edward Waters College**  
[www.ewc.edu](http://www.ewc.edu)

Established in 1866, Edward Waters College (EWC) is both the first private institution of higher learning and first Historically Black College or University in Florida. EWC offers a Christian curriculum that challenges and engages students to push them toward success. The college offers eight bachelor's degree programs within five departments: Business Administration, Communications, Criminal Justice, Science and Mathematics and Social and Behavioral Sciences.

**First Coast Technical College**  
[www.fctc.edu](http://www.fctc.edu)

First Coast Technical College (FCTC) is great option for those looking for career or technical education options rather than a four-year university or college. FCTC is part of the top-rated St. Johns County School District with two locations in St. Augustine. The college offers a variety of programs, including agriculture, health sciences, hospitality and tourism, human services and law, early childhood education and many more.

**Flagler College**  
[www.flagler.edu](http://www.flagler.edu)

Flagler College, once a hotel, has offered an exceptional private education in historic St. Augustine for more than 50 years. The college provides a "challenging, inclusive, and supportive academic community" and is committed to preserving the history of Hotel Ponce de León. There are nearly 70 programs of study within the School of Business, Education and Mathematics, the School of Creative Arts and Letters and the School of Humanities and Science.



**Florida Aviation Career Training, Inc.**  
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Florida Aviation Career Training, Inc. (FACT) is an excellent choice for those who are new to aviation, interested in additional ratings, seasoned pilots or in need of aircraft rental. FACT is home to experienced instructors, one-on-one training to focus on each individual's needs and aircraft maintained in their own facility. The school provides the knowledge and skills needed to exceed the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) standards and has above a 90 percent pass rate on FAA practical exams.

**Florida Coastal School of Law**  
**www.fcsl.edu**

Florida Coastal School of Law is a great choice for aspiring lawyers on the First Coast. The school operates on rolling admissions and offers an accelerated two-year program. Well above the national average of 65 percent, 100 percent of Florida Coastal students participate in pro bono legal work prior to graduation. In July 2020, Florida Coastal announced their application to become a non-profit law school as part of a "strategic plan for growth and a stable future."

**Florida State College at Jacksonville**  
**www.fscj.edu**

Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) has multiple locations throughout Duval and Nassau Counties and is an excellent choice for higher learning. For over 50 years, FSCJ has worked with students to find the best path for their educational journey. The college offers associate and bachelor's degrees and technical and non-credit workforce certificates in numerous areas of study. FSCJ's Deerwood Center also offers a two-year Associate in Arts degree during the weekend to make completing your degree convenient.

**Jacksonville Theological Seminary**  
**www.jts.edu**

Jacksonville Theological Seminary offers graduate degrees in various religious studies to prepare students for future ministry work and religious vocations. The seminary is a Comprehensive Accredited Member with Honor by Accrediting Commission International, Inc.

**Jacksonville University**  
**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 consecutive 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 focused on creating a complete learning environment for students.

**Logos University**  
**www.logos.edu**

Logos University is an online and distance learning institution that is committed to developing leaders who positively impact their communities and churches. Logos offers programs that allow their students to graduate debt-free with a practical education. Their degrees are flexible and customizable to meet students' needs.

**St. Johns River State College**  
**www.sjrstate.edu**

Since 1958, St. Johns River State College has made itself the "community's college" open to all learners ages 16 and beyond. They offer associate and bachelor's degrees and College Credit and Career Certificates at all three of their campuses and online.

**Trinity Baptist College**  
**www.tbc.edu**

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

**University of North Florida**  
**www.unf.edu**

Since 1972, the University of North Florida (UNF) has become a staple among Florida state universities. With a smaller population than many Florida universities, UNF offers small, intimate classroom settings where students receive the best education possible. There are six colleges within the university that offer a multitude

of programs, including the Brooks College of Health, the Coggin College of Business, the College of Arts and Science, the College of Computing, Engineering and Construction, the College of Education and Human Services and the Hicks Honors College.

**University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences**  
**www.usa.edu**

The University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences offers graduate programs in the College of Rehabilitative Sciences, the College of Health Sciences and Administration and the School of Nursing. 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.

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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 have helped transform the delivery of healthcare around the globe since 1853.

If you’re searching for a physician 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 physician 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 physician 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 (Duval, Clay or Nassau County Medical Societies) to learn how you can make a difference.

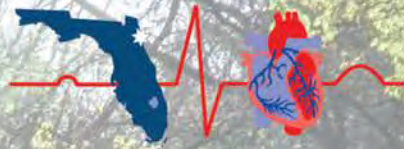
As an organization, the DCMS remains committed to providing our members with support and service in every possible way. As we continue to adjust to the reality that face-to-face meetings may not be prudent at this time, we continue to offer education, webinars, and support to our members so that you and your practice have all of the information you need to operate safely during these difficult times.

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. All members are eligible to participate in the LifeBridge: Physician Wellness Program that offers free & confidential coaching services.

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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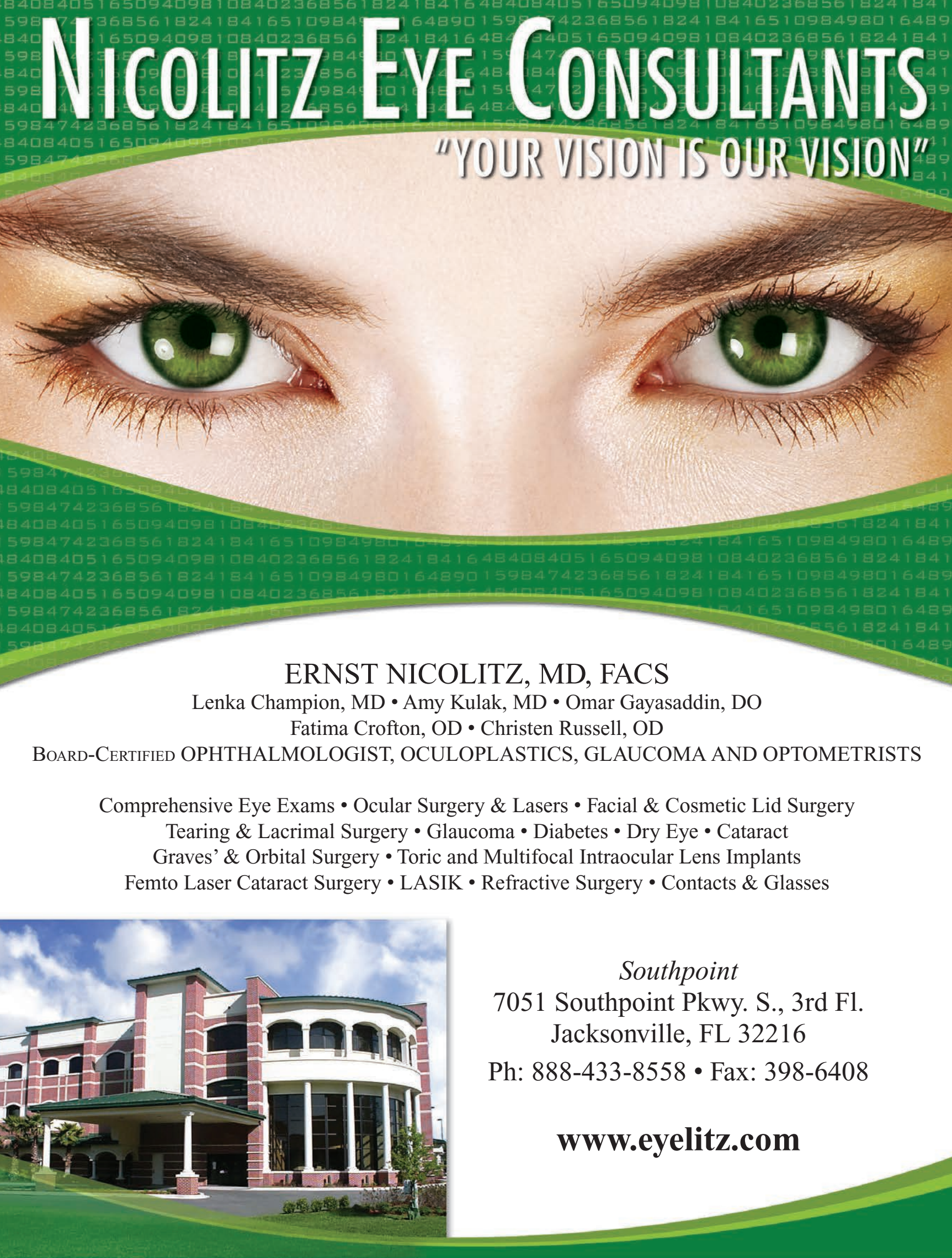


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UF Health Jacksonville is a full-service hospital and home to the only Level I trauma program in the area, 24/7 emergency room and Level III neonatal intensive care unit. Some specialty care services on site are cardiology,



obstetrics and gynecology, neurosurgery, orthopaedics, rehabilitation services and many more. The University of Florida Colleges of Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy are also located on the UF Health Jacksonville campus.

UF Health North is home to the only full-service hospital in North Florida, a 24/7 emergency room, and 12 state-of-the-art labor and delivery suites. Also on this campus is the Medical Office Building, offering more than 30 specialty services including outpatient surgery, laboratory and diagnostic services.

UF Health Emerson Medical Plaza is home to a multiservice outpatient care center. Rehabilitation services offers physical, speech, occupational and neurological therapies. A variety of additional specialties are available, from cardiology and neurosciences to endocrinology and imaging services. As well as primary care and health screening services.

UF Health Wildlight is the newest outpatient medical facility, which opened in December 2019 and is the official medical provider for the Wildlight

Community. This campus offers urgent care, dentistry, family medicine, pediatrics, mental health services, obstetrics and gynecology, imaging and a laboratory. The newest addition is the rehabilitation facility that opened in fall of 2020 and offers occupational, physical and speech therapies for adults and children. The new facility is also home to a healthy living center and a YMCA.





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Baptist Emergency Center: photo by Stephanie Mary

**Other area hospitals:**

**BAKER COUNTY**

**Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital**

Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital, the main facility of the Macclenny health care campus, is a budget-friendly option that mixes compassion and state-of-the-art technology, so patients receive the best care available. Also on this campus are the Dopson Family Medical Center providing primary and specialty care, Baker Rural Health Clinic providing a walk-in clinic and W. Frank Wells Nursing Home providing short and long-term care.

**CLAY COUNTY**

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

Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County location is a 106-bed hospital with a reputation for compassionate, personalized care and a high-tech facility. They offer a range of services including cancer care, orthopaedics, endocrinology, women's health, 24/7 emergency care and many more.

**Kindred Hospital - North Florida**

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## Orange Park Medical Center

Orange Park Medical Center is one of the top health care providers in Northeast Florida, committed to quality care and extraordinary service. Recently they have undergone a two-part expansion, in 2019, adding a patient tower and in 2020, adding a dining facility. In 2020, they were named in the top 10 percent in the nation for Pulmonary and Critical Care and in the top 250 hospitals in America for women's care. They were also recognized as a five-star recipient in multiple categories.

## DUVAL-BEACHES

### Baptist Medical Center Beaches

Baptist Medical Center Beaches is the only hospital-based 24/7 emergency service at the beach. For the fourth year in a row, they have earned an A rating

from Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades, putting them in the top third of hospitals for protecting patient safety. In 2018, they became home to a state-of-the-art surgical pavilion and an AgeWell Center for Senior Health.

### Mayo Clinic

Mayo Clinic is known around the world for the health care they provide. Mayo Clinic in Florida is one of three locations in the United States. They have been expanding over the last several years and continue with projects set to open in 2023. Some of these are the Mangurian Building that provides services for cancer, neurologic, and neurosurgical care, a Positron emission tomography radiochemistry facility, the Mayo South Building that provides a space for molecular imaging, cardiovascular and cardiothoracic surgery, and a spine center and pain rehabilitation program.

As well as a new patient parking garage and Mayo North addition which will add operating rooms and procedural space for multiple departments.

## DUVAL-SOUTH

### Ascension St. Vincent's Southside Hospital

Ascension St. Vincent's Southside is the oldest private hospital in Florida, opening in 1873 and providing world-class care to the area since. It is the only community hospital in Jacksonville to receive the "baby-friendly" designation from the World Health Organization and UNICEF. They also have upcoming renovations mainly focused on the exterior of the hospital.

### Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville

Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville is the central hub of the Baptist Health

System and has established itself as providing some of the best health care on the First Coast. Utilizing the latest technology, they provide the best diagnostics and treatment paired with personalized care. It is one of the largest hospitals in the area and is home to the Baptist Heart Hospital, which is the area's only freestanding hospital for heart and vascular care and the Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center, which provides some of the top technology, clinical trials and targeted therapies.

### Baptist Medical Center South

Baptist Medical Center South is ranked as one of the top five hospitals in Florida by U.S. News & World Report. Their top priority is your family's health and is home to an adult emergency room, surgery center, imaging, pediatric Wolfson Children's emergency room and much more.



Ascension St. Vincent's, photo by Stephanie Mary



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).

### **Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital**

Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital provides the best care for patients needing intensive therapy. They are CARF-accredited in brain injury, general rehabilitation, pain, pediatrics, spinal cord injury and stroke. Set to open in two years once construction begins is an inpatient rehabilitation hospital on their Bartram Park campus.

### **Curahealth Jacksonville**

Curahealth Jacksonville is a long-term acute care hospital that provides specialized care for patients who require extended recovery time than traditional hospitals offer. They focus on using a holistic approach and personalized care plans to provide their patients with the best possible chance of recovery.

### **Memorial Hospital Jacksonville**

Memorial Hospital Jacksonville has provided top-notch care to the First Coast for over 45 years. The hospital includes the Bone and Joint Center, accredited Chest Pain Center, Heart Center, Maternity Center and Stroke Center. They are adding a building, opening summer 2021, to expand their surgery services, adding five operating rooms, of which two will be for cardiovascular procedures, as well as five recovery areas.

### **Nemours Children's Specialty Care**

Nemours Children's Specialty Care works with Wolfson's Children's Hospital, UF Health and Mayo Clinic to provide the best care for kids up to 18 with common to complex medical conditions. Families choose Nemours for many reasons including board-certified pediatric

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### **Wekiva Springs Center**

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## Wolfson Children's Hospital

Wolfson Children's Hospital is known as one of the best pediatric hospitals in the nation and is the only full-service tertiary hospital for children in the region. Working with Nemours Children's Specialty Care, the University of Florida College of Medicine, Jacksonville and the Mayo Clinic, Wolfson's offers the best care and resources to their patients.

## DUVAL-WEST

### Ascension St. Vincent's Riverside Hospital

Ascension St. Vincent's Riverside Hospital is the largest hospital on the First Coast and is home to the largest cardiovascular program in the area. Their mission is to offer compassionate and personalized care in a wide range of specialties and programs.

### Naval Hospital Jacksonville

Naval Hospital Jacksonville is a military hospital that serves active-duty military personnel, veterans, their families, and retired military with TRICARE benefits. In October 2020, a partnership with North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System of the Department of Veterans Affairs was announced. This offers an option for inpatient care for local veterans at Naval Hospital Jacksonville rather than traveling for care.

## NASSAU COUNTY

### Baptist Medical Center Nassau

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### Flagler Health+

Flagler Health+ is recognized for their superb level of care and is named one of America's 100 Best Hospitals in 2020 by Healthgrades. Plans to develop a health and wellness campus in Durbin Park were announced in September 2019 and will be built in three phases. The long term plans include a hospital, outpatient surgical services, cancer care and many more.



Nemours Children's Specialty Care, photo by Stephanie Marty

# BROOKS

## Hospitals

### BAKER COUNTY

#### Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital

159 N. 3rd St., Macclenny  
www.bcmedsvcs.com

### CLAY COUNTY

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

1670 St. Vincent's Way, Middleburg  
www.healthcare.ascension.org

#### Kindred Hospital North Florida

801 Oak St., Green Cove Springs  
www.khnorthflorida.com

#### Orange Park Medical Center

2001 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park  
www.orangeparkmedical.com

### DUVAL-BEACHES

#### Baptist Medical Center Beaches

1350 13th Ave. S., Jacksonville Beach  
www.baptistjax.com

#### Mayo Clinic

4500 San Pablo Rd. S., Jacksonville  
www.mayoclinic.org/jacksonville

### DUVAL-NORTH

#### UF Health North

15255 Max Leggett Pkwy., Jacksonville  
www.north.ufhealthjax.org

### DUVAL-SOUTH

#### Ascension St. Vincent's Southside Hospital

4201 Belfort Rd., Jacksonville  
www.healthcare.ascension.org

#### Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville

800 Prudential Dr., Jacksonville  
www.baptistjax.com

#### Baptist Medical Center South

14550 Old St. Augustine Rd., Jacksonville  
www.baptistjax.com

#### Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital

3599 University Blvd. S., Jacksonville  
www.brooksrehab.org

#### Curahealth Jacksonville

4901 Richard St., Jacksonville  
www.curahealth.com

#### Memorial Hospital Jacksonville

3625 University Blvd. S., Jacksonville  
www.memorialhospitaljax.com

#### Nemours Children's Specialty Care

807 Children's Way, Jacksonville  
www.nemours.org or www.kidshealth.org

#### River Point Behavioral Health

6300 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville  
www.riverpointbehavioral.com

#### Wekiva Springs

3947 Salisbury Rd., Jacksonville  
www.wekivacenter.com

#### Wolfson Children's Hospital

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www.wolfsonchildrens.org

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[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 Health+

400 Health Park Blvd., St. Augustine  
[www.flaglerhospital.org](http://www.flaglerhospital.org)

## Freestanding Emergency Rooms



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### CLAY COUNTY

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

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602-1400

#### 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  
4085 Town Center Pkwy., Jacksonville  
202-6800

#### Memorial Emergency Center - Mandarin

10910 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville  
407-8500

### DUVAL-WEST

#### 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

## Health Insurance Companies

### Aetna

Located on the Southside, Aetna is one of the leading companies for health care, dental, pharmacy, group life and disability insurance in the United States. The company works with their customers to help them make well-educated decisions when it comes to health insurance. For 2021, Aetna has expanded their Medicare Advantage Plans to make care more affordable and convenient for all.

### CIGNA Health Insurance Company

For over 200 years, CIGNA has offered competitive health insurance plans to Florida residents. The company partners with their customers to not only find the appropriate insurance plan, but to also help them understand the more puzzling aspects of health care and insurance. Their plans are convenient for those who are self-employed.

### 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. Announced in December, Florida Blue will cover the entire cost of the COVID-19 vaccine for members.

### Florida Health Care Plan

Florida Health Care Plan is proud to be a "one-stop-shop" for customers and all their health care needs. Find a local gym, attend health-related events and classes or keep up to date on health care news all from the ease of their website. 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.

### 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. The company now offers 24/7 telehealth access to virtual doctors.

### Thomas & Associates

With nearly 71 years of experience and over 30,000 families served, First Coast-natives Thomas & Associates have helped customers navigate the intricacies of health insurance since 1970. Their small firm works to really understand what their customers need by asking the right kind of questions and truly listening to the answers since no two customers are identical.

### United Healthcare

United Healthcare helps and cares 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. Recently, United Healthcare has expanded access to virtual care for members, which makes it easier for patients to establish and maintain relationships with local providers.

### WellCare Health Plans Inc.

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.





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# ***10 Reasons the First Coast is Great for Seniors!***

**1**

**The weather!** The First Coast has great weather all year! Gorgeous sun in the summers and mild temperatures in the winter makes it a great place to be year-round.

**2**

**Volunteer opportunities!** The First Coast has lots of ways for seniors to get involved in their community. Some of these are the Foster Grandparents Program, Catholic Charities, Seniors on a Mission Inc., and RSVP – one of the largest volunteer networks in the nation, or one of the many hospitals in the area.

**3**

**It's affordable!** The cost of living has drawn seniors to Florida for decades. Individual retirement accounts, private and public pensions, 401(k)s, and Social Security have no state taxation, as well as no state income tax. The cost of living in Jacksonville is 5 percent below the national average according to [payscale.com](https://www.payscale.com).

**4**

**Active adult communities!** Northeast Florida has many types, styles, and price points to meet most budgets and needs. With resort style amenities and relatively maintenance free living, these communities are designed to get residents active and socializing.

**5**

**Beautiful parks!** There are more than 400 parks in Jacksonville, making it home to the largest urban park system in the United States. In addition, there are also many beautiful state parks around the area to explore.

**6**

**Senior centers!** The First Coast has various community and senior centers that have many programs, games, lectures, classes, events, meals and more. See our list of senior centers near you on page 114.

**7**

**Health Care!** Seniors have access to some of the best available health care with the large hospitals and health systems in the area, including Baptist Health, UF Health, Ascension St. Vincent's, and Mayo Clinic. There are also VA clinics in Jacksonville and St. Augustine available for veterans.

**8**

**Attractions!** Jacksonville Zoo is Northeast Florida's premier zoo and botanical garden. Other attractions include the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens and the Museum of Science & History (MOSH). All of these also include a senior discount on tickets.

**9**

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**10**

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# First Coast Senior Centers

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Senior Center ..... 291-3520  
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## DUVAL-SOUTH

Mandarin Senior 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 ..... 630-0995  
Maxville Senior Center ..... 289-7157  
Moncrief Senior Center ..... 764-0330  
Riverview Senior Center ..... 765-7511  
Wallace Small Senior Center ..... 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!

Due to the uncertainty COVID-19 can cause, please visit [coj.net](http://coj.net), the City of Jacksonville Senior Services Division Facebook page or call 255-5667 to get the most up to date information on 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

The 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 at the Prime Osborn Convention Center with dinner, dancing and festive entertainment for seniors.

### Safety and Security Seminars for Seniors

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

### Senior Expo

This free two-day event is hosted twice a year, in May at the Prime Osborn Convention Center and in November at the Morocco Shrine Auditorium. The expo shares information and resources available in the area for seniors, and also includes live entertainment and free health screenings.

### Senior Prom

For more than 30 years, the City of Jacksonville has hosted an evening of dinner, music, and dancing for the senior community. Held at the Prime Osborn Convention Center in the fall.

### Spring Fling

Join the City of Jacksonville for a night of dinner and dancing to themed music. Held at the Morocco Shrine Auditorium in the spring.

### 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

One of the fastest growing sports in the country, pickleball is becoming very popular among seniors! Combining elements of tennis, badminton and ping pong, this game is simple to learn and easy to play for all ages. The following are 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)

### **i** Staying active during COVID-19

While many activities are cancelled or postponed due to the virus, getting outdoors and taking a walk is a great way to stay active. The many State Parks around Jacksonville are perfect to get outdoors and be active without sacrificing safety or health. There are even claims that sunshine, fresh air and the social distancing that being outdoors provides is an effective way to protect yourself from COVID-19. Visit [floridastateparks.org](http://floridastateparks.org) for information about the parks in the area.

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## Navigating Senior Living Options

**Seniors on the First Coast have many living options to choose from! When making a selection, it is important to know the differences between them to find the best fit.**

### Assisted Living Facilities

Assisted living facilities are a long-term care option for seniors who need help with daily care but still 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 supervision, meals, activities and other amenities. There are often large common areas and dining rooms for seniors to socialize. Residents also have access to nursing services, with a registered nurse on call. Some assisted living facilities have memory care units for those with Alzheimer's or dementia, but services may vary.

### Skilled Nursing Facilities

Skilled nursing facilities are an option for seniors who need specialized 24-hour medical care and treatment from a registered nurse or therapy services from physical, speech or occupational therapists. A physician also supervises the patient's care. These facilities are hospital-like and provide short-term services for those who are recovering from an injury or illness, or long-term services 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 able to be up and about. 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 24-hour supervised care in a comfortable and stress-free environment.

### Retirement Communities

Retirement communities encompass a wide range of housing options for seniors. These communities are designed for seniors who can still live independently. These include communities such as active adult communities, independent living communities and 55-plus communities. Seniors can choose from many housing options like single-family homes, condos or 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 allow seniors their independence and freedom while also offering convenient services to assist with housekeeping and meal preparation if needed. Many retirement communities also have an assisted living component.

For a comprehensive list of these facilities and communities, take a look at the *Jacksonville Senior Services Directory* at [www.heritagepublishinginc.com](http://www.heritagepublishinginc.com) or pick up a physical copy at your local library or senior center.

### How to Choose which Facility is Right for You

Deciding on living arrangements can feel overwhelming but knowing the differences between each type is a good place to start. For seniors who can live independently, 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. Skilled nursing facilities are the best option for seniors who are recovering from an injury or illness and need specialized medical care. Often once a senior recovers, they can be moved to an assisted living facility. Essentially, the level of care required determines which type of facility is the best fit. To ensure the right choice is made, tour different communities or facilities and ask about what services are provided and any extra costs.



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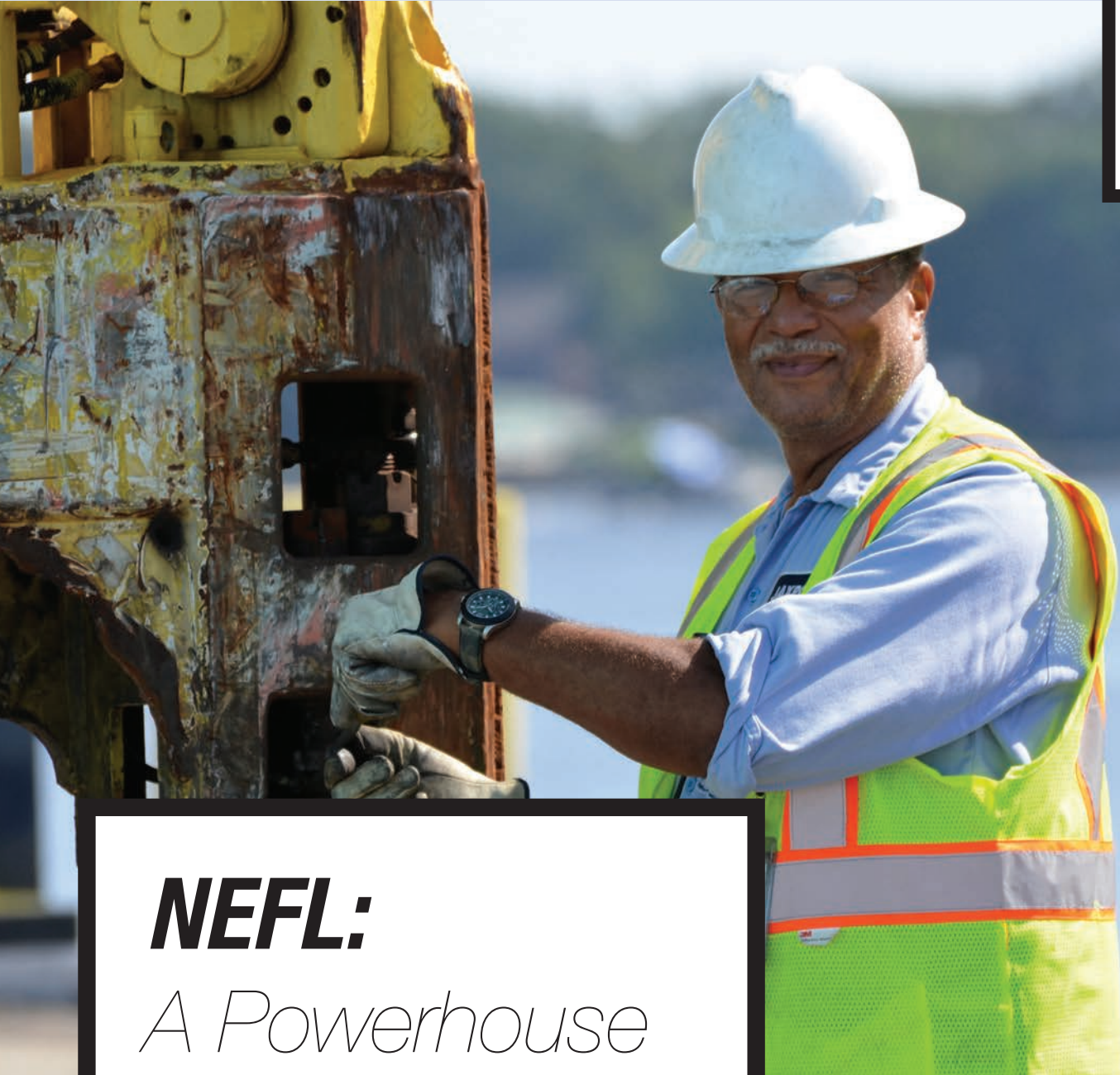


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## **NEFL:**

# *A Powerhouse in Business*

The First Coast is drawing many different types of businesses. Many verticals from technology, health care, trade and more are flocking to the area as it is one of the quickest growing areas for business in the country. The First Coast is a very affordable area for companies as there are no inventories on foreign income or corporate franchise taxes.

Photo by Ashkan Fouroozani, courtesy of Unsplash

With the many business opportunities the First Coast has available, it is easy to see why more than 80 companies, five Fortune 1000 and three Fortune 500 companies have divisional or national headquarters in Northeast Florida. The city continues to rank as one of the best places for both careers and business, even cited by Wallethub as one of the best large cities to live. Besides being listed as the No. 1 city of talent attraction according to JAXUSA and Emsi, Jacksonville was also newly named the No. 2 best city for young professionals by Forbes.

Florida has more than 130 public-use airports and 20 commercial airports as well as 15 deep-water seaports that support trade between numerous world regions. Each year the seaports provide more than \$117 billion to the economy and 900,000 jobs throughout the state.

Jacksonville has emerged as a financial powerhouse known for its banks, investment services and insurance firms. The First Coast has more than 20 companies on the Forbes' Global 500 list. The area has also had considerable growth as a financial focal point partially due to a lower cost of living compared to traditional markets.

The First Coast tech industry has experienced strong job growth including an increase of careers in the Information Technology field. According to the *Jacksonville Business Journal*, the local tech job posting rate was around 17 percent in the third quarter of 2020. This placed Jacksonville in a tie with Tempe, Arizona for the No. 3 spot of growth in the tech industry.



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- Labor component of research and development expenditures
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- Machinery and equipment used by a new or expanding Florida business to manufacture, produce or process tangible personal property for sale
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- 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



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 Alexandria, VA. SHRM Jacksonville serves over 700 members in eight Northeast Florida counties. As the largest chapter in the state of Florida, SHRM Jacksonville has proudly served the First Coast for nearly 65 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 current 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 one-day event in the fall. I would like to extend to you and your family a heartfelt welcome to the Jacksonville area. If you are interested in a career in the human resource field, have been an HR professional for years, or have been a member of another local SHRM chapter, we invite you to visit one of our monthly meetings. Please visit our website for more information on our chapter's next meeting: [www.shrmjax.org](http://www.shrmjax.org).

Welcome to the First Coast!

Sincerely,

*Heather Cosgrove*

Heather Cosgrove, SHRM-SCP, SPHR

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# Businesses on the First Coast Are Thriving

**Even though the last year has been difficult with changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic, businesses have powered through and continue to grow and prosper. Below are just a few businesses that have been full of resiliency and determination, experiencing growth and new ventures.**

## Amazon, Inc.

A 477,946-square-foot package delivery hub is set to be built in North Jacksonville for Amazon, Inc. This facility will be the ninth in the Northeast Florida area and another fulfillment facility is under construction within proximity to the new package delivery center.

## Boeing

Boeing has released information that more jobs will be added at Cecil Airport in Jacksonville. A new hangar will be constructed by the Jacksonville Aviation Authority, which will take approximately three years. This expansion will bring

nearly 400 more jobs to Cecil Airport. Construction on the hangar and office space, as well as a support shop, will begin fall 2021 and plans to be completed by January 2024.

## Forcura

Forcura's technology platform transforms the way health care organizations manage document information and HIPPA-compliant communication. Working with health and hospice organizations, the organization of information allows better management of patient care, financial aspects and administrative services through paperless document services.



Amazon Fulfillment Center, photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville



Photo courtesy of Made in Space, Inc.

### **Made in Space, Inc.**

The aerospace manufacturing technology company, Made in Space, Inc., has relocated its corporate headquarters to Jacksonville from Silicon Valley. The new facility is located in the Baymeadows Business Center area. With close vicinity to Cape Canaveral and the Kennedy Space Center, the company can work closely in the industry.

### **NewRez**

NewRez, a national mortgage lender and servicer has expanded to Jacksonville. Jacksonville is one of their enterprise core locations and is also the fourth service center in the area. With this expansion, more than 100 new people will be hired, doubling its current centers.

### **ProfileGorilla**

With award-winning vendor management solutions, ProfileGorilla, gives companies the ability to create streamlined ways to on-board and manage vendors, improve operational experience and lower risk, increasing profitability. As one of the leading insurance industry's experts with credentialing best practices and state-by-state compliance requirements, companies throughout the U.S. can monitor credentials on vendors and more.

### **S2A Modular**

The California-based company, S2A Modular, purchased 51 acres of land in Macclenny. The company manufactures electrically self-sustaining luxury residences and buildings. This site is its first East Coast MegaFactory and will feature more than 240,000 square feet with 13 different structures and buildings. Each year, the facility plans on manufacturing 5,000 GreenLux™ smart residences, commercial buildings, hotels and multifamily units.

### **Synergy Technologies, LLC**

Synergy Technologies, a global professional services and consulting firm, is expanding its Jacksonville offices adding approximately 300 jobs to the area. Additional services that Synergy provides include developing and designing software for a variety of businesses, such as financial services companies, health care and transportation.

## *Health Care Expansions*

### **Flagler Health+**

Expanding throughout St. Johns County, Flagler Hospital announced that it will now be called Flagler Health+. Flagler Health+ is working hard to accommodate the growing community in the area. It has now expanded into Palencia, Murabella and Nocatee. Working in partnership with the YMCA, many options will be available at the facilities including art in medicine, educational programs and healthy living options.

### **Ascension St. Vincent's**

Ascension St. Vincent's has announced that it will break ground on a new hospital located on County Road 210 at I-95 in St. Johns County in order to meet the needs of a growing community. The new hospital has an anticipated completion in 2022 and will employ 600 people. The 150,000-square-foot facility will have cardiovascular care, orthopaedics, short-term hospitalization, and emergency services including eight ICU beds and 48 additional beds.

### **Encompass Health**

With plans to provide intensive physical rehabilitative services to the First Coast, Encompass Health has placed land under contract to build a 50-bed inpatient rehabilitation hospital. The hospital will have the most up-to-date design, based off the 136 hospitals Encompass has throughout the nation and Puerto Rico. The hospital will provide speech, occupational and physical therapy services and provide care by registered nurses. With more than three decades of presence in Florida, Encompass currently has 12 inpatient rehabilitation hospitals, 19 home health locations, and two hospitals currently under construction in Florida. The Jacksonville location plans to begin seeing patients in the second half of 2022.



Photo courtesy of Flagler Health+

# 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**  
2,930 | Total Employees  
\$129,060 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$147,530 | U.S. Mean



**GENERAL AND OPERATIONS MANAGERS**  
11,640 | Total Employees  
\$107,680 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$123,030 | U.S. Mean



**LAWYERS**  
3,600 | Total Employees  
\$126,740 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$145,300 | U.S. Mean



**MANAGEMENT OCCUPATIONS**  
37,050 | Total Employees  
\$105,680 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$122,480 | U.S. Mean



**SOFTWARE DEVELOPERS, APPLICATIONS**  
4,520 | Total Employees  
\$93,490 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$111,620 | U.S. Mean



**LEGAL OCCUPATIONS**  
6,220 | Total Employees  
\$96,700 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$109,630 | U.S. Mean



**MANAGEMENT ANALYSTS**  
4,490 | Total Employees  
\$79,320 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$95,560 | U.S. Mean



**COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYSTS**  
1,870 | Total Employees  
\$80,880 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$96,160 | U.S. Mean



**SECURITIES, COMMODITIES AND FINANCIAL SERVICES SALES AGENTS**  
2,700 | Total Employees  
\$74,390 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$93,090 | U.S. Mean



**LOAN OFFICERS**  
1,740 | Total Employees  
\$67,810 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$76,200 | U.S. Mean



**HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS AND TECHNICAL OCCUPATIONS**  
46,410 | Total Employees  
\$81,250 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$83,640 | U.S. Mean



**COMPUTER AND MATHEMATICAL OCCUPATIONS**  
18,910 | Total Employees  
\$77,240 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$93,760 | U.S. Mean



**SALES REPRESENTATIVES, WHOLESALE AND MANUFACTURING, TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTS**  
1,800 | Total Employees  
\$85,580 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$92,980 | U.S. Mean



**ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING OCCUPATIONS**  
9,810 | Total Employees  
\$79,890 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$88,800 | U.S. Mean



**ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS**  
5,270 | Total Employees  
\$66,160 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$79,520 | U.S. Mean



**MARKET RESEARCH ANALYSTS AND MARKETING SPECIALISTS**  
2,680 | Total Employees  
\$55,020 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$71,570 | U.S. Mean



**INSURANCE SALES AGENTS**  
1,840 | Total Employees  
\$62,470 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$67,780 | U.S. Mean



**BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS OCCUPATIONS**  
45,270 | Total Employees  
\$66,800 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$78,130 | U.S. Mean



**PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALISTS, ALL OTHERS**  
8,260 | Total Employees  
\$64,020 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$80,220 | U.S. Mean



**REGISTERED NURSES**  
14,800 | Total Employees  
\$66,100 | Jacksonville Mean  
\$77,460 | U.S. Mean



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# Homegrown Companies:

## *Businesses with Headquarters on the First Coast*

- **Acosta Sales and Marketing**  
Marketing
- **AT&T**  
Telecommunications
- **Black Knight Financial**  
Financial Services
- **Brooks Rehabilitation**  
Health Care
- **Bubba Burger**  
Food
- **Citizens Property**  
Insurance
- **Crowley Maritime**  
Transportation
- **CSX Corporation**  
Transportation
- **Elkins Construction**  
Construction
- **Fanatics Inc.**  
Retail
- **Fidelity National Financial**  
Financial Services
- **FIS**  
Financial Technology
- **Firehouse Subs**  
Food
- **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
- **Johnson & Johnson Vision**  
Optical Products
- **Jacksonville Free Press**  
Media
- **Jacksonville Jaguars**  
Sports Franchise
- **JEA**  
Utilities
- **Landstar System Inc.**  
Transportation
- **Larry's Giant Subs**  
Food
- **Lender Processing Services**  
Information Technology
- **Mac Papers**  
Manufacturing
- **McKesson**  
Medical Supplies
- **MOBRO Marine Inc.**  
Construction Equipment
- **One Call**  
Health Care
- **PGA Tour**  
Professional Sports
- **Rayonier Inc.**  
Real Estate
- **Rayonier Advanced Chemicals**  
Chemicals
- **Regency Centers**  
Real Estate
- **Reynolds, Smith & Hills**  
Construction
- **Ring Power**  
Construction Equipment
- **Sally Corporation**  
Manufacturing
- **Safariland**  
Manufacturing
- **Seward Trunk Co.**  
Manufacturing
- **Southeastern Grocers**  
Retail
- **Stellar Group**  
Construction
- **Suddath**  
Relocation Services
- **TIAA Bank**  
Banking and Mortgage
- **Trailer Bridge**  
Transportation
- **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
- **US Assure**  
Insurance

## ***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

Downtown Jacksonville, photo by Lance Asper on Unsplash



Home to three Fortune 500 and five Fortune 100 company headquarters, the First Coast is the ideal place for businesses. More than 80 local companies have decided to make the First Coast their home with divisional or national headquarters here!

## ***Chambers of Commerce in the 5-County Region***

- **Baker County Chamber of Commerce**  
20 E. Macclenny Ave., Macclenny  
[www.bakerchamberfl.com](http://www.bakerchamberfl.com)
- **Clay County Chamber of Commerce**  
1845 Town Center Blvd., Ste. 410,  
Fleming Island  
[www.claychamber.com](http://www.claychamber.com)
- **JAX Chamber**  
3 Independent Dr., Jacksonville  
[www.myjaxchamber.com](http://www.myjaxchamber.com)
- **Nassau County Chamber of Commerce**  
961687 Gateway Blvd., Ste. 101-G,  
Fernandina Beach  
[www.islandchamber.com](http://www.islandchamber.com)
- **St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce**  
100 Southpark Blvd., St. Augustine  
[www.sjcchamber.com](http://www.sjcchamber.com)

# 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  
Pragmatic Works  
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  
Citigroup  
Citizens Property Insurance  
Comcast  
CSX  
Deutsche Bank  
Ernst & Young  
Fanatics Inc.  
FIS  
Flightstar Aircraft Services  
Florida Blue  
GATE Petroleum  
GuideWell  
Haskell  
Johnson & Johnson Vision Care

JPMorgan Chase  
Maxwell House  
Mayo Clinic  
McKesson  
Memorial Hospital  
One Call  
PHH Mortgage  
Southeastern Grocers  
TIAA Bank  
UF Health  
UPS

## NASSAU COUNTY

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

## ST. JOHNS COUNTY

2G  
Advanced Disposal  
Carlisle Interconnect Technologies  
DR Horton  
Flagler College  
Flagler Health+  
Florida School for the Deaf & the Blind  
Hydro Extrusion  
iDeal  
Northrop Grumman  
PGA TOUR  
Ponte Vedra Inn & Club  
Ring Power  
Sawgrass Marriott  
Vicar's Landing Nursing Home  
Westminster Woods on Julington Creek



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# Top 50 Employers

on the First Coast



Wells Fargo, photo by Stephanie Marty

1

**Naval Air Station Jacksonville**

17,000 employees  
6801 Roosevelt Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.cnic.navy.mil/Jacksonville](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/Jacksonville)

2

**Naval Station Mayport**

14,000 employees  
Box 280032, Mayport  
[www.cnic.navy.mil/mayport](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/mayport)

3

**Baptist Health**

10,650 employees  
820 Prudential Dr., Jacksonville  
[www.baptistjax.com](http://www.baptistjax.com)

4

**Bank of America**

7,770 employees  
50 N. Laura St., Jacksonville  
[www.bankofamerica.com](http://www.bankofamerica.com)

5

**Mayo Clinic**

6,400 employees  
4500 San Pablo Rd. S., Jacksonville  
[www.mayoclinic.org](http://www.mayoclinic.org)

6

**Southeastern Grocers**

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

7

**Florida Blue**

5,700 employees  
4800 Deerwood Campus Pkwy., Jacksonville  
[www.floridablue.com](http://www.floridablue.com)

8

**Ascension St. Vincent's**

5,380 employees  
1 Shircliff Way, Jacksonville  
[www.healthcare.ascension.org](http://www.healthcare.ascension.org)

9

**UF Health**

4,200 employees  
655 W. 8th St., Jacksonville  
[www.ufhealthjax.org](http://www.ufhealthjax.org)

10

**Fleet Readiness Center Southeast**

4,200 employees  
101 Wasp St., Jacksonville  
[www.navy.mil/local/FRSE](http://www.navy.mil/local/FRSE)

11

**Amazon**

4,200 employees  
12900 Pecan Park Rd., Jacksonville  
[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

12

**Citigroup**

4,000 employees  
1400 Citicards Way, Jacksonville  
[www.citi.com](http://www.citi.com)

13

**JPMorgan Chase**

3,900 employees  
10151 Deerwood Park Blvd., Bldg. 400,  
Jacksonville  
www.jpmorganchase.com

14

**GATE Petroleum Company**

3,000 employees  
9540 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville  
www.gatepetro.com

15

**CSX Corporation**

2,900 employees  
500 Water St., Jacksonville  
www.csx.com

16

**AT&T**

2,600 employees  
301 W. Bay St., Jacksonville  
www.att.com

17

**Black Knight**

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

18

**Memorial Hospital**

2,370 employees  
3625 University Blvd. S., Jacksonville  
www.memorialhospitaljax.com

19

**UPS**

2,300 employees  
4420 Imeson Rd., Jacksonville  
www.ups.com

20

**Deutsche Bank**

2,300 employees  
5022 Gate Pkwy., Ste. 400, Jacksonville  
www.db.com

21

**Brooks Rehabilitation**

2,240 employees  
3599 University Blvd. S., Jacksonville  
www.brooksrehab.com

22

**JEA**

2,200 employees  
325 W. Adams St., Jacksonville  
www.jea.com

23

**Web.com**

2,000 employees  
5335 Gate Pkwy., Jacksonville  
www.web.com

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**One Call**

1,970 employees  
841 Prudential Dr., Jacksonville  
www.onecallcm.com

25

**Flagler Health+**

1,800 employees  
400 Health Park Blvd., St. Augustine  
www.flaglerhealth.org

26

**Johnson & Johnson Vision**

1,800 employees  
7500 Centurion Pkwy., Jacksonville  
www.jjvision.com

27

**Parallon Business Solutions**

1,790 employees  
335 Crossing Blvd., Orange Park  
www.parallon.com

28

**Fanatics Inc.**

1,700 employees  
8100 Nations Way, Jacksonville  
www.fanatics.com

29

**Aetna Inc.**

1,700 employees  
123 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville  
www.aetna.com

30

**Orange Park Medical Center**

1,520 employees  
2001 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park  
www.orangeparkmedical.com

31

**Wells Fargo**

1,450 employees  
3563 Philips Hwy., Jacksonville  
www.wellsfargo.com

32

**FIS**

1,430 employees  
601 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville  
www.fisglobal.com

33

**VyStar Credit Union**

1,410 employees  
76 S. Laura St., Jacksonville  
www.vystarcu.org

34

**TIAA Bank**

1,400 employees  
501 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville  
www.tiaabank.com

35

**GuideWell**

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

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**Flightstar Aircraft Services LLC**

1,300 employees  
6025 Flightline Dr., Jacksonville  
https://mrohldings.com/facilities/  
flightstar/

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**Miller Electric Company**

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1,200 employees  
5000 US Hwy. 1 N., St. Augustine  
[www.northropgrumman.com](http://www.northropgrumman.com)

40

**Fidelity Investments**

1,200 employees  
4601 Touchton Rd. E., Bldg. 400 JV1A,  
Jacksonville  
[www.fidelity.com](http://www.fidelity.com)

41

**Crowley Maritime Corporation**

1,200 employees  
9487 Regency Square Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.crowley.com](http://www.crowley.com)

42

**Citizens Property Insurance Corporation**

1,040 employees  
6676 Corporate Center Pkwy.,  
Jacksonville  
[www.citizensfla.com](http://www.citizensfla.com)

43

**Landstar Systems Inc.**

1,000 employees  
13410 Sutton Park Dr. S., Jacksonville  
[www.landstar.com](http://www.landstar.com)

44

**McKesson**

1,000 employees  
6651 Gate Pkwy., Jacksonville  
[www.mckesson.com](http://www.mckesson.com)

45

**Georgia-Pacific Corporation**

1,000 employees  
6621 Southpoint Dr. N., Ste. 300, Jacksonville  
[www.gp.com](http://www.gp.com)

46

**Ally Financial**

1,000 employees  
12850 Gran Bay Pkwy., Jacksonville  
[www.ally.com](http://www.ally.com)

47

**Prudential Financial**

900 employees  
8702 Perimeter Park Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.prudential.com](http://www.prudential.com)

48

**WestRock**

870 employees  
1400 Tradeport Dr., Jacksonville  
[www.westrock.com](http://www.westrock.com)

49

**Publix Warehouse**

870 employees  
9786 W. Beaver St., Jacksonville  
[www.publix.com](http://www.publix.com)

50

**Suddath**

850 employees  
8743 Western Way, Jacksonville  
[www.suddath.com](http://www.suddath.com)

Information gathered from JAXUSA.ORG as of March 2021



# Banking & Mortgage Industry

Once you move to the First Coast it will be important to find the perfect mortgage and banking provider. Luckily, the First Coast is full of both local and global companies with perfect track records and years of experience and knowledge. Below you can find some available providers in the area.

### 121 Financial Credit Union

121 Financial Credit Union provides the First Coast with many services including banking, investments, loans and more. The company has had a presence on the First Coast since 1935 and is a staple in the area for those looking for a small-town credit union feel.

### Ameris Bancorp

Ameris Bancorp has been in the industry since 1971 and recently joined forces with Fidelity Southern Corp., the bank's parent company. The transition has been quite smooth with many added branches. There is a very personal feel to the bank and they continue to maintain the highest of standards for their customers.

### Bank of America

Those looking for a new financial institution may find Bank of America to be the perfect fit. The American multinational investment bank and financial services company is one of the largest international financial institutions. Bank of America offers services in many different specialties including CDs, savings, loans, mortgages, auto and more.

### BB&T/SunTrust Bank

In 2008, BB&T was one of the largest bank mergers during the financial crisis. Assets of approximately \$66 billion between BB&T and SunTrust Bank were combined. This join of forces has

brought Truist Financial to life and is now sitting as one of the top 10 banks in the U.S.

### BBVA

With more than 20 branches on the First Coast, BBVA is the fourth largest bank. The company has rebranded to strengthen their presence in the global market and continues to serve small businesses, commercial, personal and corporate accounts. In summer 2021 BBVA will merge with PNC Bank.

### Capital City Bank Group Inc.

Capital City Bank Group Inc. has branches in Florida, Georgia and Alabama. The main branch is located

in Gainesville and is one of the largest publicly traded financial holding institutions. Founded in 1895, the bank has a rich history and has been providing banking services including mortgages, trusts, merchant services, bankcards, banking services and more.

### Citigroup

Employing approximately 4,000 individuals on the First Coast, Citigroup offers a wide range of financial services. For 24 years the company has enabled growth and economic development for the area. Citigroup focuses on consumer businesses such as banking, credit cards and wealth management. They also focus on institutional businesses

including commercial banking, markets and securities services, private banking, treasury and trade solutions and banking, capital markets and advisory.

### Deutsche Bank

Deutsche Bank's operation center in Jacksonville is the second largest U.S. operation besides its New York branch. This multinational investment bank and financial services company is headquartered in Frankfurt, Germany, and continues to focus on profits, shareholder returns and long-term growth.

### Fifth Third Bank

Besides its financial focus of banking, insurance, investments and more, Fifth Third Bank promises itself to improve lives across all markets it serves including community involvement and building strategic relationships. Banking services include credit cards, checking accounts, CDs, savings accounts and more.

### First Citizens Bank

At the end of 2020, First Citizens BancShares Inc. and CIT Group Inc. announced a merger, that has added approximately \$223 million in assets to the company. The company has had several mergers in the last few years which has prompted significant growth.

### First Federal Bank of Florida

Since 1962, First Federal Bank of Florida has been helping with home financing. Within the last five years the company has began to cover the services of wholesale lending, specialty commercial financing, warehouse lending, consumer lending and manufactured housing lending. There are 23 full-service branches located throughout Florida.

### Florida Capital Bank

Florida Capital Bank focuses on wholesale mortgage lending solutions. They take banking to the next step with their Community Rewards Program that supports several local organizations. This includes developmental and

intellectual disability agencies, sports programs, temporary housing and after-school programs.

### JPMorgan Chase

JPMorgan Chase is one of the world's oldest and largest financial institutions. Recently, it joined the beautiful downtown Jacksonville skyline when it made the former Barnett National Bank Building a home for its downtown branch.

### Regions Financial Corporation

Regions Financial Corporation is very focused on community and economic development, which includes education and workforce readiness, and financial wellness. The company provides mortgages services, stockbrokerage, retail and commercial banking and trust services. It is one of the largest full-service banking and mortgage providers in the country.

### State Farm

When thinking of State Farm, most people think of auto insurance, but the company is also a banking and mortgage service provider. State Farm offers customers credit cards, checking and savings accounts, money market savings and auto and home loans.

### 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

With more than 50 locations on the First Coast, Wells Fargo offers checking and savings accounts, credit cards, car loans, personal loans and more.



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### VyStar Credit Union

Founded 68 years ago at Naval Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax), VyStar Credit Union is headquartered in Jacksonville. The company is the fourth largest financial institution in the First Coast with assets of \$9.7 billion and the largest mortgage lender in the area. The company services more than 735,000 members, providing military personnel

and civil service and their families a safe place to bank. VyStar has deep involvement with the community and local nonprofits with the goal of creating and supporting financial knowledge for their members. VyStar stands strong with the philosophy of "People Helping People" continuing to give back to the community.



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# Information Technology



Photo courtesy of Black Knight

**Many Information Technology (IT) companies call the First Coast home and continue to positively impact the Jacksonville economy. As one of the fastest growing business sectors in the area, a great array of companies in the area are helping the community prosper.**

### AT&T

On the First Coast, AT&T employs more than 2,600 employees. This multinational company is the world's largest telecommunications company providing the most mobile telephone services and fixed telephone services in the United States. With the IT business boom the last few years, AT&T has focused greatly on the First Coast as a home base for their call center operations.

### Avallity

The Jacksonville-based IT company, Avallity, operates the largest real-time information network in health care. In 2020, Avallity and Jacksonville University partnered to provide educational opportunities for nurse practitioners interested in offering independent primary care. Connecting over a million providers, health plans and technology partners allows the company to create a streamlined data management process by solving core issues and allowing revenue tracking.

### Beeline

Beeline, a global leader in software solutions for managing the group workforce, has been named one of the Ardent Partners "Key Solution Providers of the 2020s." Ardent Partners focuses on defining and advancing supply management processes, strategies and technologies as a strong advisory firm. Beeline partners with more than 50 leading technology organizations to give businesses the best success possible.

## Black Knight Inc.

A premier provider with mortgage and home equity lending and servicing, Black Knight serves the Jacksonville mortgage and real estate leaders with the latest technology for businesses. Recently, the company announced a partnership with Optimal Blue, which is a digital marketplace connecting both investors and lenders to the secondary mortgage market.

## CSX Technology

CSX Technology, a branch of the CSX Corporation, provides a wide array of IT applications and support services for railroad transportation and logistics. By developing IT applications such as ShipCSX, the company is able to enable scheduling, tracking and monitoring. Recently, CSX has been working to lower their carbon footprint by maximizing fuel efficiency and lowering energy consumption and emissions.

## Fanatics Inc.

Established in 1995 originally as a brick-and-mortar storefront in malls, this company is now known as one of the top IT employers in the First Coast for all professional sports leagues including the NFL, NBA, college sports and more. The company is able to provide an efficient shopping experience with the ability to purchase products online, in stores or on-site at sporting events.

## FIS

FIS has been named FORTUNE's 2021 Most Admired Company, receiving high marks for its global competitiveness. FIS's financial soundness, revolution, and excellence of products and use of corporate assets were some of the highlights that FORTUNE found with the company. FIS has been working on expanding their world headquarters in Jacksonville, with a projected opening date of the 300,000-square-foot building in 2022.

## SS&C Advent

Working with financial service clients around the world, SS&C Advent's clients are provided with tech services including asset management, wealth management and alternate investment space around the world. The new expansion in process at their Southside office plans to add approximately 200 positions.

## Web.com

Providing a range of services including marketing, e-commerce, hospital and design services, Web.com provides small-, medium- and large-sized companies the ability to grow a strong presence online. The private equity firm, Clearlake Capital Group L.P. has announced their planned investment in the company alongside Siris Capital Group, which acquired the company in 2018. The backing of these firms allows Web.com to continue to provide the top online presences for businesses around the country, and now the world.

# More Industries Making an Impact on the First Coast

## Health

With a thriving medical community, the First Coast is full of many top programs including pediatrics, rehabilitation therapy, dialysis, cardiac health, cancer treatment and more. Our area is full of many facilities like Baptist Health, Mayo Clinic, Ascension and UF Health who offer services that draw many to the area for the top programs offered. Flagler Health+ has also expanded on the First Coast offering additional health care in St. Johns County. Wolfson Children's Hospital and Nemours Children's Health Clinic are also here on the First Coast, offering top-notch medical services from infants to young adults.

## Education

The First Coast encompasses some of the best educational systems in the state of Florida with public and private schools, as well as several higher education institutions. Duval County is one of Florida's seven major metropolitan school districts with a driven vision of each student graduating and filled with inspiration to take the next step into adulthood. St. Johns County School District and St. Johns County is fastest growing area in the state. The strong focus of education on the First Coast has built a strong community filled with thousands of skilled individuals that are perfect for the many industries that are discussed throughout this guide.

## Aviation and Aerospace

Northeast Florida is a prime location for those looking for a career in aviation. Currently, there are approximately 6,000 individuals employed in the aerospace and aviation field. Several top aviation companies in the area include Northrup Grumman, Carlisle Interconnect Technologies, avMax, DynCorp International and Boeing. With eight airports and more than 100 companies in the area associated with aerospace and aviation, the First Coast is a lively location to be in this industry.

## Advanced Manufacturing

The First Coast is full of many talented individuals and a booming business economy, with convenient access to airports, railways and ports. Due to this, many manufacturing companies have found the First Coast to be an effective home base. JAXUSA has found that the First Coast has a significantly lower industrial rate compared to many metro areas. The cost of constructing new facilities is 15 percent less than the U.S. average and an overall price of \$6.75 per square foot. The First Coast continues to build a dynamic workforce with a variety of young professionals, veterans and skilled workers.



Photos by Stephanie Marty

**The First Coast IT industry includes many verticals including e-commerce, finance technology, logistics, health care and software development. Major IT employers in the area that continue to grow the community and economy include AT&T, Availity, CSX Technology, Black Knight Financial Services, Beeline, Web.com and more.**





Photo courtesy of U.S. Department of Navy



*Honor, Courage,  
Commitment:*

# ***OUR MILITARY***

**The First Coast's military presence provides a community full of stability and diversity. As the third largest military presence in the country, the area is home to more than 50,000 active-duty and civilian contractors stationed at the area's three naval bases: Naval Station Mayport, Naval Air Station Jacksonville and Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay. The First Coast is also home to Marine Corps Blount Island Command, Camp Blanding Army Base and the United States Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville. The local economic impact of the Navy generates more than \$10 billion annually. The job force is very open to veterans with many businesses being veteran owned as well as veteran employed. Annual events are held throughout the year to honor those who have served or serve such as the job fairs for veterans and the largest Veterans Day Parade in the state of Florida.**



### Naval Station Mayport

Box 280032, Mayport  
[www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/ns\\_mayport.html](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/ns_mayport.html)

Located near the small fishing village of Mayport, Florida, Naval Station Mayport (NS Mayport) is situated at the mouth of the St. Johns River and Atlantic Ocean. NS Mayport is one of the three major Navy Installations on the First Coast. It is home to the Navy's 4th Fleet and is the third largest naval facility in the continental U.S. The naval station's harbor can hold up to 34 ships and the facility covers more than 3,400 acres. The station's 8,000-foot runway can handle any type of Department of Defense aircraft. The airfield is operated and maintained by NS Mayport's Air Operations Department, which conducts more than 100,000 helicopter and fixed-wing flights each year. The NS Mayport Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department provides first-rate facilities, services, activities and recreational programs. Both active-duty and civilian contractors can enjoy the warm climate of the First Coast throughout the year with outdoor recreation available both on and off the base including fishing, boating, hiking and camping.



### Naval Air Station Jacksonville

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

Situated on the St. Johns River on the Westside of Jacksonville, Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jacksonville) is the largest Navy base in the Southeast and third largest in the nation. NAS Jacksonville is home to almost 4,000 acres that encompass the area and is also an operational headquarters for more than 100 tenant commands. The annual regional impact of the base is a large part of the area's economy at \$2.1 billion. Home to the largest squadron in the Navy, the Patrol Squadron Thirty (VP-30), the Navy base received the 2012 Presidential Excellence Award and the 2013 Commander, Navy Installations Command Excellence Award. There are many major tenants on the base including the Naval Supply Fleet Logistics Center, Naval Hospital Jacksonville; Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast; Fleet Readiness Center Southeast; Navy Region Southeast; and the Commander. The base is also home to the Blue Angels who are world famous for their brave aerial maneuvers that can be seen yearly at the NAS Jacksonville Air Show.



NAS Jacksonville, photo courtesy of U.S. Dept. of the Navy





Photo courtesy of Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay



Photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville

The Blue Angels, photo courtesy of the U.S. Dept. of the Navy



### Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay

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

Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay is located approximately 38 miles away from Jacksonville, adjacent to the city of St. Marys in Georgia. This base is the home port for the U.S. Navy Fleet ballistic missile nuclear submarines that are capable of being equipped with the Trident missile. The base covers more than 16,000 acres with 4,000 of those acres as protected wetlands. For those living on base, there are many programs offered by Morale, Welfare and Recreation including dining, childcare, bowling and a golf course. The major base commands include the Strategic Weapons Facility Atlantic, Trident Refit Facility, Trident Training Facility, Submarine Group 10 and the Naval Submarine Support Center. Currently on the base there are eight Ohio-class submarines including two guided missiles and six ballistic missiles.



### United States Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville

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

Located on six acres of land nearby to NS Mayport, the United States Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville is accountable for 40,000 square miles of ocean and island waterways. This spans 190 miles of coastline starting at Kings Bay, Georgia to Port Malabar, Florida and is the responsibility of Sector Jacksonville. As the sub-office to the Coast Guard's 7th District Headquarters in Miami, the Multi-Mission Mayport and Security Detachment Mayport are utilized as well as Station Cape Canaveral and Station Ponce de Leon Inlet. Since 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, the Coast Guard is considered a military service.



### Blount Island Command

5880 Channel View Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.bic.marines.mil](http://www.bic.marines.mil)

Operated by the logistics base of the Marine Corps located in Albany, Georgia, Blount Island Command is one of the latest U.S. bases built and is located in Jacksonville. The purpose of the base was not originally to act as a base but was created for maintenance operations for maritime ships making it a logistics base. Since this is a logistics base, it has more than 33 acres for storage and a 1,000-foot pier and maintenance operation area, as well as a slipway with space for five vessel berths. The base plans, coordinates and executes logistics procedures of ships that are used in various operations that have a military or humanitarian purpose.



### Camp Blanding Joint Training Center

5629 FL-16 W., Starke  
[www.fl.ng.mil/commands/Pages/Camp-Blanding-Joint-Training-Center](http://www.fl.ng.mil/commands/Pages/Camp-Blanding-Joint-Training-Center)

Located about 38 miles from Jacksonville, Camp Blanding Joint Training Center (CBJTC) in Starke, Florida is a 73,000 acre training center. It serves as a Continuity of Government site for the Governor and Executive Branch and a Continuity of Operations site for the Florida Division of Emergency Management for Joint Forces Headquarters-Florida. The base is also a logistical support base during emergency operations and is a joint reception, staging and onward integration site. Due to this, the Camp has been used for multiple federal homeland and overseas operations. As the premier domestic and combat training facility in the Southeastern U.S., the camp focuses on Unified Land Operations and offers training to Unified Action partners.

# Our Gateway to the World: Ports of the First Coast

JAXPORT, photo courtesy of JAXPORT



The First Coast's prime location, with access to waterways, interstates and railroads galore, establishes the region as a major player in the logistics and distribution game. More than 70 million consumers are a mere day's driving distance away and even international customers are receiving their goods faster than ever. With this, numerous logistics and distribution companies have decided to call the First Coast home, including AAGEX Freight Group, CEVA Logistics, Crowley Maritime Corporation, Landstar Shipping and Mediterranean Shipping Company.

## PORTS

### JAXPORT

Known as the "global gateway to Florida," Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT) is comprised of three marine terminals, including Blount Island, Dames Point and Talleyrand. JAXPORT is the largest container port in Florida and one of the largest vehicle-handling ports in the U.S. Shippers can utilize the port to ship to 140 ports in 70

countries, the 100 trucking firms or the 40 daily trains. The port is also home to the Carnival Ecstasy while other cruisers depart from there.

During the port's first quarter of the new fiscal year, JAXPORT was able to increase their container volumes five percent, totaling approximately 353,400 20-foot equivalent units. More than 185,513 vehicles have moved through JAXPORT as of February 2021, making this the second busiest quarter in

relation to vehicles in the port's history. The port is also nearing the completion of multiple growth projects in 2021. The city is also working to deepen the shipping channel from the Atlantic Ocean to the Dames Pointe Marine Terminal from 40 feet to 47 feet by 2023.

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. Dames Point Marine 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 cargo, such as lumber, paper and steel, vehicles and liquid bulk commodities.

### Port of Fernandina

The Port of Fernandina currently provides terminal service to over 14 pulp and paper producers throughout Florida and the Southeast, as well as steel export services to steel companies with mills in the Southeast region. The port is undergoing its first maintenance dredging in 21 years, which will allow more large ships to use the facility. The Port of Fernandina also recently purchased the tugboat Fort Clinch, which will also increase the amount of cargo coming in and out of the port.

### LOGISTICS & DISTRIBUTION

Headquartered in Jacksonville, AAGEX Freight Group offers expedited transportation services throughout North America. The company works with transportation and logistic professionals to offer cost effective solutions for their customers. AAGEX has set a \$100 million gross revenue target and created new leadership positions, signaling their optimism for 2021.

CEVA Logistics is the one of the world's leading supply chain management companies and specializes in end-to-end customized solutions for customer's supply chain needs. CEVA believes that innovation is necessary and works

to improve the way they interact with customers in tandem with improving efficiency. The Jacksonville location was designed with this type of innovation in mind.

Known for their speed and efficiency in shipping and distribution, Crowley Maritime Corporation has made a name for themselves on the First Coast. Crowley recently changed their terminal operating system to further speed up their truck turn around time. The company has two locations in the area and ships to several countries in the Caribbean and Central America, as well

as Puerto Rico. Crowley is made up of four business units: Logistics, Shipping, Solutions and Fuels.

Made up of independent agents and transportation capacity providers, Jacksonville's Landstar Shipping prides themselves in maintaining a 99 percent claim-free delivery rate and their safety-first mindset. With independent agents, Landstar is able to provide their customers with local presence and global reach.

Calling out of JAXPORT, Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) is one of the leading forces in shipping and logistics. Their fleet is equipped with the latest green technologies and accesses 500 ports along 200 trade routes. MSC focuses on the evolution of the shipping industry and prides themselves on "delivering global service with local knowledge."

Crowley Maritime Corp., photo by Stephanie Marty



JAXPORT, photo courtesy of JAXPORT

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# 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 over 30 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:

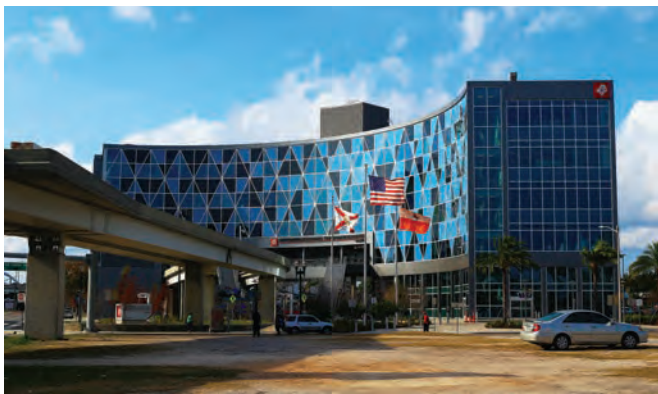
- I-10 to N. Argyle Forest Blvd.
- N. Argyle Forest Blvd. to Blanding Blvd.
- SR 21 to North of SR 16
- North of SR 16 to East of CR 209
- Shands Bridge to I-95

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. Drivers will only be charged a static toll of \$0.50 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 still ongoing.

## 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.





## How to Get FL511 Traffic and Travel Information

**Download the Florida 511 Mobile App**

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- » Travel times
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**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 in 11 communities. Download the MyJTA app for more information and payment options.

**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.

**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.jtafla.com/schedules/regional-services/](http://www.jtafla.com/schedules/regional-services/)

In Baker County, the Wildcat Shuttle is operated by the Baker County Council on Aging.

**Clay Regional Express:**  
[www.jtafla.com/schedules/regional-services/](http://www.jtafla.com/schedules/regional-services/)

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/](http://www.jtafla.com/schedules/regional-services/)

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 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 12 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 11:15 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 Line's 2,056-passenger Carnival Ecstasy departs from the JAXPORT Cruise Terminal located just northwest of the Dames Point Bridge. Parking 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 numerous stops along the St. Johns River, including the Friendship Fountain Dock, Arena Dock and Riverside Dock.



Photo by Stephanie Marty

**Jacksonville  
International Airport  
serves six million  
passengers each  
year and has over  
200 flights daily!**

# Bridges of Northeast Florida

Also known as “The River City,” Jacksonville’s sprawling 840 square miles sits at only 40 feet above sea level, making it very prone to flooding. The city is divided into sections by the two major waterways of the St. Johns River and Intracoastal Waterway, making it critical for our nine bridges to connect the links of our city together.

## *Acosta Bridge*

Connects the Southbank to Downtown/Riverside



Photo by Daniel Wedeking

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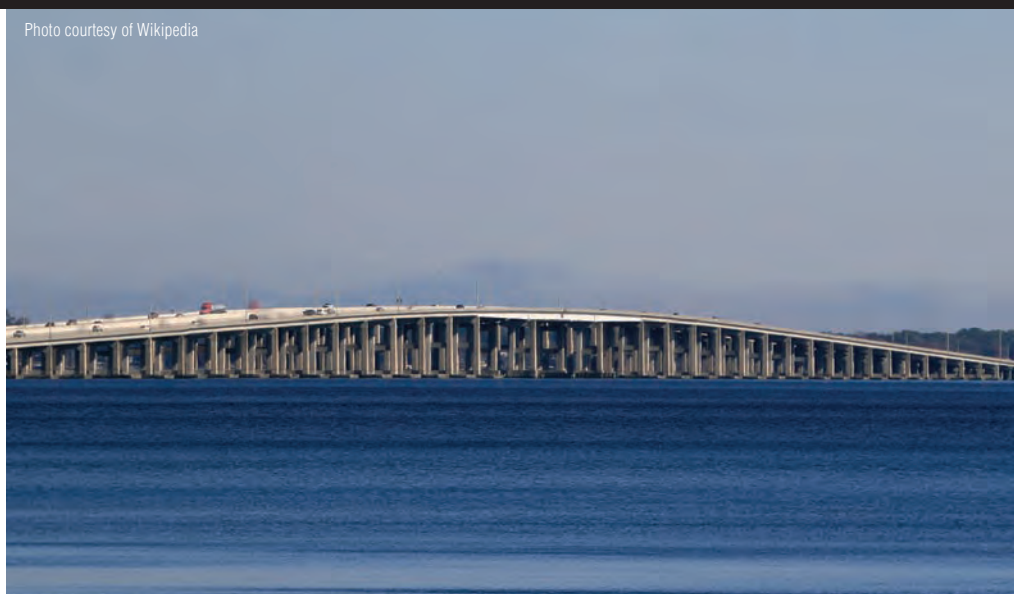
## *Bridge of Lions*

Connects Historic St. Augustine to Anastasia Island

Photo courtesy of Wikipedia

## *Buckman Bridge*

Connects Mandarin to Orange Park



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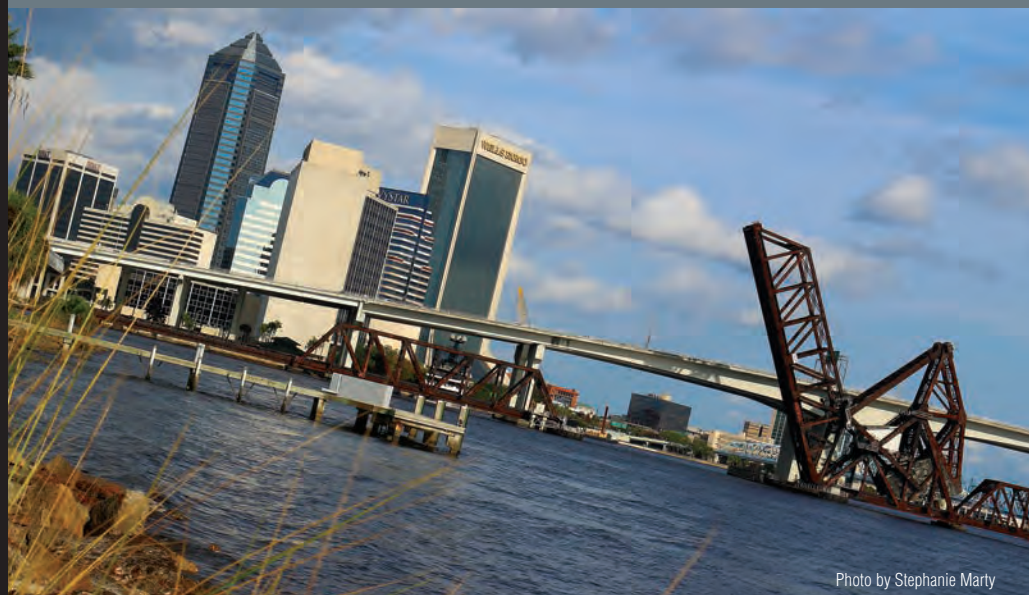


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## *FEC Strauss Trunnion Bascule Bridge*

**Railroad bridge**

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## *Dames Point Bridge*

**Connects Arlington to Northside**

## *More Bridges Throughout the Region*

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

## *Fuller Warren Bridge (I-95)*

**Connects Riverside to San Marco**

**Just south of the two-lane Shands Bridge, the city has been working hard to create a new four-lane bridge that will cross over the St. Johns River. The construction of the bridge is anticipated to begin in 2022 with a completion date of 2030. This new construction will also connect to I-95 in St. Johns County and will eventually replace the Shands Bridge.**



*Hart  
Bridge*

**Connects Southside  
to Downtown**



*Main Street Bridge  
(John T. Alsop Jr. Bridge)*

**Connects San Marco to Downtown**



*Mathews  
Bridge*

**Connects Arlington to Downtown**



**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://www.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.
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**Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville, Inc.**  
**300 Water St., Suite 201**  
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## ***From Shore to Sea:***

# *Beaches & Waterways*

With more than 22 miles of beaches stretching down the coast, Jacksonville has more shoreline than any city in the United States. Whether you are looking for a relaxing day in the sun or a fun-filled day adventuring along the shoreline searching for shells, building sandcastles or tackling the waves on a surfboard, the First Coast is the perfect place to spend the day on the water.



Jacksonville Beach Water Tower, photo by Stephanie Marty

## **BEACHES**

### **DUVAL COUNTY**

#### **Atlantic Beach**

Whether you are looking to paddleboard, kayak, fish or surf, Atlantic Beach gives numerous options for the saltwater enthusiasts. Finish your beach day with a trip over to Atlantic Beach's bars, upscale restaurants and unique boutiques.

#### **Jacksonville Beach**

Situated between Neptune Beach and Ponte Vedra Beach, Jacksonville Beach, also known as Jax Beach, is one of the most popular beaches for vacationers, surfers and families. With public beach access and easily accessible parking, the area also boasts restaurants and bars. More than four miles long and covering 60 blocks along the Atlantic Ocean, Jax Beach is lined by small soft dunes and is a popular place for sea turtle nesting.

#### **Mayport**

The quaint fishing town of Mayport is north of Atlantic Beach at the mouth of the St. Johns River. The area is well known for its shrimping industry. Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park is the main beachfront where visitors can camp, fish and surf some of the best waves in Northeast Florida.

#### **Neptune Beach**

The charming beachside community of Neptune Beach is just a quick jaunt north of Jax Beach. While the beach is only about a mile long, visitors can enjoy surfing, relaxing on the white sand and taking quiet bike rides or runs along the hard-packed sand. The Towncenter area of Neptune Beach is full of exceptional restaurants, coffee shops and boutiques.

**Jacksonville has more shoreline than any other city in the nation with more than 1,100 miles of navigable water!**

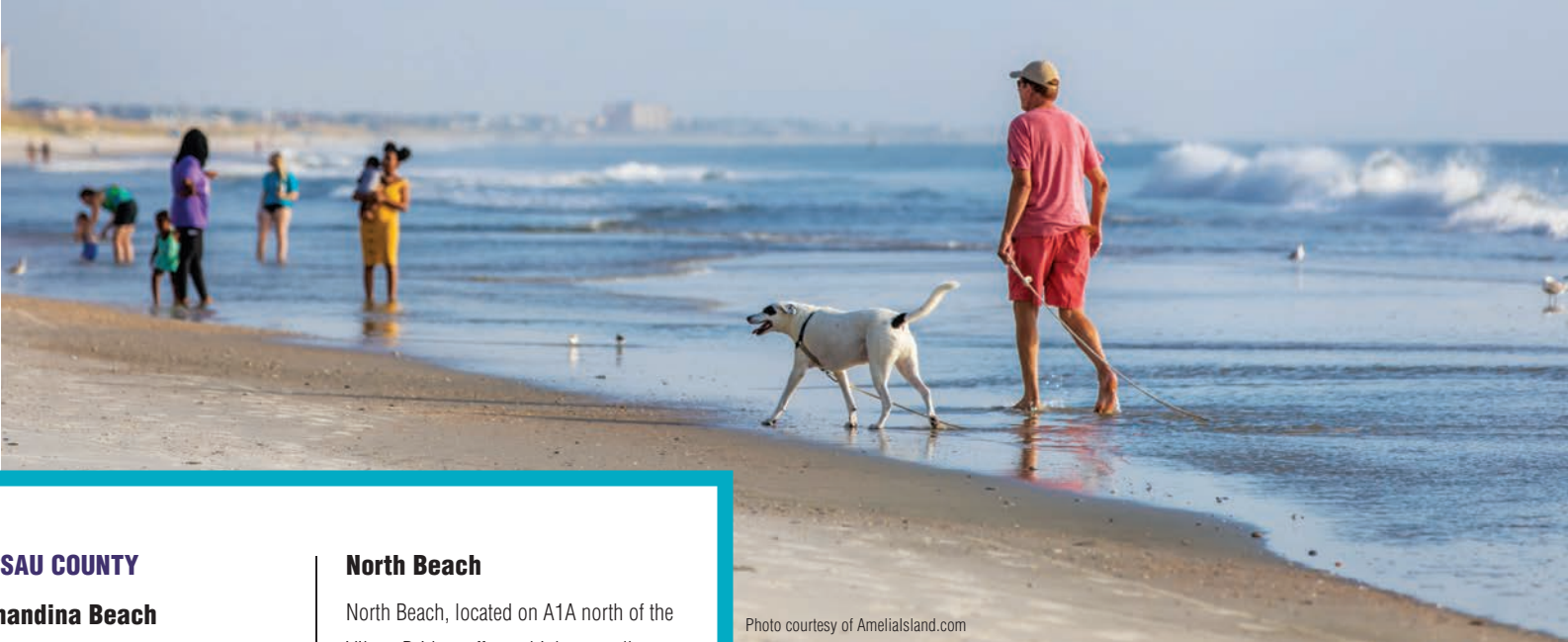


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## **NASSAU COUNTY**

### **Fernandina Beach**

Located on Amelia Island, Fernandina Beach is the northernmost beach on the First Coast. Known for its horseback riding along the beach and gorgeous sunsets and sunrises, the beach is perfect for any outdoor enthusiast. The area is also full of up-scale resorts and spas and boasts a quaint collection of bed and breakfasts.

## **ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

### **Crescent Beach**

South of St. Augustine on A1A, Crescent Beach is located on Anastasia Island. The area is named for the coastline's natural crescent shape. With many waterways scattered around the beach, the area is perfect for boating and fishing. The beach's hard-packed sand is ideal for bike rides, runs and horseback riding.

### **North Beach**

North Beach, located on A1A north of the Vilano Bridge, offers a highway walkover and a full range of facilities including boat ramps and parking. This beach is the perfect place for basking in the sun and enjoying the serenity of nature.

### **Ponte Vedra Beach**

Ponte Vedra Beach is a quick drive down the coast from Jacksonville. The beach is known for gorgeous sand dunes, which are more than 40 feet tall and some of the highest in Florida. The area is the perfect place for the outdoor enthusiast to hunt for shark's teeth and shells. The dog-friendly county beachside park, Mickler's Landing Beach, is a popular destination for beachgoers with easy access to fun in the sun.

### **St. Augustine Beach**

If you're looking for a fun day of sand and surf, head to St. Augustine Beach, which has a beachfront park, fishing pier, splash park, pavilion, oceanfront restaurants, beach volleyball courts and more.

### **Vilano Beach**

Located on the north side of the Matanzas Inlet, Vilano Beach has a dune walkover, showers, covered picnic tables, a pier and more. It is a great surfing, paddle boarding and skimboarding spot with a heavier surf and strong current found in the inlet. The beach does offer vehicle beach access but is restricted to four-wheel-drive vehicles and is available depending on conditions of the sand.

## **WATERWAYS**

### **The Intracoastal**

The Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway runs 40 miles throughout the First Coast. It splits the southside region of Jacksonville from the beach communities with its saltwater inlets, man-made canals and sounds. Opportunities to explore the area's natural beauty can be done with recreational vessels where various wildlife, shorebirds and flora can be found. It is common to see residents enjoying activities like kayaking, fishing, boating, paddle boarding, tubing and jet skiing.



Photos courtesy of Visit Jacksonville



Sea Express Statue, photo by Stephanie Marty

### St. Johns River

The longest river in Florida runs right through our First Coast and is one of the few in the U.S. that flows north. The St. Johns River spans 310 miles from Mayport to Indian River County where residents can enjoy activities on the river such as kayaking, boating and fishing. The Riverwalk in downtown Jacksonville allows residents to stroll along the beautiful river. Keep your eyes peeled on the water because you may get a glimpse of some manatees or dolphins, which frequent the river.

### Other First Coast Rivers

Many bodies of water throughout the First Coast provide a multitude of outdoor fun like fishing and boating. The Tolomato and Guana rivers surround Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuary Research Reserve in St. Johns County, while in St. Augustine the Matanzas Bay and Matanzas River give sight to landmarks like the Castillo de San Marcos, St. Augustine Lighthouse and Bridge of Lions. On the Amelia River you can enjoy historic sites such as Fort Clinch State Park with radiant riverbanks and salt marshes.

**Walk in the Wild:  
State  
Parks &  
Preserves**

**13 state parks are  
found here on the  
First Coast!**

**The First Coast is a nature lover’s dream! With the largest urban park system in the country, the First Coast is full of untouched wetlands, marshes and woods, with an array of native wildlife and flora. The First Coast has more than 80,000 acres of parks with 13 state parks, three National parks and more than 400 urban parks. There are also many nature preserves, beautiful gardens, tranquil inlets and even an arboretum tucked into our beautiful coast. The First Coast’s weather allows for residents to enjoy the outdoors all year long. Whether you are looking for biking on a trail, fishing on the jetties or kayaking in untouched marshes, the area has ways to connect everyone to wildlife and enjoy the beauty of our home.**

Photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville



**BAKER COUNTY**

**John M. Bethea State Forest**

Located in northern Baker County sits John M. Bethea State Forest with more than 37,000 acres. This serene piece of nature provides a wildlife passage between the Osceola National Forest and Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge.

**Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge**

Known as one of the world's largest freshwater ecosystems, the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge covers more than 400,000 acres. Enjoy bike and hiking trails that weave through longleaf pines and hardwood hammocks where there is a chance you will see bobcats, wild turkey, black bears, alligators and more than 400 other creatures that live in the forests and swamps.

**Osceola National Forest**

The Osceola National Forest is a true treasure for any wilderness explorer with camping, swimming, fishing, hiking and hunting.

**CLAY COUNTY**

**Jennings State Forest**

More than 15 biological communities can be found in the Jennings State Forest with sandhills, flatwoods, a dome swamp, blackwater stream, seepage stream and more. Many activities are available for visitors including fishing, camping, biking, horseback riding and hiking.

**Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park**

Those looking to appreciate the serenity of nature can enjoy 2,000 acres of scrub, lakes, sandhills, marshes and ravines. The Florida National Scenic Trail runs through the park where visitors can enjoy a true shady oasis with golden grasses, beautiful trees and cool spring water perfect for canoeing, fishing or swimming.

**DUVAL-BEACHES**

**Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park**

Hanna Park visitors can enjoy camping, hiking and biking trails with 1.5 miles of gorgeous beaches. The 500-acre park is home to The Poles, Northeast Florida's best surfing spot, and the Kids Splash Park.



Fishing in St. Augustine, photo courtesy of FloridasHistoricCoast.com

**DUVAL-NORTH**

**Amelia Island State Park**

Amelia Island State Park is an equestrian lover's dream with a beautiful beachside park perfect for horseback riding. The beach is a treasure trove of seashells, along with many shorebirds and wildlife spotted throughout the park.

**Big Talbot Island State Park**

Perfect for exploration, Boneyard Beach is home to "skeletons" of oak and cedar trees. The area is also well viewed by boat where many shorebirds can be spotted nesting in nearby trees and running along the edge of the water.

**Fort George Island Cultural State Park**

Originally built in the 1920s as an ornate resort, the Ribault Club is now used as an event space and visitor center in Fort George Island Cultural State Park. This lush island park is the perfect place for hiking, fishing, trail biking and boating.

**George Crady Bridge Fishing Pier State Park**

This mile-long bridge is the perfect spot for those ready to spend the day and night fishing. The water is full of whiting, tarpon, jack and drum along with various other species throughout the year.

**Little Talbot State Park**

Adjacent to Big Talbot Island, Little Talbot Island State Park has more than five miles of untouched salt marshes, magnificent white beaches and a variety of wildlife. Bring your binoculars along to spot bobcats, river otters, raccoons and both migratory and native birds. There are guided paddle tours available, kayak rentals and camping sites with full facilities.

**Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve State Park**

Animal lovers and equestrians will love Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve State Park. The park has more than five miles of trails where hiking, horseback riding and walking are all great activities. Keep your eyes peeled for Florida wildlife including squirrels, raccoons, various birds and more. The salt marsh is a relaxing way to enjoy the day in the water on kayaks or canoes.

**Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve**

With more than 6,000 years of history tucked right into our own backyards, Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve was once home to the Timucuan tribe. It is home to the Kingsley Plantation and Fort Caroline, two historic sites on the First Coast. This is one of the last undisturbed coastal wetlands on the coast. Spend the day hiking through the cool woods or take in the beauty of the coastal dunes, hardwood hammocks and salt marshes.

**NASSAU COUNTY**

**Gary State Forest**

Expect to see some wildlife at Gary State Forest, where the flatwoods, basin marsh and sandhills are home to wood storks, gopher tortoises and the Sherman's fox squirrel which is found in longleaf pine and sandhill areas. Make sure to pack a picnic lunch and enjoy a stroll taking in the beauty of the land.

**Four Creeks State Forest**

Named after the four water systems located within more than 10,000 acres, this State forest has Boggy Creek, Plummer Creek, Thomas Creek and Alligator (Mills) Creek. With all of the water, fishing and kayaking are popular activities. Visitors can also hike the trails and bike throughout the area.

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

**Anastasia State Park**

More than 1,600 acres of pristine beaches, hammocks, tidal marshes and sand dunes make Anastasia State Park perfect for wildlife enthusiasts. Many wading birds can be spotted hunting for food and the chance of seeing a Bald Eagle is very high as they love to nest in the hammock forests. This area is also the location where coquina rock for the Castillo de San Marcos Fort was mined.

**Faver-Dykes State Park**

Home to more than 100 species of birds, Faver-Dykes State Park is a birdwatchers paradise. The park allows for camping, fishing, kayaking and canoeing on Pellicer Creek.

**Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve**

Miles of scenic trails perfect for horseback riding, hiking and biking can be found on the 73,352-acre reserve. While enjoying outdoor activities visitors will see a variety of native wildlife including birds, squirrels and more. The coastal shrubbery and flatwoods are the ideal place for fishing, hunting and enjoying a day in the outdoors.

**Matanzas State Forest**

As one of the last undisturbed salt marshes in the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve, Matanzas State Forest covers 4,699 acres with 20 acres linked to the Moses Creek Conservation Area. The forest is managed for natural resources, ecological restoration, timber and wildlife. Visitors can spend the day hiking or biking on trails or enjoy the breeze on the water while kayaking, canoeing or fishing.

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# Jogging Paths & Yoga Spots

The above preserves and parks are great places for yogis and joggers, but below are more spots to visit for a quiet yoga session or calming run.

## 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



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## 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 and Museums***

**The First Coast is a beautiful area filled with the perfect flora and fauna for a prosperous life. For more than 1,000 years, Northeast Florida was originally occupied by the Timucuan people who lived in various communities along the waterways. More than 35 different tribes lived in North and Central Florida, as well as southeastern Georgia. It appeared as if the culture was unchanged until the Europeans arrived. By 1800, the tribe disappeared due to settlers moving into their land.**

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Two centuries later, the Spanish conquistador, Juan Ponce de León, landed on the banks of Northeast Florida and claimed the land he found for Spain. Motivated by the lush landscape, Ponce de León named the area *La Florida*. Led by French explorer, Jean Ribault, the French Huguenots claimed the land near the St. Johns River and traveled north to what is presently known as South

Carolina. The colony they established was not prosperous and failed. Ribault's second-in-command, René Goulaine de Laudonnière, took settlers from South Carolina back to Florida. In 1564, he founded Fort Caroline, but the next year the fort was destroyed by orders of the Spanish Governor of Florida, Pedro Menéndez de Avilés. These disasters led up to the celebration of a new city,

St. Augustine, which was originally the site of the Timucuan village, Seloy. The city was rebuilt several times after being attacked during wars. To keep the city of Havana, Spain gave a majority of their Florida territory to the British at the end of the Seven Years' War.

Starting in the late 18th century, the downtown area of Jacksonville was known as Cowford, mainly because there

was a place in the St. Johns River that was both shallow and narrow enough for cattle to cross. Eventually, the British colonists who settled the city changed the name to Jacksonville after Andrew Jackson, who would go on to become the seventh president of the United States. With a booming population of 17,201 in 1890, Jacksonville continued to be a popular city with an increase to 57,699



residents by 1910. The St. Johns River became a large transporter of goods and passengers traveling upstream through the state, and downstream for coastal trading. The river also allowed access to the ocean to cross the sea, which assisted in facilitating commerce, enhanced security and recreation. The area began to become a prime vacation spot, with untouched beaches and warm weather. Resorts along the beach began popping up. This popularity also brought a drove of people looking to relocate and a population boom began.

Jacksonville's growth in the 20th century was attributed to the presence of the Navy bases in the area. This now includes Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Naval Station Mayport, King Bay Naval Base, Camp Blanding Joint Training Center, Naval Aviation Depot Jacksonville and Blount Island Command. These provide employment to thousands of active-duty, reserve and civilian residents of Northeast Florida.

The First Coast is full of a rich history of both celebrations and struggles but gives residents the chance to learn about how our area developed and continues to prosper.

### 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 largest Civil War battle in Florida was fought on Feb. 20, 1864. Known as the Battle of Olustee, more than 10,000 cavalry, infantry and artillery troops fought for almost five hours. After 2,807 casualties were tallied, the Union retreated to Jacksonville. This battlefield became the first historic site in the state of Florida. Each February, a reenactment is held to honor those that were part of the battle.

### Heritage Park Village

102 S. Lowder St., Macclenny  
[heritagepark.cityofmacclenny.com](http://heritagepark.cityofmacclenny.com)

Showcasing Baker County's history, the museum has many smaller museums including a barber and blacksmith shop, smoke house, train depot and jail.

### CLAY COUNTY

#### Clay County Historic Museum & Triangle

915 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs  
[www.claycountygov.com](http://www.claycountygov.com)

Take a step back in time to see what life was like in Clay County at this museum. The museum has 20th century artifacts including tools, clothing, furniture, photographs and personal letters.

Olustee Battlefield, photo courtesy of Florida Fish and Wildlife (Baker County)



Photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville



Photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville

### **Military Museum of North Florida**

1 Bunker Ave., Green Cove Springs  
[www.themilitarymuseumofnorthflorida.com](http://www.themilitarymuseumofnorthflorida.com)

World War II and Vietnam memorabilia as well as an extensive military reference library and living history library are the heart of this museum. Exhibits from the Revolutionary War spanning to the recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are also part of the exhibits.

### **DUVAL-BEACHES**

#### **Beaches Museum & History Park**

381 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach  
[www.beachmuseum.org](http://www.beachmuseum.org)

Through photographs, interactive exhibits and personal accounts, visitors can learn about the history of the

Beaches community. The Florida East Coast Foreman's House, 1911 steam locomotive and Mayport Railway Depot are also located on the grounds of the museum.

### **DUVAL-NORTH**

#### **Fort Caroline National Memorial**

12713 Fort Caroline Rd., Jacksonville  
[www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

The settlement at Fort Caroline, established in 1564 by the French Huguenots, eventually failed by destruction of the Spanish. This memorial shares the story of the settlement. During a hurricane the first replica of the fort was destroyed, much like the hurricane that was a factor in the fate of the Huguenots.

### **Yellow Bluff Fort Historic State Park**

New Berlin Rd., Jacksonville  
[www.floridastateparks.org](http://www.floridastateparks.org)

Built in 1862 along the banks of the St. Johns River, this historic site held more than 250 Confederate and Union troops.

### **DUVAL-SOUTH**

#### **Brumos Collection, The**

4310 Pablo Oaks Ct., Jacksonville  
[www.thebrumoscollection.com](http://www.thebrumoscollection.com)

The Brumos Collection is the tribute to the Jacksonville 1924 Ford assembly plant. This multi-purpose building displays the finest automobiles in the world and gives a rich story of their history. The 35,000-square-foot facility houses displays of antique and racing cars. Visitors can also visit a fully

functioning machine shop, engine room and workshop. The facility has an archive room, 22-seat movie theater and a SuperFlow® all-wheel drive Chassis Dyno®.

### **Mandarin Museum & Historical Society**

11964 Mandarin Rd., Jacksonville  
[www.mandarinmuseum.net](http://www.mandarinmuseum.net)

Visitors can travel back to old Florida through the story of Harriet Beecher Stowe, an author and abolitionist who settled in Mandarin in 1867. The Civil War steamship exhibit of the Maple Leaf is also on display. The Walter Jones Historical Park is part of the property as is the St. Joseph's Mission Schoolhouse for African American Children which is the only remaining one-room schoolhouse in Duval County.

Museum of Science and History, photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville



## Museum of Science & History (MOSH)

1025 Museum Cir., Jacksonville  
www.themosh.org

Visiting the Bryan-Gooding Planetarium, exhibits and educational programs will motivate the love for history and science whether you are two or 90.

## DUVAL-WEST

### Camp Milton Historic Preserve

1175 Halsema Rd. N., Jacksonville  
www.timucuanparks.org/camp-milton-historic-preserve

This Civil War campground gives visitors the true immersion with reenactments. An authentic 1800s Florida farmstead is on the property as well as artifacts allowing a peek into the past.

### Eartha M. M. White Historical Museum

613 W. Ashley St., Jacksonville  
www.clarawhitemission.org/explore/museum

The museum is a memorial to Clara White, who was a former slave, feeding her hungry neighbors out of her two-room house in the 1880s. Her daughter, Eartha, worked alongside her mother to provide for the community. This was the beginning of a fully running mission.

### Jacksonville Fire Museum

1406 Gator Bowl Blvd., Jacksonville  
www.coj.net/departments/fire-and-rescue/fire-museum

The Great Fire of 1901 wiped out most of downtown Jacksonville, destroying 2,368 buildings. The museum displays photos of the fire as well as a restored 1902 American LaFrance horse-drawn fire engine and working 1926 American LaFrance fire engine.



Photo by Stephanie Marty

### Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum

101 W. 1st St., Jacksonville  
www.rain.org/~karpeles/jaxfrm.php

As one of the few Karples Museums in the country, this location on the First Coast preserves historic artwork, documents and writings.

### Merrill House Museum

315 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville  
www.jaxhistory.org/merrill-museum-house-tours

The Jacksonville Historical Society drives the life of this museum, which portrays what life was like at the turn of the 20th century.

### Ritz Theatre and Museum

829 N. Davis St., Jacksonville  
www.ritzjacksonville.com

This museum covers the period from the 1920s to the 1960s in the LaVilla area. Known as the "Harlem of the South," visitors can learn about the area and Jacksonville-native brothers John Rosamond Johnson and James Weldon Johnson who wrote the African American National Anthem, *Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing*.

### Veterans Memorial Wall

1145 E. Adams St., Jacksonville  
www.coj.net

This memorial is a tribute to fallen heroes all the way from World War I to the War on Terror. More than 1,700 veterans from all military branches are honored.

## NASSAU COUNTY

### Amelia Island Lighthouse

215 O'Hagan Ln., Fernandina Beach  
www.fbfl.us

Known to be the only lighthouse from the Territorial Period, Florida's oldest lighthouse stands on the banks of Fernandina Beach. Built in 1838, the lighthouse has never had to go through major renovations and continues to stand as a beacon of the area's history.

### Amelia Island Museum of History

233 S. 3rd St., Fernandina Beach  
www.ameliamuseum.org

Known as the first "spoken history museum" in the state of Florida, tours are available for all ages.

### American Beach Museum

1600 Julia St., Fernandina Beach  
www.americanbeachmuseum.org

The American Beach Museums gives a glimpse into the lives of African Americans who lived in the Jim Crow era.



### **Fernandina Beach Marine Welcome Center & Shrimping Museum**

17 S. Front St., Fernandina Beach  
[www.fbsmwc.org](http://www.fbsmwc.org)

Fernandina Beach is known for its shrimping industry. The museum walks visitors through the history of this profitable business.

### **Fernandina Plaza Historic State Park**

Estrada St., Fernandina Beach  
[www.floridastateparks.org](http://www.floridastateparks.org)

Built to protect the Spanish colonial town of Fernandina, Fort San Carlos stood at this site, protecting the fort with a battery of three cannons.

### **Fort Clinch State Park**

2601 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach  
[www.floridastateparks.org/fortclinch](http://www.floridastateparks.org/fortclinch)

Visitors to Fort Clinch State Park can camp, hike and enjoy reenactments at this well-preserved Civil War-era fort.

## **ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

### **Castillo de San Marcos National Monument**

1 S. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine  
[www.nps.gov/casa](http://www.nps.gov/casa)

The oldest city in the nation is also the home to the oldest masonry fort in the U.S. Known as “the fort,” the Castillo de San Marcos was built to protect Spain’s claims on the New World. Walk along the outside of the fort and enjoy the monument’s living history reenactments, events, historical weapons demonstrations and a multitude of exhibits.

### **Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine**

38 Cathedral Pl., St. Augustine  
[www.thefirstparish.org](http://www.thefirstparish.org)

Father Francisco López de Mendoza Grajales presented Don Pedro Menéndez de Avilés with a cross to kiss once he stepped foot onto what is now known as St. Augustine. Located in the heart of the city, the Cathedral Basilica was built to keep the sacred spiritual history alive and let visitors worship in this historic building.

### **Colonial Quarter**

33 St. George St., St. Augustine  
[www.colonialquarter.com](http://www.colonialquarter.com)

Climb the 25 foot watchtower to view the Castillo de San Marcos and stroll to the Colonial Quarter where visitors can explore more than 500 years of European history. Demonstrations and reenactments are held regularly.

### **Flagler’s Legacy**

59 St. George St., St. Augustine  
[legacy.flagler.edu](http://legacy.flagler.edu)

The former Hotel Ponce de León is now home to Flagler College. The college was built in 1888 by millionaire developer, Henry Flagler, and boasts Spanish Renaissance-style architecture that can be seen throughout the area.

### **Fort Matanzas National Monument**

8635 A1A S., St. Augustine  
[www.nps.gov/foma](http://www.nps.gov/foma)

Originally known as Slaughters Village due to the 1565 battle that took place at the fort, the Spanish translation of the name held fast in history for this Spanish fort. Visitors are able to watch reenactments and learn about battles fought at this fort built on the Matanzas Inlet with the goal of protection against the British.

### **Fort Mose Historic State Park**

15 Fort Mose Trl., St. Augustine  
[www.floridastateparks.org/park/fort-mose](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/fort-mose)

This Spanish fort was a sanctuary and the first sanctioned free African American settlement for those fleeing English slavery.

### **Oldest Wooden School House Historic Museum & Gardens**

14 St. George St., St. Augustine  
[www.oldestwoodenschoolhouse.com](http://www.oldestwoodenschoolhouse.com)

Dating back to the early 18th century, the Oldest Wooden Schoolhouse was constructed by hand. The museum portrays daily life of colonial school children with an 18th century replication of school supplies, furniture and textbooks.

### **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)

St. Augustine's rich history is on display in galleries that cover the Spanish period and construction of the city by Henry Flagler.

### **St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum**

81 Lighthouse Ave., St. Augustine  
[www.staugustinelighthouse.com](http://www.staugustinelighthouse.com)

This iconic white and black lighthouse can be climbed by visitors taller than 44 inches and gives quite the view from the observation desk standing 165 feet above sea level. Built in 1874, this is an icon in St. Augustine.

### **St. Augustine Old Jail & Oldest Store Museum**

167 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine  
[www.trolleytours.com/st-augustine](http://www.trolleytours.com/st-augustine)

Besides housing inmates, the Old Jail also functioned as the sheriff's residence and the gallows. Set nearby, the Oldest Store Museum recreates the general store set in St. Augustine at the turn of the century.

### **St. Augustine Pirate & Treasure Museum**

12 S. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine  
[www.thepiratemuseum.com](http://www.thepiratemuseum.com)

More than 800 pirate artifacts from Pat Croce's private collection will give you a taste of the Golden Age of Piracy.

### **Villa Zorayda Museum**

83 King St., St. Augustine  
[www.villazorayda.com](http://www.villazorayda.com)

The Moorish Spanish revival of architecture was launched by the building of Villa Zorayda in 1883. This architecture was based off of the Alhambra Palace in Granada, Spain. Visitors can find beautiful interior details and antiques from the 18th century.



Photos by Stephanie Marty

### **Lightner Museum**

75 King St., St. Augustine  
[www.lightnermuseum.org](http://www.lightnermuseum.org)

Henry Flagler originally established this site in 1887 as the Hotel Alcazar. Now, this Spanish Renaissance-style museum houses relics from Otto C. Lightner, a publisher from Chicago. Memorabilia such as Tiffany glass, furniture, sculptures, fine art and more can be viewed in this museum.

*For a Day Full of Adventure, Visit These  
Other Notable St. Augustine Historical  
Sites and Museums!*

#### **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)

#### **Lincolville Museum and Cultural Center**

102 M L King Ave., St. Augustine  
[www.lincolvillemuseum.org](http://www.lincolvillemuseum.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)



Downtown Jacksonville Artwalk, photo by Michael Curion Flickr



# Lose Yourself in Art: First Coast Art Museums & Events

Whether you like Vincent van Gogh, Andy Warhol or Salvador Dalí, the First Coast is full of museums and art that range from Renaissance to modern art. The area is home to several large museums that showcase international, national and local artists.



CoRK Arts District, photo by Crystal Floyd

Many privately-owned galleries and public art, such as murals, can be found throughout the First Coast. For those looking to incorporate some local art into their home, a trip to a community art walk or an art gallery may be the perfect place to find a unique, custom piece of art. Our art scene is full of a vibrant electricity that is an inspiration to anyone ready to jump in.

## DUVAL-NORTH

### Alexander Brest Museum & Gallery

Jacksonville University  
2800 University Blvd. N.,  
Phillips Fine Arts Bldg., Jacksonville  
[www.ju.edu](http://www.ju.edu)

Named after its benefactor, the museum features a distinct collection of Pre-Columbian artifacts, Chinese porcelain, carved ivory, sculptures, prints, Tiffany glass and more.

## DUVAL-WEST

### CoRK Arts District

2689 Rosselle St., Jacksonville  
<http://corkartsdistrict.com>

Named for its location at the corner of Rosselle and King, CoRK is a warehouse district transformed into 80,000 square feet of art studios and galleries. CoRK artists cover a range of disciplines from photography to painting to mixed media. The warehouse is not open to the public, but visitors can book appointments with artists or attend events at the location.

### Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens

829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville  
[www.cummermuseum.org](http://www.cummermuseum.org)

Overlooking the lush gardens full of fountains, sculptures and arbors on the banks of the St. Johns River, the largest fine arts museum on the First Coast is the perfect mix of art, gardens and history. There are more than 5,000 works of art in the permanent collection and various traveling exhibits visit the museum each year.

### Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) Jacksonville

333 N. Laura St., Jacksonville  
[mocajacksonville.unf.edu](http://mocajacksonville.unf.edu)

MOCA is one of the largest contemporary art museums in the Southeast with more than 1,000 pieces of modern visual art in the permanent gallery and a variety of educational programs available for children.



Museum of Contemporary Art, photo by Michael Curt on Flickr



Cummer Museum of Arts & Gardens, photo courtesy of www.wheretraveler.com

## Check Out These Art Walks and Festivals!

### **Artrageous Artwalk**

Downtown Fernandina Beach  
[www.islandart.org/artrageous-artwalk](http://www.islandart.org/artrageous-artwalk)  
*Second Saturday of the month*

### **First Friday Artwalk**

St. Augustine  
[www.artgalleriesofstaugustine.com/first-friday-artwalk](http://www.artgalleriesofstaugustine.com/first-friday-artwalk)  
*First Friday of the month*

### **First Wednesday Art Walk**

Downtown Jacksonville  
[www.jacksonvilleartwalk.com](http://www.jacksonvilleartwalk.com)  
*First Wednesday of the month*

### **Jax Beach Artwalk**

First St. from Beach Blvd. to 5th Ave. N.  
[www.betterjaxbeach.com/jax-beach-art-walk.html](http://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](http://www.mandarinartfestival.org)  
*Every Easter weekend*

### **North Beaches Art Walk**

Beaches Town Center  
Atlantic Blvd. and 1st St., Neptune Beach  
[www.nbaw.org](http://www.nbaw.org)  
*Third Thursday of the month*

### **Riverside Arts Market**

715 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville  
[www.riversideavondale.org/ram-home](http://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](http://www.staaa.org/festival)  
*Thanksgiving weekend*

## **ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

### **Crisp-Ellert Art Museum**

48 Sevilla St., St. Augustine  
[www.flagler.edu](http://www.flagler.edu)

Artwork from Flagler College's own contemporary art museum contains art from international, national and local artists. Numerous exhibitions are held on site including several community programs.

### **Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, The**

50 Executive Way, Ponte Vedra Beach  
[www.ccpvb.org](http://www.ccpvb.org)

The Ponte Vedra community can experience the arts through classes, events, workshops, exhibits, outreach

and educational programs. Recently, the Cultural Center opened a new facility in Jacksonville Beach to expand its reach.

### **St. Augustine Art Association**

22 Marine St., St. Augustine  
[www.staaa.org](http://www.staaa.org)

The St. Augustine Art Association brings extraordinary artwork to St. Johns County in the heart of St. Augustine's art community. Both juried exhibitions and a permanent collection are part of the association.



**Lights, Camera, Action!**  
*Entertainment on the First Coast*



Photos courtesy of FSCJ Artist Series



**The First Coast has a great array of entertainment from comedians to variety shows and musicals to Broadway plays. With a plethora of options, nights full of fun and laughs are just around the corner at local venues like the Amphitheater St. Augustine, Daily's Place or VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena.**



Photo courtesy of Alhambra Theatre & Dining

### CLAY COUNTY

#### Thrasher-Horne Center

283 College Dr., Orange Park  
[www.thcenter.org](http://www.thcenter.org)

Thrasher-Horne has a variety of musical performances, dance and theatre.

### DUVAL-BEACHES

#### Beaches Fine Arts Series

416 12th Ave. N., Jacksonville Beach  
[www.beachesfinearts.org](http://www.beachesfinearts.org)

The community has the chance to experience top-notch dance and music performances with the Beaches Fine Art Series ranging through genres such as jazz and classical music.

#### SeaWalk Pavilion

75 1st St. N., Jacksonville Beach  
[www.jacksonvillebeach.org](http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org)

Located at the heart of Jacksonville Beach, the SeaWalk Pavilion is an outdoor amphitheater that is family friendly, full of beachside festivals, concerts and outdoor movie showings.

### DUVAL-NORTH

#### Florida Ballet, The

10131 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.floridaballet.org](http://www.floridaballet.org)

Known for the annual classical ballet performance, *The Nutcracker*, The Florida Ballet brings a range of world-renowned dance performances 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)

This performing arts series hosts a variety of concerts, theatrical productions and dance performances.

### DUVAL-SOUTH

#### Alhambra Theatre & Dining

12000 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.alhambrajax.com](http://www.alhambrajax.com)

Enjoy an evening with a live performance topped with a decadent themed dinner. The nation's longest operating professional dinner theater is located here on the First Coast.

#### Comedy Zone, The

3130 Hartley Rd., Jacksonville  
[www.comedyzone.com](http://www.comedyzone.com)

Those looking for a laugh will enjoy a variety of hilarious stand-up comedians at The Comedy Zone in Mandarin.

#### Morocco Shrine

3800 St. Johns Bluff Rd. S., Jacksonville  
[www.moroccoshrine.org](http://www.moroccoshrine.org)

Hosting a variety of family-friendly events throughout the year, the Morocco Shrine has exhibitions, trade shows and circuses.

#### 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)

Covering a wide range of genres including opera and dance, the Nathan

H. Wilson Center for the Arts also offers unique productions with visual art, theatre, music 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)

Presenting inspiring concerts, dramas, operas and dance performances, the UNF Fine Arts Center offers a variety of performances by local, national and international entertainers.

### DUVAL-WEST

#### Daily's Place

1 Daily's Pl., Jacksonville  
[www.dailysplace.com](http://www.dailysplace.com)

Located on the banks of the St. Johns River at the south end of TIAA Bank Field, Daily's Place will get you amped up with your performances by your favorite musical artists.

### Florida Theatre

128 E. Forsyth St., Ste. 300, Jacksonville  
[www.floridatheatre.com](http://www.floridatheatre.com)

For 94 years, the Florida Theatre has been home to comedians, dance performances, concerts and a variety of exclusive shows with 200 events held annually.

### Friday Musicale

645 Oak St., Jacksonville  
[www.fridaymusicale.com](http://www.fridaymusicale.com)

Since 1890, Friday Musicale has held a range of fine music concerts, offers summer music camps to children and also serves as a private event space.

### FSCJ Artist Series, The

501 W. State St., Ste. 109, Jacksonville  
[www.artistseriesjax.org](http://www.artistseriesjax.org)

The Artist Series is known as the leading source for professional Broadway shows. Besides Broadway shows, the FSCJ Artist Series also holds international opera, international dance, concerts, family shows and more.

### Jacksonville Symphony

300 Water St., Ste. 200, Jacksonville  
[www.jaxsymphony.org](http://www.jaxsymphony.org)

For more than 70 years, the Jacksonville Symphony has been a gem on the First Coast as one of the nation's leading regional orchestras.

### Metropolitan Park

4110 Gator Bowl Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net)

Located downtown on the St. Johns River, this park hosts events, festivals and outdoor concerts.

### Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center

1000 Water St., Jacksonville  
[www.primefosborn.com](http://www.primefosborn.com)

Housed in a former train terminal, this convention center is the perfect historic locale for trade shows and conventions.

### Riverside Fine Arts

1100 Stockton St., Jacksonville

Award-winning musicians and world-class musical performances can be found at Riverside Fine Arts which works to enhance community involvement and education through artistic demonstration.

### Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts

300 Water St., Jacksonville  
[www.timesunioncenter.com](http://www.timesunioncenter.com)

This performing arts center brings a collection of symphony, Broadway, ballet, comedy and concert performances to the First Coast.

### VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena

300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.jaxarena.com](http://www.jaxarena.com)

Home to our very own hockey team, the Jacksonville Icemen, VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena brings a great combination of sporting events, popular musicians and concerts to our very own backyard.

### ST. JOHNS COUNTY

#### Amp St. Augustine, The

1340C A1A S., St. Augustine  
[www.staugamphitheatre.com](http://www.staugamphitheatre.com)

Known as "The Amp," this intimate 5,000 seat venue in the nation's oldest city, has brought some big names to the area including Willie Nelson, John Mellencamp, Zac Brown Band and Weezer.



Photo by Stephanie Marty



Photo courtesy of Alhambra Theatre & Dining

### **EMMA Concert Association**

14 Granada St., St. Augustine  
[www.emmaconcerts.com](http://www.emmaconcerts.com)

In partnership with Flagler College, the EMMA Concert Association provides the Old City with dance and musical performances from both local and international orchestras.

### **First Coast Opera**

St. Augustine  
[www.firstcoastopera.com](http://www.firstcoastopera.com)

First Coast Opera is the only opera company on the First Coast, presenting amazing vocal performances throughout the St. Augustine area.

### **Ponte Vedra Concert Hall**

1050 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach  
[www.pvconcerthall.com](http://www.pvconcerthall.com)

Located in the heart of Ponte Vedra Beach, popular musicians and performing artists rock out at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall.

## *Community Theaters on the First Coast*

### **5 & Dime: A Theatre Company, The**

112 E. Adams St., Jacksonville  
[www.the5anddime.org](http://www.the5anddime.org)

### **All Beaches Experimental Theatre**

544 Atlantic Blvd., Neptune Beach  
[www.abettheatre.com](http://www.abettheatre.com)

### **Amelia Community Theatre**

207/209 Cedar St., Fernandina Beach  
[www.ameliacommunitytheatre.org](http://www.ameliacommunitytheatre.org)

### **Limelight Theatre**

11 Old Mission Ave., St. Augustine  
[www.limelight-theatre.org](http://www.limelight-theatre.org)

### **Orange Park Community Theatre**


2900 Moody Ave., Orange Park  
[www.opct.info](http://www.opct.info)

### **Players by the Sea**

106 6th St. N., Jacksonville Beach  
[www.playersbythesea.org](http://www.playersbythesea.org)

### **Theatre Jacksonville**

2032 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.theatrejax.com](http://www.theatrejax.com)



**The First Coast is home to many amazing music festivals throughout the year, including George's Music Springing the Blues and the Jacksonville Jazz Festival that draw both local and world-renowned musicians.**

## *Independent Theaters and Movie Houses*

### **Corazon Cinema and Café, The**

36 Granada St., St. Augustine  
[www.corazoncinemaandcafe.com](http://www.corazoncinemaandcafe.com)


### **San Marco Theatre**

1996 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.sanmarcotheatre.com](http://www.sanmarcotheatre.com)

### **Sun-Ray Cinema**

1028 Park St., Jacksonville  
[www.sunraycinema.com](http://www.sunraycinema.com)

Photo courtesy of Thrasher-Horne Center



San Marco Theatre, photo by Stephanie Marty

Photo courtesy of Adventure Landing



# First Coast Fun: Attractions

**The First Coast is full of fun. Besides our beautiful beaches, the First Coast is home to many attractions from indoor activities to outdoor adventures and attractions that are guaranteed to make anyone's day complete.**



Photo courtesy of Potters Wax Museum



Photo by Stephanie Marty

The Jacksonville Zoo has more than 2,000 animals and 1,000 plants on its 115 acres, where wildlife from all over the world can be found.

## DUVAL-BEACHES

### Adventure Landing

1944 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach  
 4825 Blanding Blvd., Jacksonville  
 2780 SR 16, St. Augustine  
[www.adventurelanding.com](http://www.adventurelanding.com)

With miniature golf, batting cages, an arcade, go-karts, laser tag and a waterpark at the Jacksonville Beach location, Adventure Landing is the perfect place for a day of family fun.

## DUVAL-NORTH

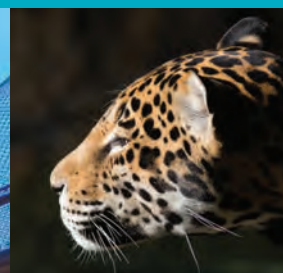
### Catty Shack Ranch Wildlife Sanctuary

1860 Starratt Rd., Jacksonville  
[www.cattyshack.org](http://www.cattyshack.org)

Catty Shack is home to more than 40 different big cats including tigers, lions, bobcats, cougars and more. Visit the sanctuary for a daytime tour or nighttime feeding.



Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, photo by Stephanie Marty



Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, photos courtesy of City of Jacksonville

### Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens

370 Zoo Pkwy., Jacksonville  
[www.jacksonvillezoo.org](http://www.jacksonvillezoo.org)

The Jacksonville Zoo has a variety of family-friendly activities, educational programs and many attractions including the African Forest, Giraffe Overlook and Land of the Tiger.

## DUVAL-SOUTH

### Autobahn Indoor Speedway

6601 Executive Park Ct. N., Jacksonville  
[www.autobahnspeed.com](http://www.autobahnspeed.com)

With fun for the whole family, the 80,000-square-foot racetrack at Autobahn Indoor Speedway is the largest indoor karting facility in Florida. The speedway's Italian karts reach speeds up to 50 mph on two unique Grand Prix-style tracks.

### iFly Jacksonville

10579 Brightman Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.iflyworld.com/Jacksonville](http://www.iflyworld.com/Jacksonville)

Those seeking the adventure of a lifetime can experience skydiving at iFly's vertical wind tunnel that simulates the feeling of skydiving without needing to jump out of plane!

### Main Event Jacksonville

10370 Philips Hwy., Jacksonville  
[www.mainevent.com](http://www.mainevent.com)

If you're looking for a fun-filled day and night, check out Main Event, where there are gravity ropes, rock walls, mini golf, laser tag, karaoke, bowling and more.

*Bounce Around at these First Coast Trampoline Parks!*

**Bravoz Entertainment Center**  
14985 Old St. Augustine Rd., Jacksonville  
www.bravoz.com

**Flight Fit N Fun**  
7022 AC Skinner Pkwy., Ste. 200, Jacksonville  
www.flightfitnfun.com

**Get Air**  
1564 Park Ave., Orange Park  
www.getairsports.com

**Jumpstreet**  
1210 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach  
www.gojump.com

**Urban Air Adventure Park**  
9950 Southside Blvd., Jacksonville  
www.urbanairtrampolinepark.com



World Golf Hall of Fame IMAX® Theater, photo courtesy of www.bluegreenvacations.com



Photo courtesy of Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park



Photo courtesy of Explore St. Augustine

**NASSAU COUNTY**

**White Oak**

581705 White Oak Rd., Yulee  
www.whiteoakwildlife.org

Dedicated to the conservation and care of threatened and endangered species, White Oak offers educational tours where you will see zebras, okapi, rhinoceros, cheetahs and more.

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

**Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park**

11 Magnolia Ave., St. Augustine  
www.fountainofyouthflorida.com

This historical attraction takes you back in time to learn about the Spanish settlers and Juan Ponce de León who came to the New World in 1513 hoping to find the Fountain of Youth.

**Marineland Dolphin Adventure**

9600 Oceanshore Blvd., St. Augustine  
www.marineland.net

Explore your own oceanfront playground at Marineland which sits on the edge of the beautiful Atlantic Ocean. Visitors can swim with the dolphins and even be a trainer for the day.

**Potter's Wax Museum**

31 Orange St., St. Augustine  
www.potterswax.com

This unique attraction is the country's first established wax museum and is located inside of the oldest pharmacy in the nation. Currently, it has more than 160 realistic wax sculptures of scientists, musicians, movie stars, political figures, authors and athletes. For those looking for a scare, the museum offers after hours ghostly tours with Ghosts & Graveyards St. Augustine.

**Ripley's Believe It or Not!**

19 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine  
www.ripleys.com/staugustine

The "Odditorium" at Ripley's features more than 800 curious artifacts including a spinning vortex, two headed animals and shrunken heads.

**St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park**

999 Anastasia Blvd., St. Augustine  
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 crocodylian and



Photo courtesy of Ripley's Believe It or Not!

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

Become your own biologist while visiting this natural Florida reef aquarium. Here, visitors can feed sharks and stingrays and even snorkel with multiple species of fish.

**St. Augustine Wild Reserve**

5190 Farm Creek Rd., St. Augustine  
www.staugustinewildreserve.org

This nonprofit gives visitors a chance to see more than 50 large mammals such as leopards, ligers, lions, hyenas and wolves. There are also more than 30 other smaller mammals that call

the reserve home including barnyard animals, white-tailed deer and coati mundi (relatives to the raccoon).

**World Golf Hall of Fame IMAX® Theater**

1 World Golf Pl., St. Augustine  
www.worldgolfimax.com

With an 80-foot-wide and 50-foot-high 3D digital screen, the IMAX Theater located in World Golf Village will give you the best view for the latest flick.

Since 1981, the St. Augustine Wild Reserve has been a home for unwanted and abused exotic animals with a focus on educating the public about wildlife.



*Home Field  
Advantage:*  
**Sports**

Sports lovers will always find themselves with a team to cheer for here on the First Coast! From outdoor fishing tournaments and roller derby to college and professional sporting events, there is always a game or event to attend.

Jacksonville Jaguars, photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville



"Since 2007, Jacksonville Jaguar fans can watch games from the comfort of a swimming pool cabana, located in the party deck area of the stadium."

**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](http://www.gobluewave.com)

The FSCJ BlueWave is part of the Florida College System Activities Association and National Junior College Athletic Association, and is made up of five competitive teams for both women and men.

**Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament**

[July 12-17, 2021]  
 Jim King Park and Boat Ramp at Sisters Creek  
 8203 Heckscher Dr., Jacksonville  
[www.kingfishtournament.com](http://www.kingfishtournament.com)

Drawing in fishing enthusiasts from all over the country, this annual week-long competition is one of the largest kingfish tournaments in the Southeast.

**Jacksonville University (JU) Dolphins**

2800 University Blvd. N., Jacksonville  
[www.judolphins.com](http://www.judolphins.com)

Whether it's soccer, baseball or basketball, check out one of the 18 teams at JU to cheer on your Dolphins.

**DUVAL-SOUTH**

**Jacksonville Armada Football Club**

1 UNF Dr., Jacksonville  
[www.jacksonvillearmada.com](http://www.jacksonvillearmada.com)

As the area's only professional soccer team, the Armada have called the First Coast home since 2015, competing in several playoffs including the NPSL Sunshine Conference Playoffs.

**Jacksonville Axemen Rugby League**

1 UNF Dr., Jacksonville  
[www.jaxaxe.com](http://www.jaxaxe.com)

The Axemen have been bringing hard hits to the First Coast since 2006. They are one of the most successful rugby

league football clubs in the country, forming the USA Rugby League (USARL) championship.

**Jacksonville Ice & Sportsplex**

3605 Philips Hwy., Jacksonville  
[www.jaxiceandsportsplex.com](http://www.jaxiceandsportsplex.com)

Lace up your skates and hop on the ice at this NHL regulation-sized rink. Enjoy other recreational activities within the Sportsplex including soccer, basketball, volleyball, and kids and adult hockey on the indoor courts and multi-purpose turf areas.





Florida-Georgia Game, photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville



Jacksonville Giants, photo courtesy of Jacksonville Giants



Jacksonville University Basketball, photo courtesy of Jacksonville University

### Jacksonville Roller Derby

Skate Station Funworks Mandarin  
3461 Kori Rd., Jacksonville  
[www.jacksonvillerollerderby.com](http://www.jacksonvillerollerderby.com)

With more than 70 skaters and six teams, the women of the Jacksonville Roller Derby League have built up a ruthless reputation for their quick skating and hard playing.

### Kona Skatepark

8739 Kona Ave., Jacksonville  
[www.konaskatepark.com](http://www.konaskatepark.com)

Skaters find sanctuary at the longest surviving skate park in the world, working to perfect their skills and even compete for prize money.

### University of North Florida (UNF) Ospreys

1 UNF Dr., Jacksonville  
[www.unfospreys.com](http://www.unfospreys.com)

Cheer on the UNF Ospreys in the Swoop Squad, who compete in the NCAA Division I athletics with teams for both women and men.

## Sport Teams

### 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  
121 Financial Ballpark  
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



**"The Jacksonville Icemen's mascot, Fang, was named in honor of JSO K-9 Fang who was lost in the line of duty."**

**Jacksonville Icemen**

VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena  
300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd.,  
Jacksonville  
[www.jacksonvilleicemen.com](http://www.jacksonvilleicemen.com)

The Jacksonville Icemen is a member of the ECHL that began play in the 2017-2018 season. Known for their energetic mascot, "Fang," and skilled players, the team continues to wow fans throughout the First Coast.

Jacksonville Icemen, photo by Chard Ciraulo courtesy of Unsplash

**DUVAL-WEST**

**Edward Waters College (EWC) Tigers**

1658 Kings Rd., Jacksonville  
[www.ewctigerpride.com](http://www.ewctigerpride.com)

EWC is home to several intercollegiate teams and a coed cheerleading team.

**Florida-Georgia Football Classic**

[Oct. 29, 2021]  
TIAA Bank Field  
1 TIAA Bank Field Dr., Jacksonville  
[www.flgajax.com](http://www.flgajax.com)

For 88 years, the Florida Gator and Georgia Bulldog fans have been in a rivalry against each other with an extreme, football-filled week leading up to the final big game.

**Jacksonville Equestrian Center**

13611 Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.jaxequestriancenter.com](http://www.jaxequestriancenter.com)

The Jacksonville Equestrian Center is the leading facility for equine shows on the First Coast with grounds for biking, hiking, horseback riding and more.

**Jacksonville Giants**

VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena  
300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd.,  
Jacksonville  
[www.jacksonvillegiants.com](http://www.jacksonvillegiants.com)

With six American Basketball Association National Championship wins, the Jacksonville Giants have continued to destroy competitors with their hard work and perseverance.

**Jacksonville Jaguars**

TIAA Bank Field  
1 TIAA Bank Field Dr., Jacksonville  
[www.jaguars.com](http://www.jaguars.com)

The Jaguars have made a name for themselves on the First Coast with a devout group of fans. This NFL team has won three division championships and had seven playoff appearances.

**Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp**

121 Financial Ballpark  
301 A. Philip Randolph Blvd.,  
Jacksonville  
[www.jaxshrimp.com](http://www.jaxshrimp.com)

With our seven-time league champion team, the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp, our very own Minor League Baseball team, never fails to entertain. Each



TaxSlayer Gator Bowl, photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville

Friday, get ready to enjoy a firework show that lights up the downtown skyline at the end of home games.

**Jacksonville Sharks**

VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena  
300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd.,  
Jacksonville  
[www.jaxsharks.com](http://www.jaxsharks.com)

The local arena football team, the Sharks, has reclaimed the championship title for the National Arena League several times in the past and continues to impress all fans on the First Coast.

**TaxSlayer Gator Bowl**

TIAA Bank Field  
1 TIAA Bank Field Dr., Jacksonville  
[www.taxslayergatorbowl.com](http://www.taxslayergatorbowl.com)

For more than 75 years, the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl has been providing football entertainment as one of the oldest college football bowl games in the nation.



Gate River Run, photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville

# Walks, Runs, and Rides

## 26.2 With DONNA the National Marathon to Finish Breast Cancer

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

As the only marathon in the U.S. devoted to breast cancer and care, the DONNA Marathon Weekend is held each February. Proceeds from the event benefit The DONNA Foundation and Mayo Clinic to continue working to find a cure for breast cancer. CNN has named the race as one of the “Seven Marathons Worth the Trip.” Each year the event draws thousands of runners from all over the nation and even other countries. This race also qualifies runners for the Boston Marathon.

## Ameris Bank Jacksonville Marathon, Half Marathon & 5K

[www.amerisbank.com/jacksonville-marathon](http://www.amerisbank.com/jacksonville-marathon)

This race will guide runners through Mandarin and along the St. Johns River. Known as the oldest race in Jacksonville, runners have the option of running a marathon, half-marathon or 5K. Runners are also eligible for the next two Boston Marathons if they qualify.

## Down Syndrome Association of Jacksonville Buddy Walk

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

Enjoy the beauty of Jacksonville Beach during this annual one-mile walk. The walk raises awareness and education about Down syndrome, working with local and national organizations. After working up a sweat, relax during the celebration filled with rides, live music, carnival games and delicious food trucks.

## Fight for Air Climb

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

For those daredevils, the Fight for Air Climb may be the perfect charity walk for you. This walk raises money for those affected by lung disease. It is hosted by the American Lung Association and allows participants to climb a skyscraper with the reward of one of the best views in Jacksonville.

## Gate River Run

[www.1stplacesports.com](http://www.1stplacesports.com)

The largest 15K in the nation is held right here on the First Coast. It also pairs with the Florida Times-Union 5K for Charity and Brooks Rehabilitation Challenge Mile. Children can also participate in the Junior River Run 1 Mile or the Diaper Dash.

## Katie Ride for Life

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

This cycling and walking event raises awareness and funds for more than 125,000 people who need organ transplants. The event takes place on Amelia Island, offering both walking and cycling events of different distances and courses allowing for any experience level to take part.

## Light the Night Walk

[www.lightthenight.org/ncl](http://www.lightthenight.org/ncl)

Experience the beauty of illuminated balloons while honoring those affected by cancer. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society works during this walk to raise funds for cancer research and treatments.

## Never Quit 5K and 10K

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

Run or walk along Jacksonville Beach during this 5K and 10K. The event works to educate the community on avoiding heart disease, stroke and brain bleeds through healthy life choices and making sure to “never quit.”

## St. Augustine Half Marathon

<https://staugustinehalfmarathon.com>

Whether you participate in the half marathon, 5K, 10K or kids' race, the St. Augustine Half Marathon weaves through the oldest city and gives families and individuals a chance to enjoy a day filled with fun and exercise.

## Walk For Wishes

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

Make-A-Wish works to grant wishes for children diagnosed with a critical illness. More than 300,000 wishes have previously been granted. Help raise funds and honor those children affected by illnesses at this event in Metropolitan Park.



**Take a Swing:  
Golf on the  
First Coast**

**Stepping onto a lush green golf course with blue skies and the sun shining above you is something any golfer loves to feel. The First Coast offers courses throughout the area and even hosts various championship events. Whether you are looking to be a participant or a spectator, the First Coast has something for any golf aficionado. Check out all of the options the First Coast offers for those looking to dust off their clubs and step onto the green.**

TPC Sawgrass, photo courtesy of FloridasHistoricCoast.com

**Events**

The First Coast draws people in from all around the country during several major golf competitions hosted right in our backyard. THE PLAYERS Championship is one of the most anticipated tournaments on the PGA TOUR. This five-day competition in March allows fans to watch golfers compete while enjoying time in the sun. In June, the Korn Ferry Tour (formally the Web.com Tour Championship) is the chance for golfers to step out into the limelight as it identifies players that are ready to progress forward in their golf career. It is played at the scenic TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra.

**For Your Entertainment**

TopGolf is a bustling sports entertainment complex located near the St. Johns Town Center. As one of the most popular places to have a get together or fun date night, this high-tech golf facility is one that anyone can enjoy. To recharge for some competition, relax in your bay between rounds with some delicious food and drinks. This place will rev anyone up with their high-energy atmosphere perfect during the day or night.

Take a ride down to St. Augustine to the **World Golf Hall of Fame** at World Golf Village where you will find engaging, interactive exhibits at this legendary museum.

Through art, audio, video and photographs, visitors can enjoy learning about the history of golf. Each year, the museum offers an exhibit of that year's Hall of Fame inductees as well as a chance for a shot on the 132-yard island green Challenge Hole.

The First Coast has many kid-friendly options for aspiring golfers with a multitude of miniature golf courses. The family will have an amazing time whether you are looking for a course with a pirate ship or one overlooking the waterfront.

For more than 30 years, Anastasia Miniature Golf in St. Augustine has been a myriad of fun for both locals and tourists. Enjoy the beauty of the course with the lush tropical landscape and beautiful Japanese koi pond. Head to Fiesta Falls Mini Golf on the gorgeous coast of St. Augustine, where you can try your luck at

a hole-in-one and head to the beach after your victory. **Putt-Putt of Amelia Island** has a 60-year history of providing family fun for all. This competition style 36-hole course was the host of the 2015 National Putt-Putt Championship. Shaded by a canopy of live oaks,

**Heron's Cove Adventure Golf** is a nautically themed course on Amelia Island perfect for residents and visitors alike. **Island Falls Adventure Golf** in Fernandina weaves you through an 18-and-a-half hole course with bridges, tunnels and gorgeous waterfalls.



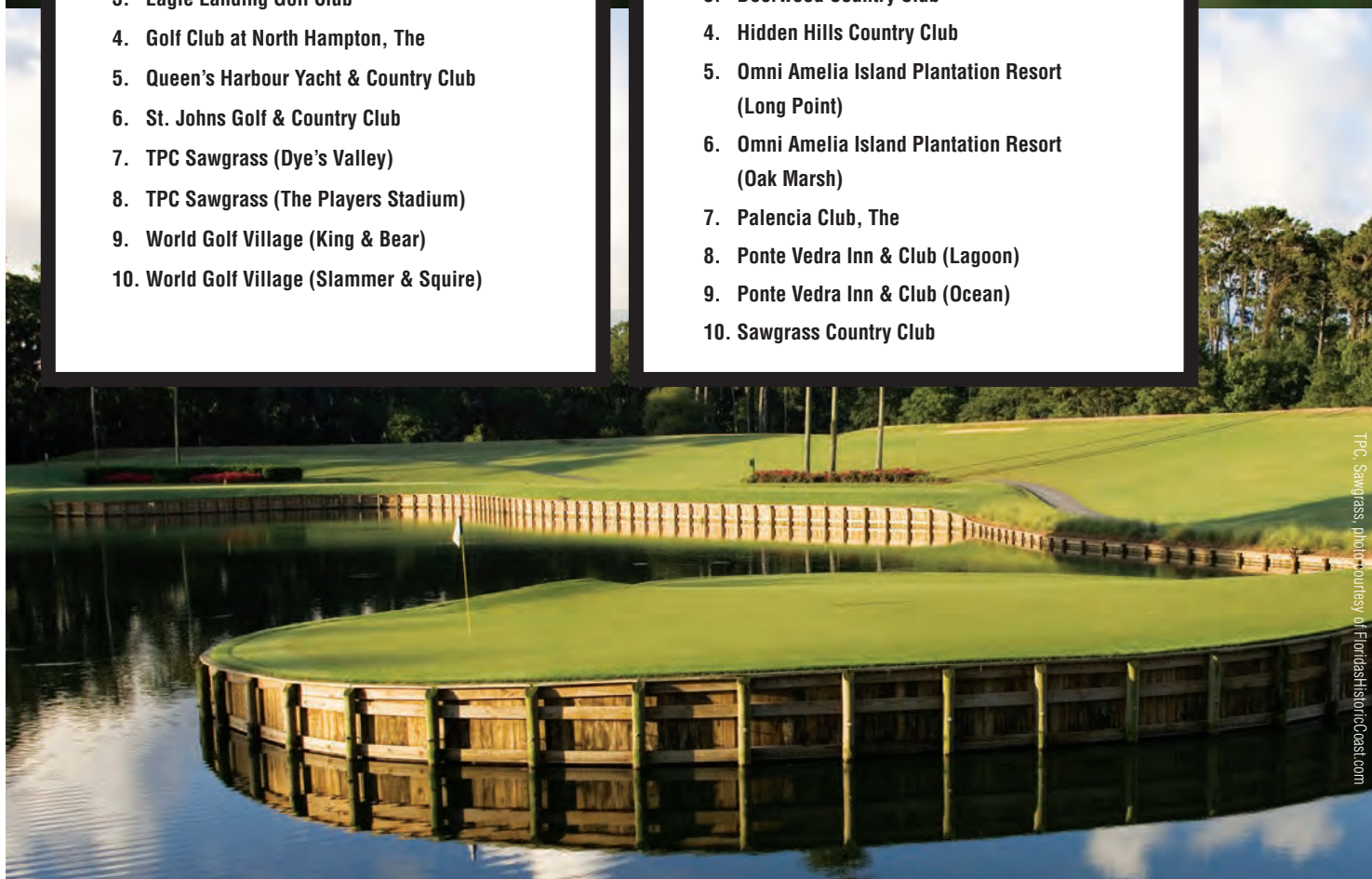
UNF Golf, photo courtesy of University of North Florida

### 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



TPC, Sawgrass, photo courtesy of Florida's First Coast.com

# Life on the Water

The First Coast is perfect for watersports with gorgeous beaches and abundant waterways throughout the area. Expect to discover an entirely different side of the First Coast for a day of fun on the water, whether you spend the day lounging on a boat or take advantage of our beautiful weather with kayaking or paddle boarding along the intracoastal.

## Fishing

The First Coast is the perfect destination for fishing. For those looking for a relaxing day, find solace on piers where a variety of species can be found hanging around the pilings or take to the shore for some surf fishing. There are many different types of fishing including charter, offshore, inshore/flats and bottom/reef fishing.

Photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville

## Fish of the First Coast



Catfish



Cobia



Trout



Bluefish



Spanish Mackerel



Sailfish



Snapper



Photo by Stephanie Marty

### Boating

Grab some friends and get ready for a fun day boating on the intracoastal, river or ocean. Boats are a staple of life for many on the First Coast. For some added fun bring some water skis to attach to the boat or even let out your wild side by trying tricks on a wakeboard.



### Surf, Boogie or Skimboard

All along our coastline, beachgoers enjoy lounging on the sand and plunging into the water to enjoy riding the waves of the Atlantic on a surf, boogie or skimboard.



### Paddle Sports

The popularity of kayaks, canoes and paddleboards is rising on the First Coast. Find the perfect place to float along the water whether you are looking for a challenge on the ocean or intracoastal, or a relaxing paddle on one of the many creeks or lakes in the area.

Kayaking, photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville



### Jet Skis

Not everyone likes to go swimming, so hopping on a jet ski is the perfect way to enjoy the water without getting into it. Throughout the area there are rental locations for easy access to fun.



St. Johns Town Center, photo courtesy of Visit Jacksonville

# ***Shop Til' You Drop***

## *First Coast Retail Therapy*

**Looking for a unique piece of furniture or your next go-to outfit? The First Coast has numerous shopping centers and malls that have something available for everyone, regardless of their tastes. Take a look below to find something near you or even find your next shopping adventure destination!**





Amelia Island Shopping, photo courtesy of Amelia Island Tourist Development Council

San Marco Square shops, photo by Ryan Kettermen courtesy of Visit Jacksonville



## CLAY COUNTY

In Clay County, shoppers have the Orange Park Mall and Fleming Island Shopping Centers that are ready to meet their shopping needs without having to leave the area.

## DUVAL COUNTY

Duval County is filled with malls and shopping centers that cater to most, if not all, shopping whims that residents may have. For some shopping at the beach, head to the Beaches Town Center, located at the heart of Atlantic and Neptune beach communities.

The Avenues is a premier indoor shopping mall that combines the luxury of shopping with cool A/C and is the perfect place for shopping during the rainy season. Nearby is the St. Johns Town Center, which has stores that fit into every budget. Next door is The Markets at Town Center, which houses many top retailers.

Located in the beautiful San Marco neighborhood, San Marco Square is filled with boutiques offering one-of-a-kind items. In trendy Riverside, Five Points boasts fashionable clothes, rare accessories and even some shops

just for your four-legged friend. The Shops of Avondale, located on St. Johns Avenue in Jacksonville's historic Avondale neighborhood is a quaint, tree-lined community with a variety of locally owned stores and boutiques. Oakleaf Town Center, on the Westside, is a retail center full of all the amenities shoppers could possibly want. Attracting shoppers from all over the First Coast, River City Marketplace, on the Northside, is conveniently located near the Jacksonville Airport, and offers an array of retailers.

## NASSAU COUNTY

Both visitors and residents of Amelia Island and Fernandina Beach will find a variety of amazing shopping areas in this northernmost county of the First Coast. Centre Street and The Shops of Amelia Island Plantation are the perfect places to peruse an array of shops filled with rare home décor, trendy clothes and unique gifts.



**Forbes ranked Jacksonville as the ninth best shopping city in the U.S.!**

## *All-Natural and Organic Grocery Stores*

### **Earth Fare**

120 Shops Blvd., St. Johns (reopening 2021)

### **Grassroots Natural Market**

2007 Park St., Jacksonville

### **Grassroots Natural Market II**

1915 East West Pkwy., Ste. 1, Fleming Island

### **Native Sun Natural Foods Market**

1585 3rd St. N., Jacksonville Beach

### **Sprouts Farmers Market**

12675 Beach Blvd., Ste. 200, Jacksonville

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

## **ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

St. Johns County is the perfect place for any taste or budget with upscale malls, eclectic antique stores and more. Shoppers can enjoy a day perusing upscale shops and boutiques at **Sawgrass Village** complete with lakefront outdoor shopping. The **Nocatee Town Center**, just minutes away from the lovely neighborhoods of Nocatee, offers residents an assortment of restaurants, shops and even big box stores. The **Pavilion at Durban Park** is one of the newer developments in northern St. Johns County. The area is continuing to create shopping and dining options and will soon be the largest shopping area on the First Coast.

As two of Florida's premier outlet malls, the **St. Augustine Outlets** and **St. Augustine Premium Outlets** offer shoppers both designer merchandise and more than 50 brand names at prices that won't hurt your wallet.

On St. George Street, in St. Augustine's quaint historic district, shoppers can stroll the pedestrian-only cobblestone street which is home to many galleries carrying local and regional artwork, and a treasure trove of one-of-a-kind shops along this four-block stretch.



St. Augustine Outlets, photo courtesy of Florida's Historic Coast

# *First Coast Food Scene: A Foodie's Paradise!*

No matter what side of town you're on, you're never far away from an excellent eatery with a multitude of unique flavors and cuisines.

We are lucky to have some local chefs that have been nationally and internationally trained who have paved a road on the First Coast for some delectable dishes. Our area has many local farms so some restaurants source their food from "farm-to-table." Here on the First Coast, we are known for our of mouthwatering seafood including our Mayport shrimp. 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! It's time to dig in!***

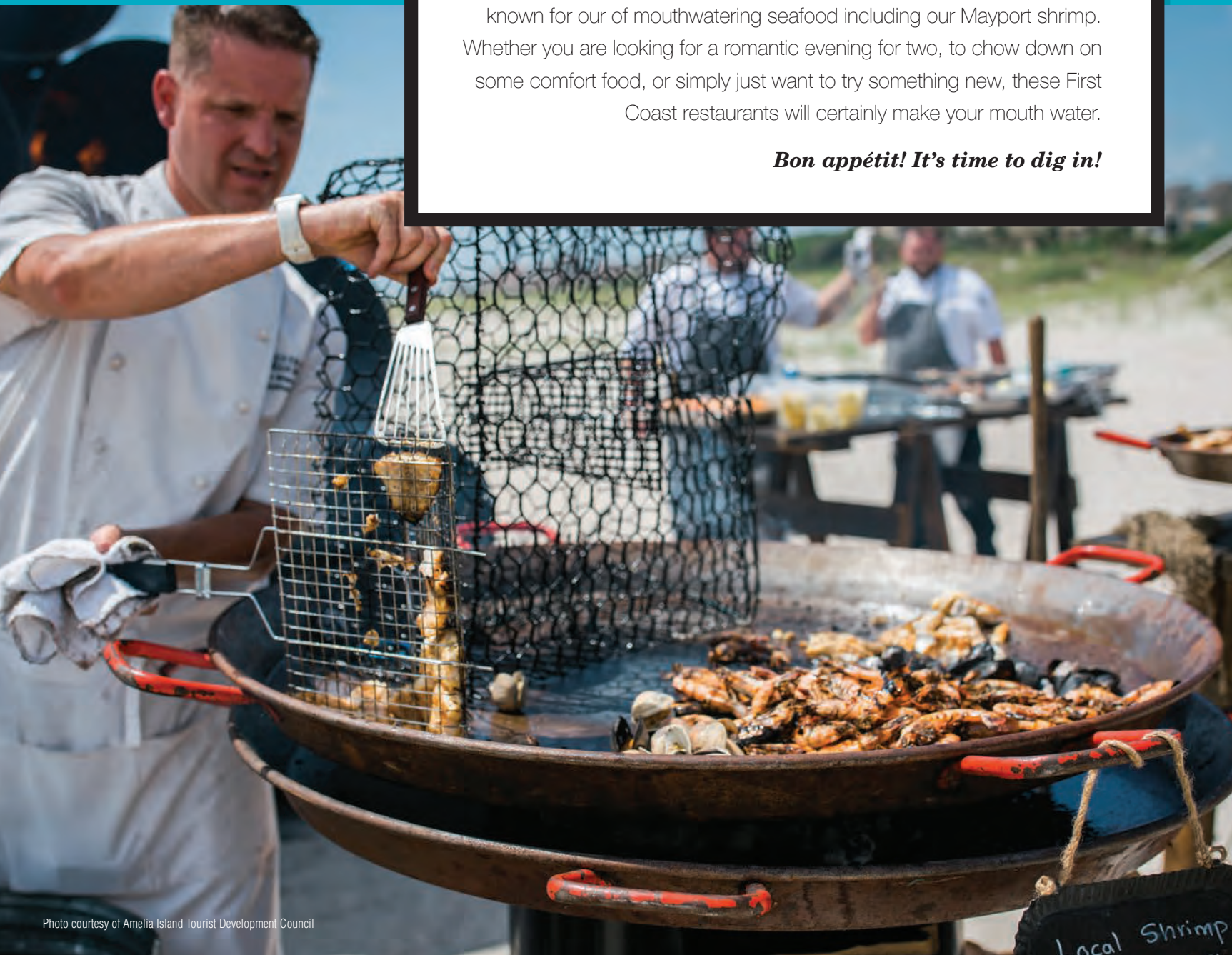




Photo courtesy of Amelia Island Tourist Development Council



**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

**Good Dough**

San Marco

**Grumpy's Restaurant**

Orange Park

**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



Photo by Stephanie Marty

**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



Photo courtesy of Amelia Island Tourist Development Council

Taco Lu, photo courtesy of Visit Jacksonville



Seasons 52, photo by Catherine Wysoczanski

**Pizza Time in St. Augustine has been named the second-highest rated pizzeria in the nation.**



### 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

#### Pizza Time

St. Augustine

#### 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

#### 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

**Dockside Seafood  
Restaurant**

Jacksonville Beach

**Fish Company, The**

Atlantic Beach

**Marker 32**

Intracoastal

**North Beach Fish Camp**

Atlantic Beach

**Safe Harbor Restaurant**

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

**Town Hall**

San Marco

**Treylor Park**

Nocatee

**South Kitchen & Spirits**

Nocatee



Bar Harbor Cheesecake Company - St. Augustine, photo by Catherine Wyszczanski



Guanabana, photo by Betsy Dailo



**SPANISH**

**Michael's**

St. Augustine



**THAI**

**Blue Orchid Thai**

Southside

**Indochine**

Downtown

**Barley Republic**

St. Augustine

**Bearded Pig, The**

San Marco

**Bluefish Restaurant and Oyster Bar**

Avondale

**Bread and Board, The**

Riverside

**Brick Restaurant**

Avondale

**Carmine's Pie House**

Riverside

**Florida Cracker Kitchen**

Intracoastal

**Kickbacks Gastropub**

Riverside

**Pussers Caribbean Grille**

Ponte Vedra Beach

**River City Brewing Company**

Southbank

**Taverna**

San Marco

**Uptown Kitchen & Bar**

Springfield

**Wicked Barley Brewing Company**

Southside

*Pet-Friendly Restaurants*

Many restaurants throughout the First Coast allow you to bring your four-legged friends with you to enjoy an outing at a restaurant. Non-service animals generally aren't allowed in restaurants, but many patio-friendly restaurants will allow dogs, but make sure to check with the restaurant for their specific guidelines. Some restaurants even provide water bowls and treats for dogs. Below you can find some spots perfect for you and Rover to enjoy a meal together.

Mayport shrimp, photo courtesy of Visit Jacksonville



**There are more than 120 food trucks on the First Coast!**

*First Coast Food Trucks*

For a great variety of dining options on the road, our food trucks bring a wide array of tastes from sushi and Asian fusion to grilled cheese and burgers to barbeque, soul food and more.

Many food truck gatherings can be found throughout the area at festivals, art walks, outside of breweries and other events. To find a food truck near you, visit: [foodtruckfinderusa.com/jacksonville-food-truck-schedule](http://foodtruckfinderusa.com/jacksonville-food-truck-schedule).

Funkadelic Food Truck, photo by Betsy Dailo

Mother Truckin' Pizza, photo by Betsy Dailo



Delish Kebabs, photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville



Black Sheep, photo by Ryan Ketterman for Visit Jacksonville

## Meals with a View: Outdoor Dining on the First Coast

Our beautiful weather gives us the chance to enjoy the stunning scenery of the beaches, waterways and city skylines that are the perfect complement to a delicious meal. Take a trip to the beach to enjoy fresh caught seafood with views of the ocean or head downtown to enjoy the twinkling lights of the city on a rooftop balcony in some of the trendiest restaurants in our area. No matter what you are in the mood for, the First Coast has a plethora of outdoor dining choices available.

### 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

#### Palms Fish Camp

Northside

#### 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



Sliders Seaside Grill, photo courtesy of Amelia Island Tourist Development Council



# Local Coffee Shops on The First Coast

Need a caffeine fix? The First Coast is full of many locally owned and operated coffee shops and cafes bound to have your perfect drink. These are great places to enjoy a good cup of joe, but also meet with friends and even settle down for a good study or work session. Most coffee shops and cafes also offer unique drinks that expert baristas can craft for you. Now is the perfect time to kick back and relax with a delicious handcrafted cup of joe.



Bold Bean Coffee Roasters, photo by Wade Austin Ellis courtesy of Unsplash

For a meowy good time, visit the Caffeinated Cat. This is the place to have a cup of coffee with one of the "wonky" cats. The cats in the café are even available for adoption, so you may meet your best friend! [www.facebook.com/thecaffeinatedcatjax](http://www.facebook.com/thecaffeinatedcatjax)

Sippers Coffeehouse, photo courtesy of Sippers Coffeehouse



## Amelia Island Coffee

207 Centre St., Fernandina Beach  
[www.ameliainlandcoffee.com](http://www.ameliainlandcoffee.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](http://www.boldbeancoffee.com)  
*Sip on: Nitro Cold Brew*

## Brass Tacks Coffee Co.

4352-01 Southside Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.brasstackscoffee.com](http://www.brasstackscoffee.com)  
*Sip on: Flash Brew*

## Coffee Grinder, The

9834 Old Baymeadows Rd., Jacksonville  
[www.thecoffeegrinderjax.com](http://www.thecoffeegrinderjax.com)  
*Sip on: Java Chocolate Chip*

## DOS Coffee & Wine

300 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine  
[www.dosbar.com](http://www.dosbar.com)  
*Sip on: Cortado*

## 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](http://www.thekookaburracoffee.com)  
*Sip on: P.C. (latte with caramel and a hint of vanilla)*

## Sippers Coffeehouse

7643 Gate Pkwy., Ste. 101, Jacksonville  
[www.facebook.com/sipperscoffeehouse](http://www.facebook.com/sipperscoffeehouse)  
*Sip on: Café au lait*

## Social Grounds Coffee Company

1712 N. Main St., Jacksonville  
[www.socialgroundsc.com](http://www.socialgroundsc.com)  
*Sip on: Chai latte*

## Southern Grounds

1671 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville  
 200 1st St., Neptune Beach  
 3562 St. Johns Ave., Jacksonville  
 Coming Soon: JAX Airport location  
[www.southerngrounds.com](http://www.southerngrounds.com)  
*Sip on: French Press*

## Twisted Compass Brewing Company

585 N. SR 13, Ste. 101, St. Johns  
[www.twistedcompassbrewing.com](http://www.twistedcompassbrewing.com)  
*Sip on: Macchiato*

## Urban Bean Coffeehouse Cafe, The

2023 Park Ave., Orange Park  
[www.theurbanbeancoffeehouse.com](http://www.theurbanbeancoffeehouse.com)  
*Sip on: Nitro Brew*

## Urban Grind Coffee Company

45 W. Bay St., Jacksonville  
 50 N. Laura St., Jacksonville  
[www.urbangrind.coffee](http://www.urbangrind.coffee)  
*Sip on: Shakerto*

## Vagabond Coffee Co.

223 N. Hogan St., Jacksonville  
 934 Edgewood Ave. S., Jacksonville  
[www.vagabondcoffee.com](http://www.vagabondcoffee.com)  
*Sip on: Spicy Chai Latte*

# *Jax After Dark:* **Nightlife**

When the sun drops below the horizon and the stresses of the 9-to-5 are a backlight in your mind, nightlife in Jacksonville is ramping up. Whether you're in the mood for a friendly dive bar, lavish cocktail lounge, beachside tiki bar, tucked away speakeasy or dance club, the First Coast has some electrifying nightlife. Find out where to drink, listen to music and dance with these exciting options.



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**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

**DUVAL-NORTH**

**CopperTop Bar & Restaurant**

Oceanway

**Mellow Mushroom**

River City Marketplace

**DUVAL-WEST**

**1904 Music Hall**

Downtown

**Birdies**

Five Points

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The Ice Plant, photo by B Rivey courtesy of Unsplash



**Dos Gatos**

Downtown

**Hoptinger Bier Garden & Sausage House**

Five Points

**Keg & Coin**

Riverside

**Loft, The**

Riverside

**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



Aardwolf Brewing Co., photo by Stephanie Marty



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**ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

**Auggie's Draft Room**

St. Augustine

**Bar With No Name, The**

St. Augustine

**Chatsworth Pub, The**

St. Augustine

**Fionn MacCool's**

Ponte Vedra

**Ice Plant**

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Ponte Vedra Beach

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St. Augustine

**Scarlett O'Hara's**

St. Augustine

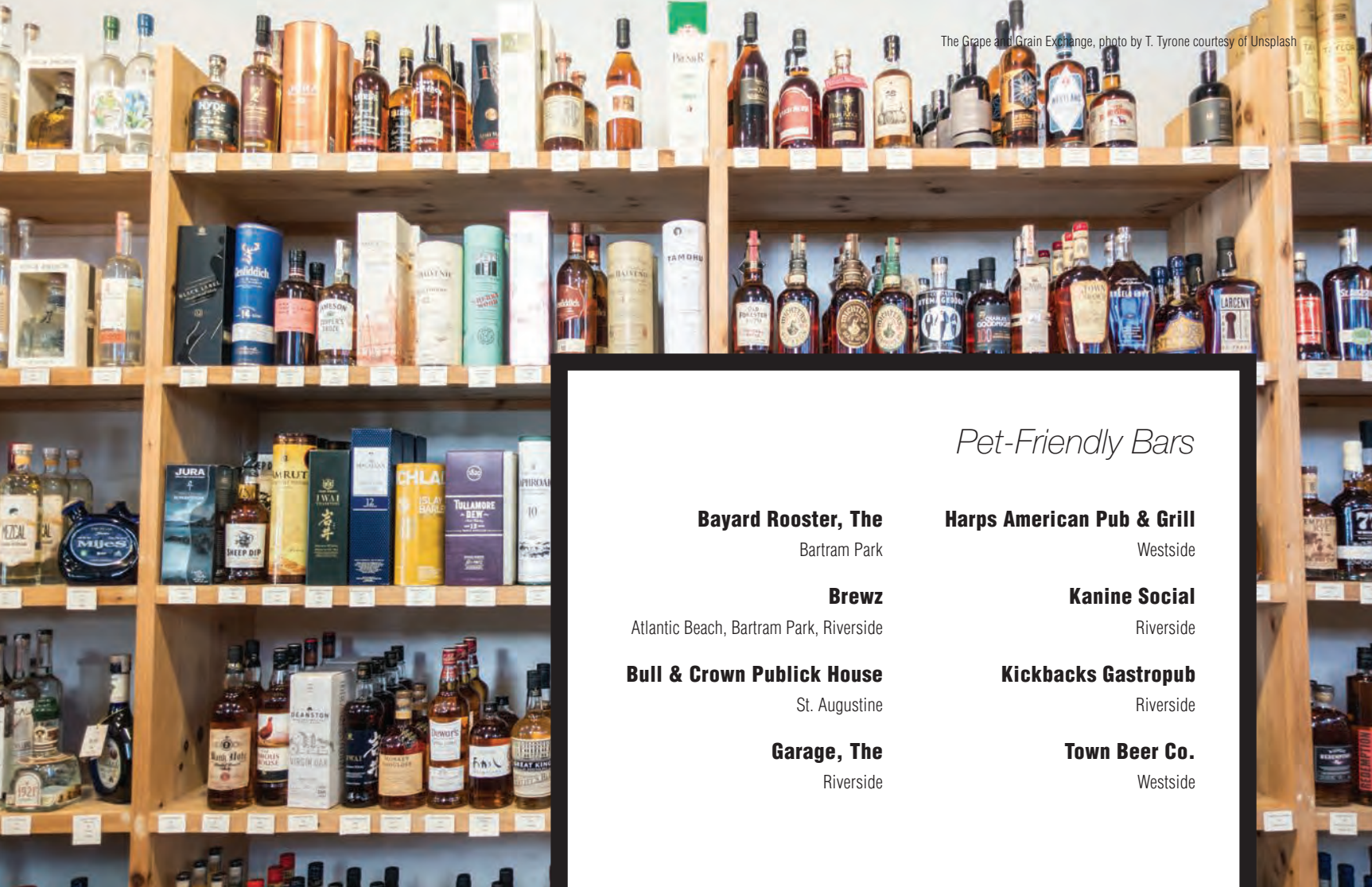
**Stogie's Cigar Bar**

St. Augustine

**Tini Martini Bar**

St. Augustine

**Pete's Bar in Neptune Beach was the first bar to open in Duval County after Prohibition was abolished in 1933.**



### *Pet-Friendly Bars*

**Bayard Rooster, The**

Bartram Park

**Harps American Pub & Grill**

Westside

**Brewz**

Atlantic Beach, Bartram Park, Riverside

**Kanine Social**

Riverside

**Bull & Crown Publick House**

St. Augustine

**Kickbacks Gastropub**

Riverside

**Garage, The**

Riverside

**Town Beer Co.**

Westside



### *Tour and Sample these First Coast Wineries and Distilleries*

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

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

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157 King St., St. Augustine  
[www.sansebastianwinery.com](http://www.sansebastianwinery.com)



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## Jax Ale Trail: First Coast Breweries

In the last decade, the First Coast went from less than a handful of microbreweries to more than 25. Our local breweries offer a wide range of craft beer full of a variety of flavors from light IPAs to bold lagers. With a range of locations available from Amelia Island all the way to St. Augustine, the First Coast is bound to have a brewery ready for you to discover.

### CLAY COUNTY

#### Pinglehead Brewing Company

14B Blanding Blvd., Orange Park  
www.pinglehead.com  
Try: *Endless Summer – Golden Ale*

### DUVAL - BEACHES

#### Engine 15 Brewing Co.

1500 Beach Blvd., Ste. 217,  
Jacksonville Beach  
http://engine15.com  
Try: *904 Weiss Guy – Wheat Ale*

#### Green Room Brewing

228 3rd St. N., Jacksonville Beach  
www.greenroombrewing.com  
Try: *Count Skakula – Stout*

#### Reve Brewing

1237 Mayport Rd., Atlantic Beach  
www.revebrewing.com  
Try: *Soul Scene – Hazy IPA*

#### Ruby Beach Brewing

131 1st Ave. N., Jacksonville Beach  
www.rubybeachbrewing.com  
Try: *Scally Wag – Fruited Sour*

#### Southern Swells Brewing Co.

1312 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach  
www.southernswells.com  
Try: *Only the Wild Ones – Golden Sour*

### DUVAL - SOUTH

#### Aardwolf Brewing Company

1461 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville  
www.aardwolfbrewing.com  
Try: *The Pen is Mightier – Scottish Ale*

#### Bottlenose Brewing

9700 Deer Lake Ct., Ste. 1, Jacksonville  
www.bottlenosebrewing.com  
Try: *Golden Grapefruit – Golden Ale*

#### Legacy Ale Works

14965 Old St. Augustine Rd., Ste. 129,  
Jacksonville  
www.legacyaleworks.com  
Try: *Beachweizen - Hefeweizen*

#### Veterans United Craft Brewery

8999 Western Way, Ste. 104,  
Jacksonville  
www.vubrew.com  
Try: *HopBanshee – Pale Ale*

#### Wicked Barley Brewing Company

4100 Baymeadows Rd., Jacksonville  
www.wickedbarley.com  
Try: *Brierwood – Brown Ale*

### DUVAL - WEST

#### Bold City Brewery

109 E. Bay St., Jacksonville  
2670-7 Rosselle St., Jacksonville  
www.boldcitybrewery.com  
Try: *Mad Manatee IPA*

#### 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: *First Block Saison*

#### Hyperion Brewing Co.

1740 N. Main St., Jacksonville  
www.hyperionbrewing.com  
Try: *Porchfest Gold – Golden Ale*

#### Intuition Ale Works

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#### Main & Six Brewing Company

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www.mainandsixbrewing.com  
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#### Strings Sports Brewery

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#### Tabula Rasa Brewing

2385 Corbett St., Jacksonville  
https://tabularasa.beer  
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### NASSAU COUNTY

#### Amelia Island Brewing Company

318 Centre St., Fernandina Beach  
www.theameliatavern.com/aibc  
Try: *Coffeehouse Ale – Porter*

#### SJ Brewing Company

463646 SR 200, Ste. 13, Yulee  
www.sjbrewingco.com  
Try: *Lucky Clover – Stout*

### ST. JOHNS COUNTY

#### Ancient City Brewing

18 Cathedral Pl., St. Augustine  
3420 Agricultural Center Dr.,  
St. Augustine  
www.ancientcitybrewing.com  
Try: *Ponce's Pale Ale*

#### Bog Brewing Company

218 W. King St., St. Augustine  
www.bogbrewery.com  
Try: *Smoked Datil Ale*

#### Dog Rose Brewing Co.

77 Bridge St., St. Augustine  
www.dogrosebrewing.com  
Try: *Shot in the Dark – Dark Ale*

#### Old Coast Ales Brewery

300 Anastasia Blvd., St. Augustine  
www.oldcoastales.com  
Try: *Salt Run – Gose*

# ***Festivals and Celebrations***

**The First Coast knows how to have fun like no other. With music and food festivals, to car shows and Civil War reenactments, thousands of residents and visitors flock to these events year after year. Spend a weekend trying award-winning barbecue or food from around the world. Or celebrate the holidays the First Coast way with bedazzled lifeguard chair displays and boat parades. No matter which events you choose, you're sure to have a fantastic time!**



Battle of Olustee, photo courtesy of Florida Fish and Wildlife



**BAKER COUNTY**

**Battle of Olustee**

*February*

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

Each year, reenactors bring history to the present to commemorate Florida's largest Civil War Battle, fought on Feb. 20, 1864. Spectators are also able to participate in arts and crafts, enjoy parades and more.

Northeast Florida Scottish Games and Festival, photo by Erik K on Unsplash



**CLAY COUNTY**

**Northeast Florida Scottish Games & Festival**

*February*

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

Travel to Scotland without leaving the First Coast with this annual event! The festival celebrates Scottish cuisine, music and games and includes whiskey tastings and a Kirkin' of the Tartan ceremony to kick off the festivities.

**Town of Orange Park Fall Festival**

*October*

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

For nearly four decades, Clay County's biggest arts and crafts festival has brought over 200 artists, vendors and families together for a fun, art-filled weekend.

**DUVAL COUNTY**

**Jacksonville Greek Festival**

*February*

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

With authentic food and music, the Jacksonville Greek Festival will make you feel like you're in the beautiful country itself.



World of Nations, photo courtesy of City of Jacksonville

**World of Nations Celebration**

*February/March*

[specialevents.coj.net](http://specialevents.coj.net)

Need a bit of a getaway trip? This multicultural celebration brings food, customs and art from several different countries to Jacksonville for a weekend event perfect for the whole family.

**Springing The Blues is one of the largest free oceanfront blues festivals in the country!**



## 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, even though we all know that the beach is a year round activity!

## Springing The Blues Festival

April

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

The three-day musical event is one of the world's finest blues events and features local, regional and national blues musicians at the SeaWalk Pavilion.

## Community First Seawalk Music Festival

June

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

This music festival is a staple event for any First Coaster. Enjoy local food and the ocean breeze while listening to some music or doing some shopping.

## 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.



Jacksonville Light Boat Parade, photo courtesy of Jacksonville Division of Sports and Entertainment

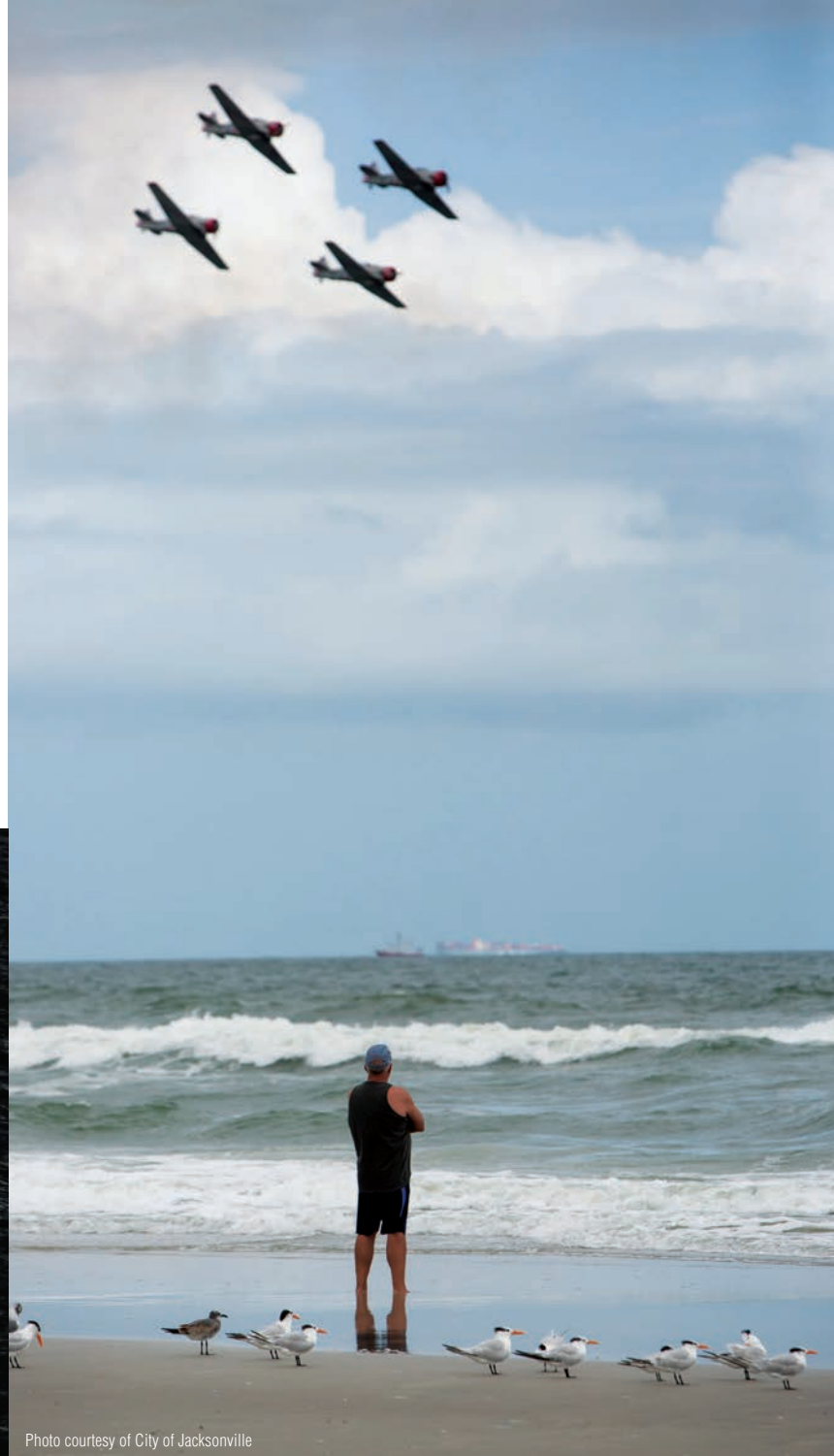


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## Jacksonville Jazz Festival

May

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

Jazz enthusiasts flock to Jacksonville each Memorial Day weekend to enjoy one of the largest jazz festivals in the country. Enjoy some jazz performed by both amateur artists and legends at one of the two outdoor stages.

## Spooktacular

October

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

Dress up for a spooky night at the Jacksonville Zoo with mazes and ghost stories among the animals. There will also be fall festivities for all.

## Jacksonville Light Boat Parade

November

[specialevents.coj.net](http://specialevents.coj.net)

Kick off the holidays with a parade of decorated boats and an awe-inspiring firework display! For more than 30 years, First Coast residents have gathered along the banks of the St. Johns River for this holiday tradition.



Deck the Chairs, photo by Thomas Strickland

## Deck The Chairs

November/December

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

Nothing says holiday beach life like lifeguard chairs adorned with lights and

props! Each year, groups decorate their chairs to promote local businesses, share cultural diversity and encourage pride in our First Coast.



For more than 40 years, the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance has showcased more than 300 classic, rare and vintage automobiles!

Amelia Concours d'Elegance, photo courtesy of Amelia Island Convention & Visitors Bureau



Rhythm & Ribs Festival, photo by Timothy Savage

**NASSAU COUNTY**

**Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance**

May

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

Vintage car enthusiasts will find kindred spirits at this legendary automotive event, with more than 300 rare, vintage and classic autos on display, as well as driving events, awards and a silent auction.

**Dickens on Centre**

December

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

Head back to the Victorian era with costumed characters, holiday entertainment, Christmas carolers, and festive food and drink based on Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol.

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

**St. Augustine Lions Seafood Festival**

March

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

Delicious seafood, great music and family activities attract thousands of visitors to St. Augustine's oldest festival each year.

**Rhythm & Ribs**

November

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

Few things beat good barbecue and music from local and regional musicians. Rhythm & Ribs has all of that and more at their award-winning festival.

**Nights of Lights**

November through January

[www.floridashistoriccoast.com/nights-lights](http://www.floridashistoriccoast.com/nights-lights)

A First Coast holiday staple, Night of Lights uses millions of glowing, white lights to decorate historic St. Augustine. Enjoy parades, tours, art walks and concerts along with the natural beauty of the area.



Shrimp Festival, photo courtesy of Amelia Island Tourist Development Council

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