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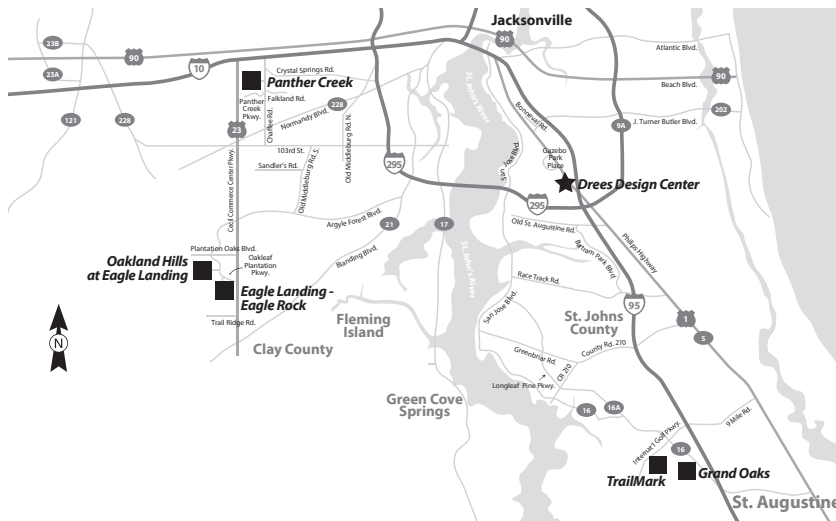
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Welcome

to the First Coast Relocation Guide™!

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Marzoug (Mark) Al-Amad
Founder, Publisher & President

We are so thrilled that you have chosen the First Coast as your new home. This publication will be your go-to resource to help you get to know the First Coast and settle in with ease. For more than two decades, this publication has helped newcomers just like you.

Situated in the Northeast corner of Florida, the First Coast is the best place to Live, Work and Play. We enjoy great weather year-round and have access to the most beautiful beaches and waterways. Additionally, our top-rated healthcare facilities are some of the best in the nation. We also have an exceptional education system that accommodates all types of students, exciting sports teams and events, as well as a vibrant cultural and art community.

The Live section includes descriptions of the numerous neighborhoods and master-planned communities throughout Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns counties. We have also included a comprehensive section about First Coast apartment living and the current real estate market. You will also find important information in our Getting Settled section such as utility and internet providers. We have a pet section for those with furry family members that includes local dog parks, pet-friendly beaches, and more.

The Work section delves into the industries that drive business on the First Coast, including financial services, logistics and distribution, and healthcare. We have also included a list of top employers and an overview of the area's many successful businesses.

Jacksonville is the largest city by area in the United States, covering approximately 840 square miles. As a new resident of the First Coast, it's important to know the best ways to navigate this vast region. Our Transportation section includes information on major roadways, new toll roads in the area, and the many transportation services around the First Coast.

Many active-duty military and veterans call the First Coast home due to the Navy's strong presence in Northeast Florida. With more than 20,000 military personnel, Naval Air Station Jacksonville is the

largest navy base in the Southeast region. Naval Station Mayport is home to the Navy's Fourth Fleet, the third-largest naval surface fleet concentration area in the country.

Last but not least, the Play section includes everything the First Coast has to offer for a day of fun. Our ideal weather makes this the perfect place for spending time outdoors. We have miles of beaches and coastline and the country's largest urban park system. Residents here can enjoy the benefits of a vibrant city along with many opportunities to explore Northeast Florida's nature.

In addition to outdoor fun, we have endless entertainment opportunities. There is always a thrilling concert or outdoor festival happening here. Catch a Broadway performance or an action-packed sporting event. Get a taste of the First Coast's delectable dining scene, with restaurants headed by some of the most prestigious chefs cooking up unique culinary flavors. For a night on the town, visit one of our unique bars, breweries or nightclubs.

We hope that the *First Coast Relocation Guide™* helps connect you with everything that makes the First Coast such an amazing place to Live, Work and Play! We can't wait for you to see what your new hometown has in store for you. Welcome home!

Note from the Editors



Catherine Wysoczanski
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Monica Fields
Editor

Welcome to the First Coast! We are proud to call it home and soon you will too. Jacksonville and Northeast Florida has everything residents could ever want. It has bustling urban areas, rural farmlands, quaint suburbs and gorgeous beaches. Over the past few years, this area has transformed into a destination for business, sports, entertainment, shopping and dining.

It is easy to see why so many people want to call the First Coast home. With beautiful beaches just a quick car ride away, you'll find endless opportunities to soak up the sun and feel the sand between your toes. To keep up with the population influx, new residential and commercial developments have begun to pop up all over the First Coast.

The First Coast is a vast region, encompassing Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns counties. Living in such an expansive area means there is always something new to discover, even for longtime residents like us. Whether you are looking for a day with the family or a night on the town, there is something for everyone.

If you love the outdoors like we do, there are plenty of places to hike, camp, fish and simply enjoy nature. In Amelia Island, Fort Clinch State Park is a great spot to hunt for shark teeth. The beaches at Big Talbot Island State Park are known for their gorgeous

salt-washed driftwood and rich coastal ecosystems. Jacksonville boasts the largest urban park system in the entire country, perfect for those looking for an outdoor adventure. Visit one of our many local nature centers or preserves for a chance to get up close and personal with native wildlife and plants.

One of the most unique areas on the First Coast is the historic city of St. Augustine. Bursting with history, St. Augustine is known as the "Nation's Oldest City." It features 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 drinks.

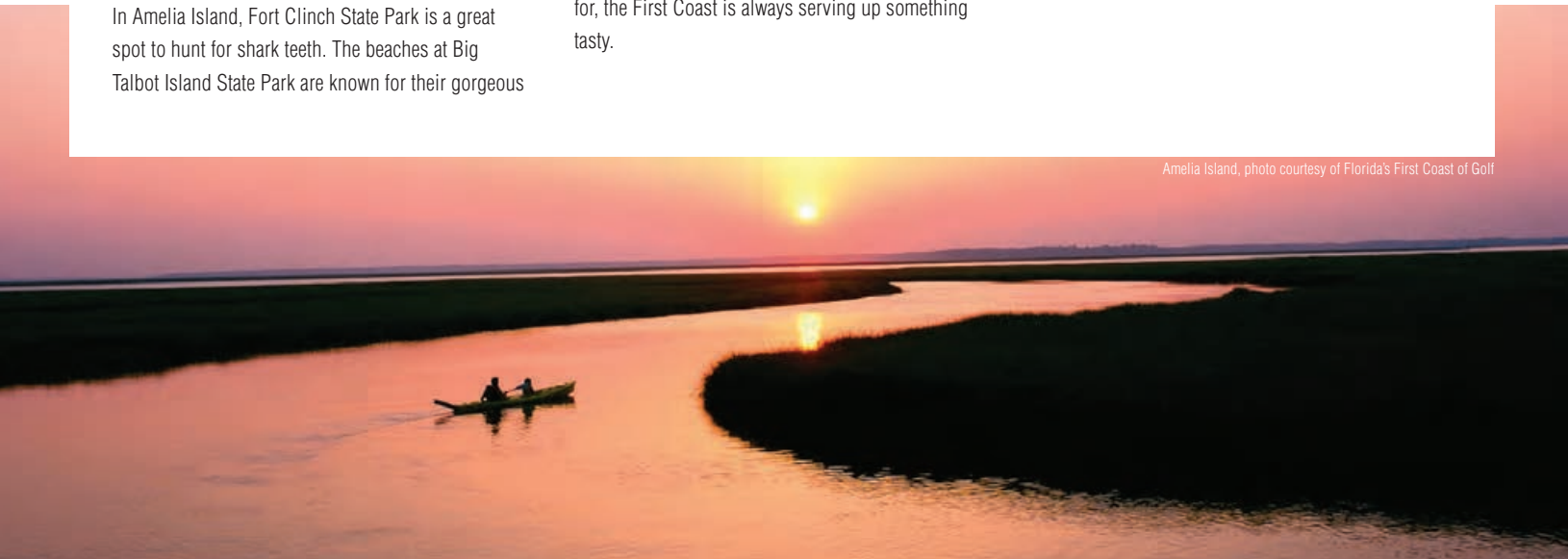
There is no shortage of great food here on the First Coast. Our food scene has everything from hole-in-the-wall eateries to elegant restaurants that feature a variety of dishes. Our local chefs take inspiration from all over the globe, creating a fusion of flavors. Our delicious dining scene also has a variety of local farm-to-table choices. Since we live in a coastal town, fresh seafood is a menu staple at many restaurants as well. No matter what you're looking for, the First Coast is always serving up something tasty.

When you need to get some shopping done, head to Jacksonville's premier outdoor mall, the St. Johns Town Center. There are also one-of-a-kind shops and boutiques throughout the First Coast in neighborhoods such as San Marco, Riverside, Fernandina Beach, Ponte Vedra Beach and St. Augustine.

The First Coast is a great place for the whole family to have tons of fun! Catch a sporting event or concert in downtown Jacksonville. Take a walk on the wild side at the Jacksonville Zoo's world-renowned exhibits. Visit the Museum of Science and History and learn about the coastal creatures of Northeast Florida or come face-to-face with amphibians, frogs, snakes and opossums in their native Florida exhibit.

While the First Coast has grown and expanded over the years, it still has the welcoming atmosphere of a small town. Here, neighbors are friendly and communities are tight-knit. We are so excited to call you our neighbor. Welcome home!

Amelia Island, photo courtesy of Florida's First Coast of Golf





RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

January 2022

Dear Friends:

Welcome to Northeast Florida! First Lady Casey DeSantis and I are glad you have chosen the Sunshine State as your home. We are confident you and your family will enjoy the natural beauty and charm that make Florida's First Coast unique.

Over the past three years we have seen so many Americans choose to move to Florida because they know that when so many other states were locking people down, in Florida we lifted people up. In Florida, your children have a right to go to school in person, your individual liberties are protected, our environment is thriving, and our law enforcement have our support to keep you safe.

During my time as Governor, we have invested millions to raise the minimum K-12 teacher salary and we have increased salaries for veteran teachers and other instructional personnel, ensuring that we can recruit and retain top teacher talent. During the 2020-2021 school year, every kid in Florida had access to in-person education. To thank Florida's educators who showed up for their students, we also provided \$1,000 bonuses to all teachers and principals in the state. I also signed the Parents' Bill of Rights, which gives parents the vested authority to make decisions about their children's education, upbringing, and health.

We are also keeping your communities safe in Florida by supporting our law enforcement officers and first responders. The Combatting Public Disorder Act, which I signed into law, makes it clear that rioting and civil unrest will not be tolerated in Florida. I also gave \$1,000 bonuses to our law enforcement officers and first responders to thank them for getting out and going to work every day because you can't keep communities safe on Zoom. In the upcoming Legislative Session, we are planning to pass a police recruitment bill to bring more law enforcement officers to Florida.

Florida has no income tax and the lowest per-capita tax burden of any state in the nation, our economy continues to outperform the rest of the country, we continue to invest in our infrastructure, and we have invested more than any administration in history in the conservation of our beautiful environment. We're glad you're here. Welcome to the Sunshine State.

Sincerely,

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

Ron DeSantis
Governor



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Reasons Why We Adore the First Coast!

We're so excited that you've chosen the First Coast as your new home! Northeast Florida is the ideal place for new residents to Live, Work and Play! Even though our city is the largest in the U.S., this community has a small-town feel. It's no wonder that year after year, the First Coast continues to attract families, young professionals and retirees. Here are just a few reasons why the First Coast is a great place to call home.

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Welcoming Neighborhoods

The First Coast is made up of numerous welcoming neighborhoods, each with different characteristics. Whether you are looking for a country cottage, a historic home, a luxury apartment, or a new home in a master-planned community, your new abode awaits you. Neighborhoods here have a wide variety of home styles that can fit any budget. Go to page 16 to find our list of First Coast neighborhoods.

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World-Class Healthcare

The First Coast is fortunate to have some of the best healthcare providers and hospitals in the nation. Patients travel from all over the world to receive care here. Our area is home to one of only three Mayo Clinics, an MD Anderson Cancer Center, as well as Baptist Health, Ascension St. Vincent's, UF Health and more. For the youngest patients, Jacksonville has Nemours Children's Health and Wolfson Children's Hospital. In St. Johns County, residents can receive top-notch care at Flagler Health+. To learn more about healthcare on the First Coast, see page 86.

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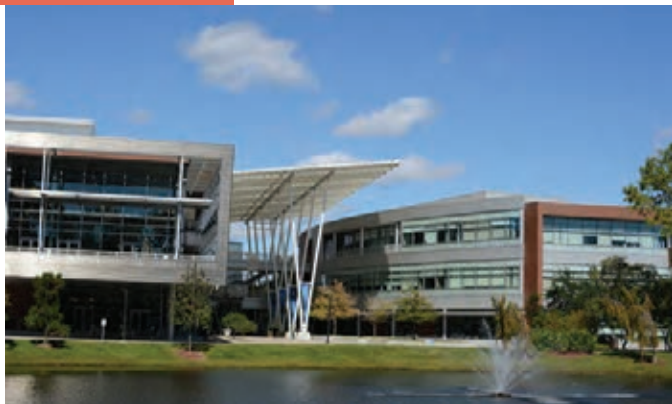


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Exceptional Education

Northeast Florida parents have outstanding education options for their children. The First Coast offers private, charter and magnet schools in addition to schools for learning differences. The First Coast is also home to several institutions of higher education including Jacksonville University, University of North Florida, Florida State College at Jacksonville, and Flagler College. On page 69 you'll find more information on First Coast education.

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Booming Business

This region is home to three Fortune 500 companies and more than 100 industry headquarters. The First Coast also has a dynamic and talented workforce. Whether you are interested in a career in healthcare, government, finance, information technology, or the military, the First Coast is the best place to do business. Flip to page 101 to learn more information.

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Strong Military

Our robust military presence has a significant impact on the region and employs 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 Submarine 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. For more information on our military see page 117.

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Beautiful Beaches

With miles of pristine beaches and scenic shoreline, the First Coast is the best place for beach lovers. Whether you're looking to surf, fish, kayak, or just want to work on your tan, our beaches are the perfect spot for some fun in the sun. To find a beach near you, see our Beaches and Waterways section on page 130.

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Exciting Sports

We love rooting for the home team here on the First Coast! Head downtown to TIAA Bank Field to watch the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars, cheer on the Jacksonville Icemen hockey team at the VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, or buy some peanuts and Cracker Jacks at a Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp baseball game. Other annual First Coast events include THE PLAYERS Championship, the Florida-Georgia game and the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl. See our Sports section on page 148 for more details.

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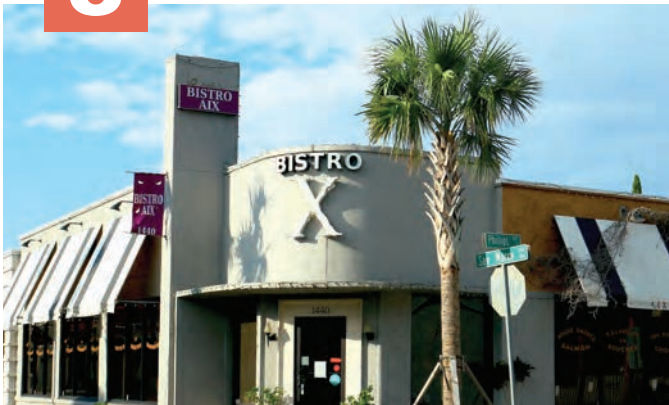
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Upscale Shopping

The First Coast is the ideal place for some retail therapy. The St. Johns Town Center has more than 150 retailers and is a premier shopping destination. Many of our neighborhoods also have trendy, upscale and unique boutiques. Our shopping section on page 156 will be your go-to resource for First Coast shopping.

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Delicious Dining

The First Coast is a foodie's paradise! Whether you're looking for a five-star restaurant, trendy bistro or a quaint café, you're bound to find the perfect meal here. Sample cuisines from all over the globe and find some of the best seafood on the East Coast! Turn to page 158 to find our list of restaurants.

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Amazing Entertainment

The First Coast certainly knows how to have fun! Many popular performers and recording artists grace the stages of our venues such as the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts, VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, and Daily's Place. For more entertainment options on the First Coast, see page 143.

We hope this publication will guide you through the ins and outs of First Coast living. We love our hometown and are excited for you to lay down roots here. Soon you will see why the First Coast is the best place to Live, Work and Play!



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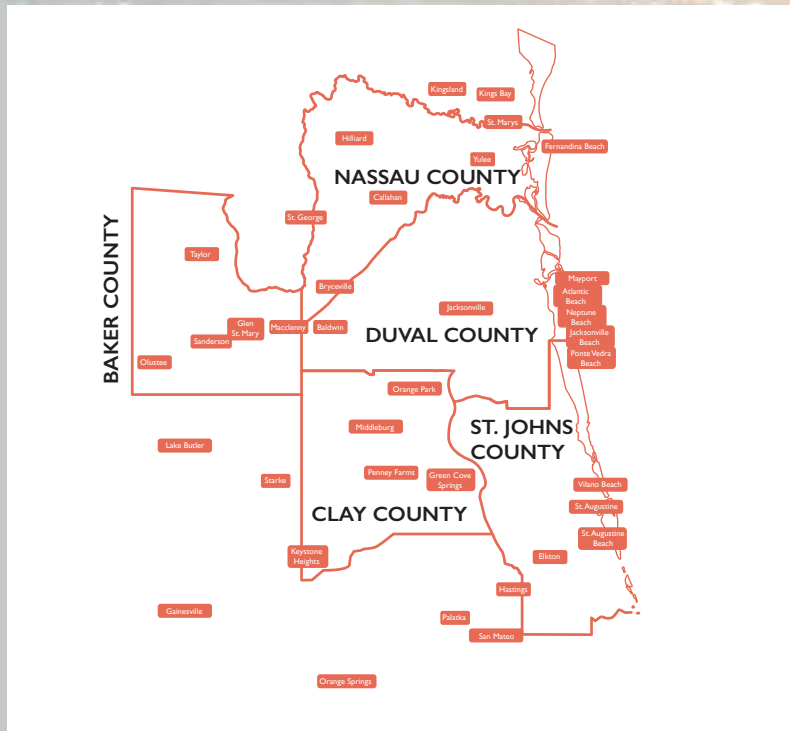
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essential information
for day-to-day living
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Home is Where the Heart Is:

Finding Your Perfect Neighborhood

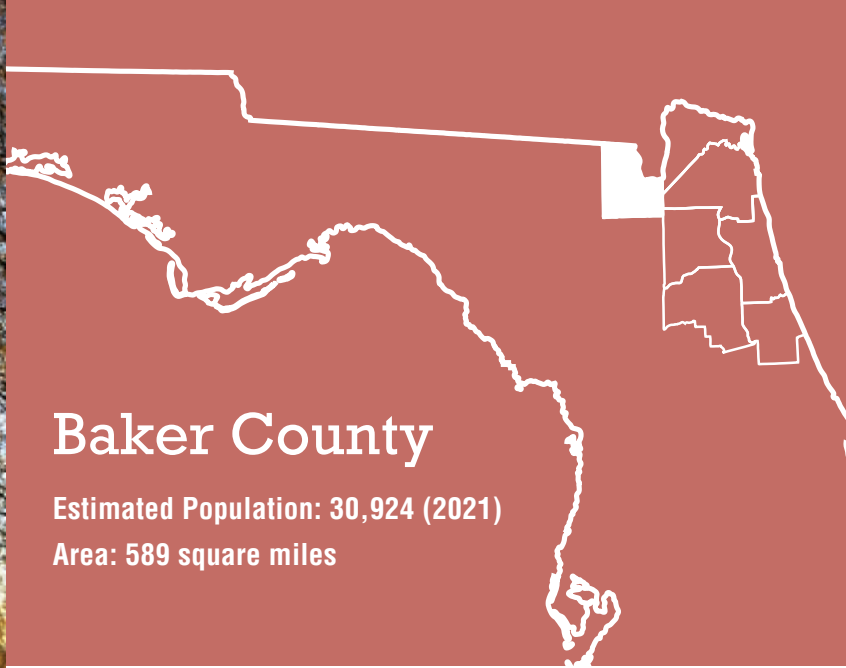
The First Coast is fortunate to have a wide variety of neighborhoods and communities for newcomers to choose from. To help you traverse this vast region, we have put together descriptions of each neighborhood within the five First Coast counties, including Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns.

Whether you're on the hunt for a house in the country, a beachside cottage, a new home in a master-planned community, a charming historic home, or a high-rise condominium in downtown Jacksonville, the First Coast has it all!





Baker County countryside, photo by Catherine Wysoczanski



Baker County

Estimated Population: 30,924 (2021)

Area: 589 square miles

Those who call Baker County home enjoy the area's charming country atmosphere in addition to the perks of being near the city. Downtown Jacksonville is a quick 30-minute drive, giving residents the ability to easily commute into town. Florida's natural beauty is preserved here through the county's lush woodlands and swamps that give residents endless opportunities to explore the outdoors.

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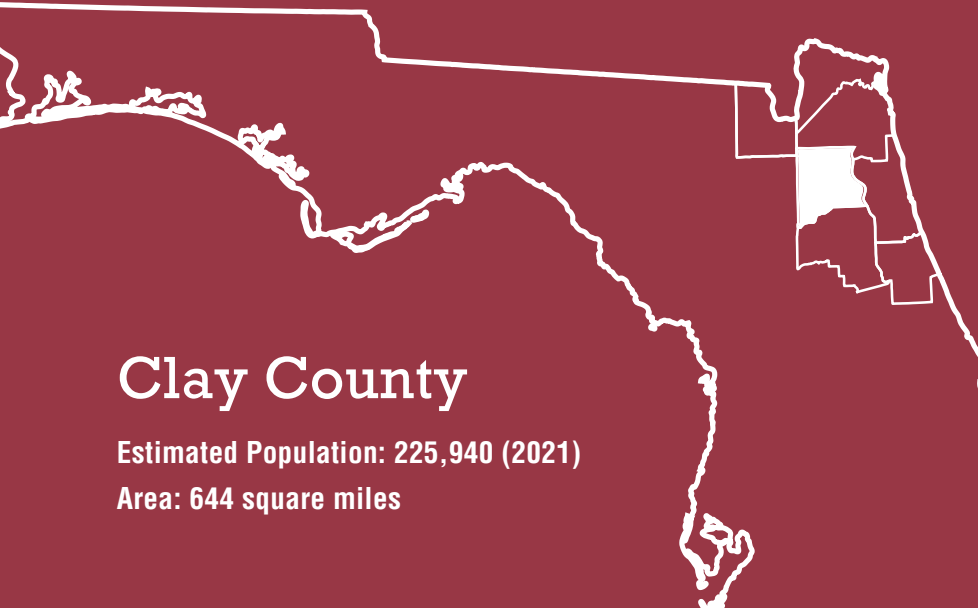
If country life is calling your name, **Glen St. Mary** and **Macclenny** could be the perfect place to call home. Whether you are looking for a single-family home, gated community or even a property with sprawling acreage, Glen St. Mary is an idyllic town. Established in 1890, the city of Macclenny stands as the county seat of Baker County. Now, the town has a population of about 7,300 residents and is 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.

Glen Saint Mary, photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons



Home in Macclenny, photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons





Clay County

Estimated Population: 225,940 (2021)

Area: 644 square miles

Southwest of Jacksonville and west of historic St. Augustine, Clay County is a diverse mixture of suburban neighborhoods and up-and-coming communities. The area is a popular destination for nature lovers due to its scenic trails, immense wildlife and bountiful waterways.

FLEMING ISLAND

This thriving community continues to attract newcomers year after year. The area is home to major housing developments including Eagle Harbor, Fleming Island Plantation and Pace Island. Residents also enjoy access to a bustling commercial area filled with shopping centers, entertainment and restaurants. 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

Originally established in 1854 as White Sulfur Springs, **Green Cove Springs** is a friendly community filled with rich history. Its natural sulfur springs flow into the St. Johns River where many older homes line the river. Recently, the city has seen an arrival of new housing developments as the population grows.

Granary Park is a new 290-acre community coming to Green Cove Springs that will consist of 770 single-family homesites. Once complete, the community will offer residents a variety of high-end amenities, including a clubhouse, oasis-style pool, fitness studio, a spacious playground and a dog park. From the developers that built Nocatee and eTown, Parc Group is planning to develop a new master-planned community in the area known as **Governors Park**. The community will span more than 3,000 acres and will include about 4,000 homes as well as a mix of retail and offices.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

The lakeside community of **Keystone Heights** is full of old-town charm. Located in the southeast corner of Clay County, prospective residents will find tree-lined streets, cozy cottages, single-family homes and plenty of undeveloped land. The city has a family-friendly appeal with many parks and beautiful sand bottom lakes, including Lake Geneva.



Spring Park Swimming Pool, photo courtesy of Clay County





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Clay County home, photo by Annaleasa Winter

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. The plantation offers newcomers single- and multi-family homes, luxury condominiums and apartments. Oakleaf Plantation sits on more than 6,000 acres of land that includes a dedicated nature preserve with almost 1,500 acres of untouched wildlife. Nature lovers will also enjoy being adjacent to Jennings State Forest, which has a diverse number of paths and trails. The bustling Oakleaf Town Center has various shopping and restaurant options.

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GreyHawk is a new 800-acre, master-planned community near Branan Field Wildlife Area in in the Oakleaf area. The community boasts a number of amenities, including a fitness studio, dog park, basketball court, tennis courts, a pool, a playground and walking paths.

Eagle Landing at Oakleaf Plantation is a resort-style community that sits nearby beautiful Jennings State Forest. It has a variety of new home styles ranging from traditional to contemporary with an abundance of amenities. Residents can hit the links at the 18-hole championship golf course designed by Clyde Johnson, a renowned golf course architect. Eagle Landing 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. Residents can also take advantage of 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 also have access to A-rated schools as well as Ascension St. Vincent’s Clay County Hospital.

ORANGE PARK

Located in the northeastern section of Clay County, **Orange Park** offers all the advantages of big city living with a small-town pace of life. Housing options include everything from waterfront estates along the St. Johns River and Doctors Lake to new developments inland. The town is home to a variety of shopping areas, fine dining, and live entertainment. Residents also have close access to I-295 and NAS Jacksonville.

MIDDLEBURG

Located near Black Creek in central Clay County, **Middleburg** has rapidly grown into a charming suburb that still retains its country roots. Residents have many housing options, including single-family homes and apartments.

Middleburg Historic District, photo by Annaleasa Winter





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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 an abundance of recreational opportunities. The area offers five of the top 10 school districts in the state, healthcare, 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, healthcare, and insurance industries are also growing faster than the rest of the nation.

We are poised to welcome new businesses to Northeast Florida and provide a quality of life matched by no other. We will 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 floorplans 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™ can help you search for the perfect community to live in and help you find your new home.

Welcome Home!

Keith Ward
President, Northeast Florida Builders Association

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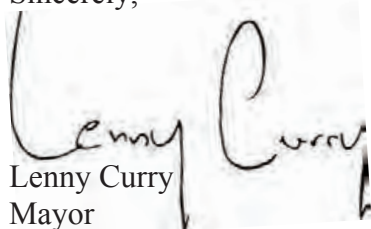
Centered along the St. Johns River, Jacksonville boasts a wealth of natural resources, including the largest urban parks system in the country, featuring several waterfront access points and activities. Jacksonville also hosts the longest shoreline in all of Florida. Our vibrant city is home to not only outdoor activities, but features a thriving arts and cultural scene, diverse and exciting sports teams, cutting-edge 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 will find that Jacksonville embraces its long military history and supports our community members who have selflessly served our country.

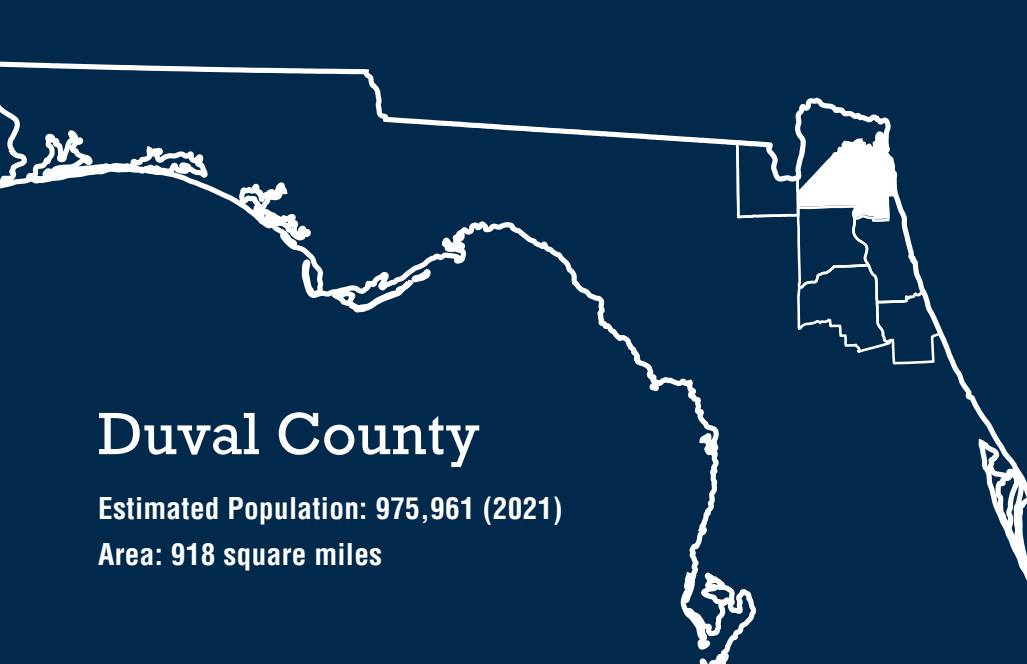
With world-class healthcare facilities, new and sustained development, a friendly business environment, and thousands of new jobs across a variety of globally recognized industries, our city provides endless opportunities.

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

Sincerely,



Lenny Curry
Mayor



Duval County

Estimated Population: 975,961 (2021)

Area: 918 square miles

From peaceful suburbs to a bustling downtown, the perfect neighborhood in Duval County awaits you. The many neighborhoods within Jacksonville and Duval County make it one of the most diverse regions on the First Coast. To easily navigate your way around this vast area, we have divided the county into four sections: Beaches, North, South and West. Each area is also comprised of smaller neighborhoods.



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DUVAL-BEACHES

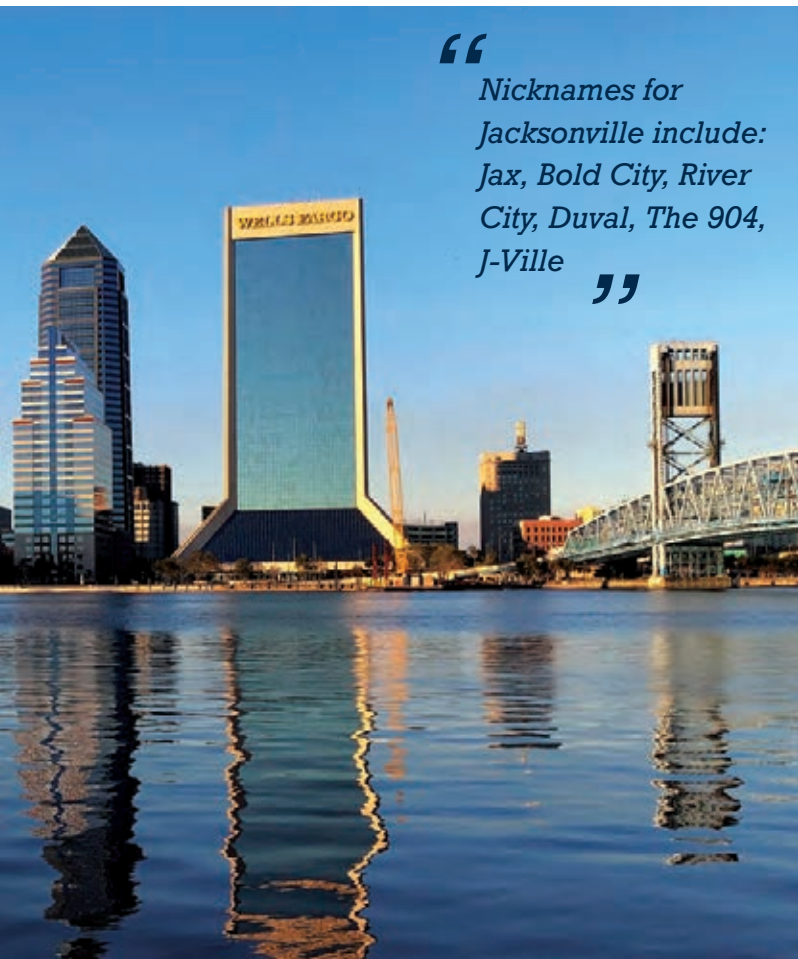
Equal parts laid back and lively, the **Beaches** area is a popular spot for newcomers. This area encompasses Neptune Beach, Atlantic Beach, Jacksonville Beach and Mayport. These tight-knit coastal communities offer a wide range of housing options, including many beachfront properties.

Neptune Beach, the youngest and smallest of the beach communities, maintains a tranquil atmosphere in its quiet subdivisions. Filled with beautiful single-family homes, Atlantic Beach is mainly a residential area. The beach town has a number of community parks with walking and biking trails, as well as many outdoor events throughout the year. Known for its delicious shrimp, the fishing village of Mayport is one of the oldest in the county. Located just north of Atlantic Beach, Mayport offers a variety of single-family homes and apartments. Many Mayport residents are military personnel and civilians who work at Naval Station Mayport. Jacksonville Beach is a vibrant community filled with trendy shops and restaurants, and boasts some of the best nightlife and entertainment the First Coast has to offer.

DUVAL-NORTH

ARLINGTON/FORT CAROLINE

Rich in history, the **Arlington/Fort Caroline** area was settled by Europeans in 1564. The neighborhood is bordered by the St. Johns River to the west and north, and the Intracoastal Waterway to the east and Atlantic Boulevard to the south. The area offers single- and multi-family homes, townhomes, condominiums, waterfront properties, and even homes in scenic golf communities.



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NORTHSIDE/OCEANWAY

This vast region consists of neighborhoods north of downtown Jacksonville and undeveloped land above the St. Johns River. **Northside** residents are fortunate to have quick access to the airport, the Jacksonville Zoo and River City Marketplace—a bustling retail area. Covering the northern 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. The up-and-coming neighborhood has new housing developments, townhouses, and apartment complexes.

DUVAL-SOUTH

INTRACOASTAL WEST

The growing **Intracoastal West** community is bordered by the Intracoastal Waterway on the east and Kernan Boulevard along the west. There are a multitude of apartments, condominiums, subdivisions, and retirement communities nestled along the Intracoastal. Residents also have quick access to the Jacksonville Beach and Town Center areas.

Nestled between the city of the sea, **Tamaya** is a community that offers homes with Tuscan, Mediterranean and Spanish architectural styles. To learn more about Tamaya, please see page 27.



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MANDARIN

Once the home of famous author Harriet Beecher Stowe, **Mandarin** is a historic neighborhood located in the southern part of Jacksonville. Named after the area's major crop of Mandarin oranges, Mandarin is known for its ancient oak trees draped in Spanish moss, parks and water views. Two smaller neighborhoods that border Mandarin include Beauclerc 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 60s, but also boasts some new developments.

SAN MARCO

San Marco is a popular historic neighborhood located just south of downtown Jacksonville's Southbank. Here, residents will find unique boutiques, art galleries, coffee shops and cafés. The neighborhood also has trendy craft cocktail bars and breweries. In the center of San Marco is the beautiful tree-lined San Marco Square, home to the iconic Three Lions Fountain sculpture. Potential residents have many housing options such as apartments, small bungalows, riverfront mansions and renovated condos.

SOUTHSIDE/BAYMEADOWS

The **Southside/Baymeadows** area offers the largest variety of housing choices like single-family homes, gated communities, luxury apartments, condominiums and townhomes. There are many shopping



eTown, photo by Monica Fields

and dining options close by, with the well-known Avenues Mall located in the heart of the area.

Jacksonville's up-and-coming master-planned community **eTown** is located off 9B in southern Duval County. The community offers luxurious single-family homes and apartments. With a focus on eco-friendly living,

eTown homes are designed with sustainability and energy efficiency in mind. Recharge, the community's five-acre amenity center includes a resort-style pool with zero entry, adjoining lap pool, high-tech fitness center with an outdoor yoga lawn, rooftop patio, playground, event lawn and a dog park.



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Seven Pines, a new 1,000-acre master-planned community located near Butler Boulevard and I-295, has begun construction. Set to open in 2022, the new community will include approximately 1,600 single-family homes, apartments, as well as commercial and retail space. Residents will have access to a sprawling 34-acre park alongside a beautiful lake. Nature lovers can enjoy two miles of multi-purpose trails that will circle the lake. The Seven Pines Residents Club will feature a resort-style pool, a lap-lane pool, and a children's water 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 neighborhood are within walking distance from the best shopping Jacksonville has to offer. The area also has exciting entertainment and amazing restaurants. With the University of North Florida down the road, many college students choose to call this area home.

DUVAL-WEST

DOWNTOWN

Those looking for metropolitan living can find lofts, townhomes and riverfront condominiums in downtown Jacksonville. Many loft apartments are found in renovated buildings dating back to the early 1920s. Residents living downtown are within walking distance to several bars, nightclubs and restaurants. **Downtown** is also the epicenter for entertainment, business, and culture on the First Coast, with public art, museums, festivals, concerts and sporting events.



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RIVERSIDE/AVONDALE

The **Riverside** and **Avondale** neighborhoods combine historic charm and vibrant culture. Strolling through the neighborhoods, residents will find an eclectic mix of restaurants, cafés, boutiques, antique shops, art galleries, bars, and nightclubs. The homes located along the area's tree-lined streets have been restored to keep original architecture, preserving the community's history. In addition to large historic homes and quaint bungalows, Riverside/Avondale also has 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. The apartments are located close to Riverside Park, with wonderful water views of the St. Johns River.

SPRINGFIELD

Once home to Jacksonville's wealthiest residents, **Springfield** is our city's oldest neighborhood. Located just north of downtown, the neighborhood features many restored mansions and renovated bungalows surrounded by majestic oaks which shade the picturesque residential streets. The area is also full of coffee shops, restaurants, locally-owned stores, craft breweries, public art and beautiful murals.

WESTSIDE

Jacksonville's **Westside** is home to waterfront mansions, Tudor-style homes and wooden-frame houses. The region is made up of smaller communities including Normandy, Marietta/Whitehouse, Maxville and Baldwin. The affluent Ortega neighborhood is south of Riverside and has historic homes, serene parks and ancient live oak trees. Many Westside residents are military personnel due to the proximity of Naval Air Station Jacksonville. For those that enjoy going out on the water, the Westside has numerous marinas and boating facilities with access to the St. Johns and Ortega rivers.



Riverside, photo courtesy of COJ



San Marco, photo by Brittney Pitts

Tamaya: Between the City and the Sea

Ideally located between the bustling city and the relaxing sea, Tamaya is a premier master-planned community from ICI Homes. You will find this gated community in Jacksonville's quaint Intracoastal neighborhood on Beach Boulevard nestled between Kernan and Hodges boulevards. Potential homebuyers can choose from lakefront or conservation homes.

When you live in Tamaya, you are just minutes away from our area's stunning water views. The community offers everything newcomers and residents alike could ever want in a neighborhood. Right in your own backyard you'll find great shopping, restaurants, fine dining, entertainment and more. With close proximity to highways such as JTB and I-295, Tamaya gives you access to the area's many businesses. It's a quick drive to Mayo Clinic (one of only three in the nation), six miles from Jacksonville Beach and close to top-rated schools.

Nature enthusiasts will delight in the area's many opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors. In addition to its lush landscaping, Tamaya offers walking and hiking paths, picturesque lakes and much more. Located nearby is the University of North Florida, which offers many walking paths and trails as well. Tamaya's 10,000-square-foot Residents Club also gives residents a place to kick back and relax. Its cabana and lounge chairs make for the perfect spot for get-togethers and parties. Residents can also enjoy two resort-style pools: an exquisite zero-entry pool and a competition-style pool with lap lanes.



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There's no need for a gym membership when you live in Tamaya. The community's 5,000-square-foot fitness center is equipped with weight machines, ellipticals, treadmills and more. The Har-Tru tennis courts, basketball court, playground and event lawn allow for endless activities.

Tamaya's luxurious clubhouse 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.

Tamaya's award-winning builder ICI Homes brings Tuscan, Spanish and Mediterranean architectural styles to the Jacksonville area. The community features new custom homes ranging from 1,600 to 4,000-plus square

feet and start from the \$500s. The 30-plus customizable floorplans allow homebuyers to make their home one-of-a-kind.

Tamaya residents enjoy the convenience of having Tamaya Market right in their neighborhood. Situated near the heavily traveled corner of Kernan and Beach boulevards, this 500,000-square-foot shopping center 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.

Location is without a doubt a top reason for choosing Tamaya as your new neighborhood. Whether you are looking for exciting entertainment, shopping, excellent schools, or a quick trip to the beach, Tamaya is a wonderful place to call home. Its state-of-the-art amenities and tight-knit community make Tamaya a great place for families looking to lay down roots on the First Coast. With custom-built homes that can fit almost any budget, Tamaya is a unique community that newcomers simply must discover.

When you buy a home in Tamaya, you're buying your very own slice of paradise.



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Welcome To The First Coast

As the voice of real estate for the region, the Northeast Florida Association of REALTORS® (NEFAR) is delighted to welcome you to the First Coast. We know you won't be sorry about your decision to relocate to this area of the Sunshine State. Our region offers many miles of sandy beaches within a vast six-county area that is divided by a mighty river and anchored by the rapidly growing urban landscape of Jacksonville, which is not only Florida's largest city, but also the largest metropolitan area – land-wise – in the nation.

To live and work in Northeast Florida is to live in what many consider a vacation paradise. Along with warm temperatures and sunny skies, our region is a world-class arts destination with eclectic museums and world-renowned street art. Fresh and saltwater fishing, surfing, coastal and ethnic cuisine, craft breweries, and professional and recreational sports are abundant, including NFL football and PGA golf.

Surrounding Jacksonville's urban landscape, which includes the largest park system in the United States, are several institutions of higher learning, and the headquarters of some of the nation's top companies. With a strong economy and an increasing foreign business presence, employment opportunities abound. A hub for the healthcare, finance, and insurance industries, Northeast Florida is also a military center that employs 17,000 active-duty personnel and civilians. With the advent of the Coronavirus pandemic, residents from throughout the United States have been lured to our affordable region with its low property taxes and absence of state income tax.

And as far as housing goes, Northeast Florida has it all – oceanfront mansions, waterfront cottages, country-club communities, quaint historic homes, riverfront high rises, and oceanfront condominiums, all with the latest technological advances.

As a newcomer to Florida's First Coast, you will most certainly want to avail yourself of the services of a REALTOR®, and that is where the Northeast Florida Association of REALTORS® can help. With our membership of over 11,000 real estate professionals, it is easy to find a housing specialist with the expertise, searching power, negotiation skills, connections, ethics, and sales experience to assist you in finding your dream home. To view thousands of properties currently for sale or rent, visit us at www.NEFAR.com.

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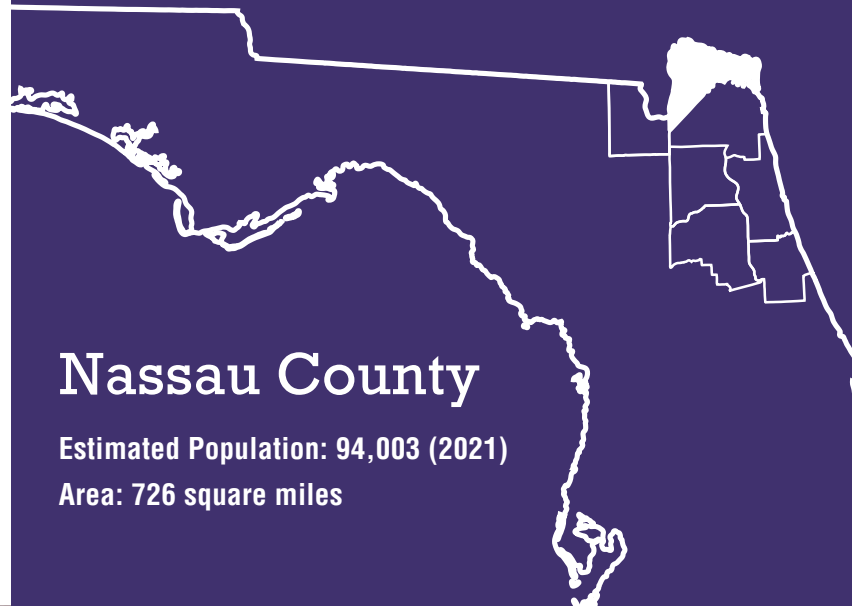
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Beautiful coastlines, top-rated schools and new neighborhood options in stunning communities are many of the reasons Nassau County is one of the fastest-growing counties in the nation. As the eastern gateway to Florida, the county is full of friendly neighbors, unique shops and various restaurants. The many neighborhoods in the county span beaches, meadows, rivers and farms, making this a great home for everyone.



Nassau County

Estimated Population: 94,003 (2021)

Area: 726 square miles



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AMELIA ISLAND/ FERNANDINA BEACH

Amelia Island is a popular vacation spot known for its golf courses, luxury resorts and stunning beaches. A quick 30-minute drive from Jacksonville, Amelia Island is the northernmost barrier island in Florida and is located on the Georgia border. This beautiful 13.5-mile island is rich in history with eight national flags having flown over the island, giving the nickname of the Isle of Eight Flags.

Residents can enjoy easy living in many desirable neighborhoods and communities in **Fernandina Beach** including a visit to the oldest saloon in Florida. Whether you are looking for a sprawling estate, cozy home or large piece of land, this city offers living options for all wants and

needs. Some larger developments on the island include Amelia Park, Azalea Pointe, Sea Grove and Beach Walk. Outdoor lovers can enjoy many activities in the area such as Fort Clinch State Park located on the coast of the Atlantic Ocean.

CALLAHAN

The rural town of **Callahan** is located in southwestern Nassau County. Many residents commute to Jacksonville, a quick 20 minutes away. Residents will find multiple neighborhoods to choose from, whether they're looking for large properties, duplexes, single-family homes or a subdivision. With a myriad of outdoor activities available for residents, many enjoy spending time hiking, fishing, biking or enjoy local golf courses.

HILLIARD

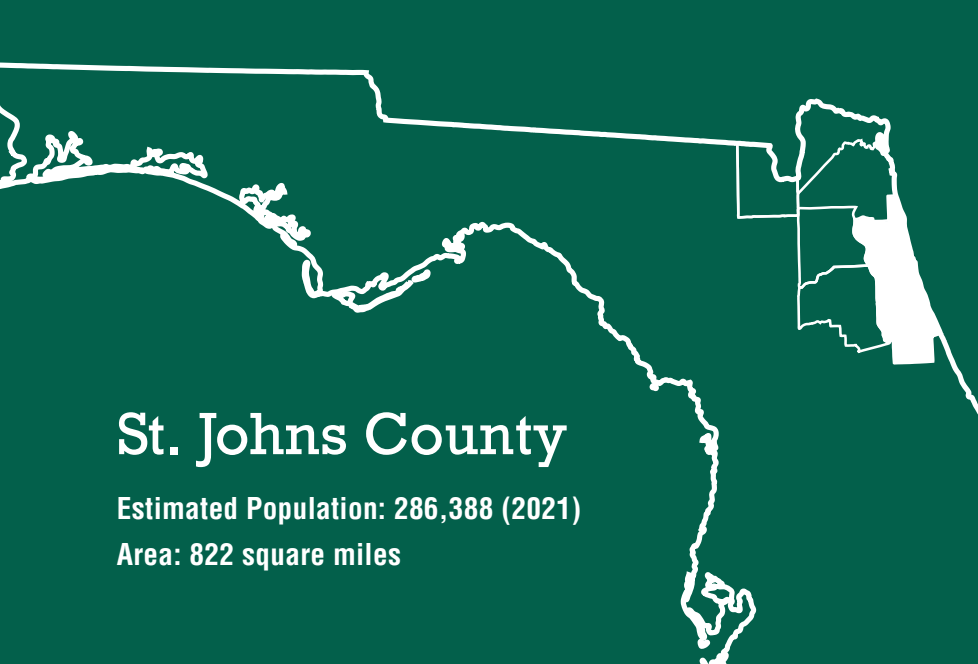
Hilliard was introduced to farming in 1909 when North Florida fruit and truck farms began selling farmland to develop for agricultural use. Current housing options for potential residents include single-family homes and apartments. Purchasing undeveloped land is also an option for those looking to build a custom home.

YULEE

The growing community of **Yulee** is found west of Amelia Island and the Intracoastal Waterway in the largest unincorporated area of Nassau County. The area consists primarily of residential options with planned communities, waterfront properties, apartments and condominiums. Development of the communities such as Wildlight, the Hideaway and

Nassau Crossing continue to bring growth to the area. Oak Conservation Center is located in Yulee with more than 7,400 acres of wetlands, pine forest and hardwood hammocks. Residents can enjoy outdoor activities including kayaking, fishing, hunting and hiking.

Nestled in Yulee, the community of **Wildlight** is proud to embrace low country living with beautiful homes that have open interiors full of natural light and sprawling front porches. Choose from single-family homes or luxury apartments in one of the four neighborhoods: The Lofts, Del Webb Wildlight, Forest Park or Founders Park. The community has preserved half of its acreage for hiking, biking trails and parks. Amenities such as a community outdoor pool and events are available to residents.



St. Johns County

Estimated Population: 286,388 (2021)

Area: 822 square miles

St. Johns is one of the first two counties in the state, embracing a rich historic heritage and many diverse communities. With much development and growth over the years, many people flock to the area for golf, shopping and to enjoy the gorgeous beaches.

The Reserve at Nocatee, photo courtesy of thereservepontevedra.com



St. Augustine, photo by Kristin Wilson on Unsplash



NOCATEE

See an in-depth description of everything the community of **Nocatee** offers on page 36.

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New neighborhoods and developments are popping up in St. Johns County.
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NORTHWEST ST. JOHNS

New neighborhoods and developments are popping up in St. Johns County. The economy continues to grow more with top-ranked schools and businesses in the area. **Switzerland** and **Fruit Cove** are located east of the St. Johns River and south of Mandarin. These rustic communities are the perfect place for those wishing to enjoy a country setting while still having access to the amenities of the area. There are a lot of single-family homes in this area. Many outdoor adventures are waiting with numerous



Mural at Durbin Park, photo by Monica Fields

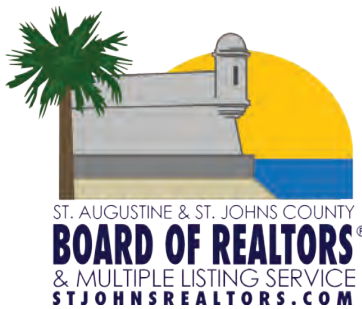
parks, historical sites and trails for hiking and biking. Julington Creek in northwestern St. Johns County has a variety of residential communities with luxury estates, single-family homes, condominiums and townhouses. The Julington Creek Golf Club has challenging holes through wooded areas and neighborhoods and is one of the many recreational amenities available in the area.

Shearwater in St. Augustine is perfect for families and individuals alike. This community is a quick drive to St. Augustine Beach, historic downtown St. Augustine and the Southeast Intracoastal Waterway Park.

The exclusive fitness center, tennis courts, resort-style lagoon, waterslide tower and nature trails are just a few benefits of living in this tranquil community.

Nestled in St. Johns County, the **Durbin Crossing** community is a sprawling residential community that spans more than 2,000 acres. Single-family homes and multifamily units are available as well as A-rated schools, parks, and a golf course. Residents can enjoy nature preserves, activities, events and gatherings at the amenity centers.





The St. Augustine & St. Johns County Board of REALTORS® and Multiple Listing Service are happy to welcome you to beautiful St. Augustine and St. Johns County. You will soon discover why new residents have chosen this city as their new home.

St. Augustine offers many benefits and opportunities:

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- Recognized by FlipKey.com as one of the Best Travel Destinations of 2013
- In 2012, *CNN Money Magazine* listed St. Augustine as No. 9 out of 25 Best Places to Retire
- In 2012, *MarketWatch* listed St. Augustine as one of the 10 Best Places to Retire in the U.S.
- In 2010, *Smart Money* listed St. Augustine as one of nine Best New Places to Retire
- Active Economic Development by both the Chamber of Commerce and the St. Johns County government
- Dynamic business opportunities
- St. Johns County School District is recognized as the top school district in the state
- Home of the World Golf Hall of Fame and Museum
- Small town community with large town shopping and dining
- Fantastic weather
- Miles and miles of spectacular beaches
- World class golf, restaurants, museums and tourist attractions
- Flagler Health+
- Flagler College
- Castillo De San Marcos National Monument (U.S. National Park)
- Fort Matanzas National Monument
- Marineland

Not only is St. Johns County a great place to visit, but it's the perfect place to live. You and your family can't go wrong with a home in St. Johns County.

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

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Located at the intersection of Race Track Road and Bartram Park Boulevard, the **Pavilion at Durbin Park** is a large mix-use development and covers more than 1,600 acres. Assorted styles of homes are available including condominiums, townhouses and single-family homes. The area is continuing to develop and has reported that it will have more than 2.4 million square feet of retail space and 44,000 homes. The **Julington-Durbin Creek Preserve** is within Bartram Park with more than 2,000 acres of protected land.

Comprised of 8,500 acres, the master-planned community of **Silverleaf** is located between County Road 210 and State Road 16. The community will have more than 10,000 homes and 2.6 million square feet of commercial space. The area offers many amenities including pools, dog parks, tennis and pickleball courts as well as more than 3,500 acres of conservation land.

RiverTown has six neighborhoods in this waterfront community on the shores of the St. Johns River. The community has many different floorplans including a 55 and over neighborhood. Homes are built with eco-friendly use in mind to keep the area as pristine as possible. Interconnected trails and paths weave through the neighborhoods, perfect for an adventure surrounded by nature. Some other amenities include

a dog park, playground, waterfront amphitheater, infinity-edge pool, kayak launch and boardwalk.

Aberdeen is located south of Jacksonville and brings a small-town feel to the city. The 1,316-acre community is built around a wetland conservation area, with 68 of those acres being lakes. Woodside Communities of North Florida, Watson Custom Home Builders, Rosewood Homes and D.R. Horton are several notable builders found in the community. Residents can enjoy amenities such as a health and fitness center, aquatic facility, walking trails, a playground, sports park, community picnic area and more.

BEACHWALK

The community of **Beachwalk** in northern St. Johns County allows residents to live the resort lifestyle with many top-notch amenities. The community's architecture is inspired by the West-Indies and has a beautiful 14-acre lagoon complete with a white sandy beach. Residents can kayak, paddleboard, swim, fish and more. Other amenities include beach club dining, a 24-hour fitness center, dog splash park, swim-up bar, putting course and tennis courts. Expansion continues in the community with retail centers, restaurants, entertainment options and a variety of other commercial spaces.

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Nicknames for St. Augustine include Old City and Ancient City.
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PONTE VEDRA BEACH

For those looking for resort-style living, **Ponte Vedra Beach** may be the perfect location with many neighborhoods and communities to choose from. It lies between the Atlantic Ocean and Intracoastal Waterway, giving many residents the chance to live directly on the water. Much of the area is made up of gated communities, exclusive neighborhoods, oceanfront estates, apartments and condominiums. The area thrives with local businesses, upscale shopping and many restaurants. Golf lovers can find some of the best courses in the country including TPC Sawgrass Stadium Course where THE PLAYERS Golf Championship is held. The headquarters of the PGA TOUR, the Association of Tennis Professionals and the Champions Tour also are found in Ponte Vedra Beach.



St. Augustine Lighthouse, photo by Jonathan Lowe on Unsplash

ST. AUGUSTINE

As the oldest city in the nation, **St. Augustine** is rich with history and holds a special charm for many. Founded in 1565 by Ponce De León, residents can explore the city's history by visiting different sites such as the Castillo De San Marcos National Monument, the Lightner Museum, the Old Jail and St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum. The city has various events during the year including historical reenactments and the gorgeous Nights of Lights during the holiday season. There are many housing options available in the area with planned communities, oceanfront homes, renovated historic homes, apartments and condominiums. Much of the architecture found in the city includes 19th century mansions, grand hotels and Spanish Colonial architecture.

ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH

Residents of **St. Augustine Beach** spend evenings enjoying scenic views as the sun sets over the Atlantic Ocean and strolling the beach looking for shells. The area is known for its beautiful beaches and ocean views. Adventure seekers can visit Anastasia State Park and hike the Ancient Dunes Trail, which weaves through hardwood hammocks and marsh areas. Ocean Hammock Park is another destination full of nature trails and during the year sea turtle nests may be found nestled in the sand. Many condominium options and residential communities are found in St. Augustine Beach.

THE NEIGHBORHOODS OF WORLD GOLF VILLAGE

A quick 10-minute drive from the beaches, the **Neighborhoods of World Golf Village** is an affluent residential community with multiple neighborhoods throughout the area including townhomes, condominiums, estates and master-planned communities. Residents can enjoy the IMAX Theater, World Golf Hall of Fame, outlet malls, restaurants, shops and much more. The Neighborhoods of World Golf Village is also about 30 minutes away from Jacksonville, for those looking to venture into the city.

VILANO BEACH

The seaside community of **Vilano Beach** is two miles northeast of St. Augustine. Located between the Atlantic Ocean and Tolomato River, this residential community offers outdoor activities like fishing, beachcombing for shark's teeth and birdwatching. Residents can enjoy shopping at small businesses and grab a bite at several local restaurants. Surfside Park provides beach access with outdoor showers, picnic areas and restrooms, while the Vilano Beach Fishing Pier is frequented by many anglers.



Vilano Beach, photo courtesy of Visit Florida

The Communities of Nocatee

Nocatee is a coastal community located just minutes away from Jacksonville and St. Augustine in Ponte Vedra. Nocatee has many village-like neighborhoods with condominiums, townhouses, luxury estate homes, single-family homes and neighborhoods for residents 55 and older. The community boasts miles of gorgeous beaches, golf courses, restaurants, shopping and some of the top-rated schools in the state. Last year, *Newsweek* ranked Nocatee the top place to live in Florida.



Del Webb Ponte Vedra



The 55 and older community of Del Webb Ponte Vedra is perfect for those looking to live close to the beach. The gated community is minutes from the beach and close to many shopping and dining options. The local clubhouse and recreation area offer many different activities, clubs and classes. Residents also have access to the resort-style pool, tennis, pickleball courts, bocce ball, golf, a fitness center, multi-purpose rooms, café and more. The community borders Nocatee Preserve, which has more than three miles of trails for walking, biking, jogging and exploring nature. Part of the Intracoastal Waterway, the preserve is full of native plants, animals and birds. Condominium floorplans in Del Webb Ponte Vedra range from 1,538 to 1,868 square feet.

Del Webb Nocatee



As the first community in the nation to release 12 Next Gen floorplans ranging from 1,529 to 3,361 square feet and larger, Del Webb Nocatee offers a variety of coastal, craftsman style and traditional villas and homes from the high \$300s. This 55-plus adult community is perfect for those who are ready for some activity with multiple entertainment options. The on-staff Lifestyle Director is available for event planning, clubs and classes for all residents of Del Webb Nocatee. Residents also have access to a fitness center, pickleball and tennis courts, and a swimming pool with lap lanes.

Liberty Cove at Crosswater



Located on the south end of Nocatee, Liberty Cove at Crosswater offers residents an old-time feel with white picket fences, sprawling front porches and tree-lined streets around every corner. With a variety of floorplans offered, the homes in this community start in the high \$200s and range from 1,500 to more than 2,300 square feet. The homes built by David Weekley, ICI Homes and Providence Homes truly bring a nostalgic feel and offer all of the amenities for personalized living. A large playground, event lawn, open-air pavilion and pool with lap lanes are available for residents. There are also dog parks for four-legged family members. The Schoolyard, a resident-only park, provides nature lovers with hiking trails, outdoor activity space and playfields.

Artisan Lakes



As a 55 and over community, Artisan Lakes is the perfect place for those looking for a serene lifestyle. Most homes back up to parks, ponds, water features and untouched preserves full of wildlife. Starting in the mid \$300s, the 196 homes offer amenities such as pickleball and bocce ball courts, a fitness center, putting green, event lawn and zero-entry pool with an infinity edge.



The Vista at Twenty Mile, photo courtesy of nocatee.com

Timberland Ridge at Nocatee



Set within natural preserved conservation land, Timberland Ridge is a self-contained neighborhood with timber and ponds throughout the community. Both one- and two-story single-family homes are offered with various floorplans ranging from more than 1,800 to 3,200 square feet. Residents can enjoy a playground and dog park as well as access to Twenty Mile Park and Cypress Park where pavilions and pools are also available for use.

Heritage Trace at Crosswater

Heritage Trace at Crosswater is located in the heart of Nocatee surrounded by lake views and nature preserves. The community features 188 homes starting in the high \$300s with floorplans ranging from 2,450 to 3,200 square feet. This community has multiple floorplans available, all incorporating the “Old Towne” theme into their architecture.

Freedom Landing at Crosswater

Tucked away in an untouched nature preserve, Freedom Landing at Crosswater is in a stunning location and features 240 homesites. Offering many unique floorplans, most homes back up to shimmering lakes and lush preserves. Homes are provided by Riverside Homes, Providence Homes, ICI Homes, Dostie Homes and David Weekley Homes. Homes range from 1,900 to more than 3,200 square feet. The community offers resident-only dog parks, nature and hiking trails, a playfield and a playground. Homes start in the mid \$300s.

Pioneer Village at Crosswater



For those looking to travel back to old-time America, look no further than Pioneer Village at Crosswater. This neighborhood has charming tree-lined streets, winding front porches and American flags flying on each house. Riverside Homes, Providence Homes and David Weekley Homes have worked hard to bring both preservation and breathtaking scenery to the community with nature and lake-filled views. The Spray Park gives families hours of fun. Nocatee Landing allows for a day exploring the waterways with canoes or kayaks. Homes start in the \$300s and range from 1,500 to more than 2,700 square feet.

Tidewater at Nocatee



The premier gated community of Tidewater at Nocatee provides residents with the choice of two- and three-bedroom condos complete with two-car garages. With top-of-the-line appliances and personalized interior details, these townhouses are perfect for a lifestyle filled with comfort and luxury. Residents are close to the Town Center’s stores and restaurants as well as the waterpark, parks and picturesque walking and hiking trails.

Oakwood at Nocatee



The beautiful townhome community of Oakwood at Nocatee by Toll Brothers features 43 townhomes starting in the mid \$300s. The gated community has a range of amenities including hiking paths, a park and a dog park for use. Townhomes range from 2,250 to 2,500 square feet and include a first-floor master bedroom, loft, kitchen island, two-story family room and lanai.

Daniel Park at Town Center

Starting in the mid \$300s, Daniel Park at Town Center has homes ranging from 1,477 to 3,000 square feet. The community is located within walking distance of Nocatee with shops and restaurants.

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West End at Town Center



Set to open in the beginning of 2022, West End at Town Center has single-family homes by Providence Homes and David Weekley Homes as well as attached Villas by Toll Brothers and Dostie Homes. Townhomes by ICI Homes range from 1,635 to 1,846 square feet and start in the low \$400s. One- and two-story single-family homes range from 1,690 to 2,700 square feet and start in the high \$400s. Those interested in the Villas will find one- and two-story homes from 1,762 to 2,450 square feet starting in the low \$400s. The community is located near community shops, restaurants and the Splash Water Park.

Settler's Landing at Nocatee



With a Tom Sawyer Island Theme, residents at Settler's Landing at Nocatee will want to grab their fishing poles and kayaks for some fun on the water. The new homes by Toll Brothers, Riverside Homes, Providence Homes, ICI Homes and David Weekley Homes offer one- and two-story single-family homes starting in the mid \$400s. Multiple innovative floorplans ranging from 1,570 to 3,876 square feet are available. The community is also connected to Settler's Pond by a multipurpose trail, perfect for an outdoor adventure.

Coastal Oaks



Coastal Oaks is one of the smaller neighborhoods within Nocatee. The homes range from 2,089 to 5,084 square feet and start in the high \$300s. Oak trees and nature preserves are within the community as well as a recreation complex. This includes a fitness center, children's splash pool, and two outdoor pools, soccer and softball fields, and tennis and basketball courts.

Starling at Nocatee



For seniors looking for an energetic lifestyle, Starling at Nocatee may be the perfect place to call home. Offering independent living, assisted living and memory care, this resort-style community allows for personalized care for each resident. The community is close to Nocatee's Town Center with ample shops and restaurants.

The Reserve at Nocatee



The Reserve at Nocatee is a luxury apartment community with one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments with top-of-the-line amenities. The clubhouse has fitness facilities, a beach entry pool and a dog park.

Individual apartments come with stainless steel appliances, granite countertops and contemporary cabinetry complete with USB ports in the kitchen island.

Olea at Nocatee

Olea at Nocatee is an active-adult apartment community located minutes from Ponte Vedra's gorgeous beaches. With one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments as well as resort-style amenities, this community gives luxury and comfort to all residents. The wellness program and on-site management services provide maintenance-free living. With little stress, it is easy to enjoy the neighborhood with features such as the fitness club, swim club, beach access, community events and more.

Twenty Mile Village



The master-planned residential community of Twenty Mile Village at Nocatee is designed around Twenty Mile Park, which has hiking trails, a swimming pool, dog park, playground and event area. With native flora and fauna found throughout the park and neighborhoods, this beautiful section of Nocatee is a gem. The eight communities found within Twenty Mile Village are known for their rustic yet city feel with historic oak trees lining the streets, but amenities still available right around the corner. The Ranch at Twenty Mile is located on the Intracoastal Waterway. These luxury homes start in the high \$500s and 12 floorplans are available for residents to find the perfect custom home. The Outlook at Twenty Mile has one- and two-story single-family homes. As one of the smallest neighborhoods

in Nocatee, the Hammock at Twenty Mile has eight lots that back up to a nature preservation. The homes boast coastal theme architecture by Glenn Layton Homes, who also built the HGTV Smart Home. Homes in this neighborhood are 2,500 to 7,500 square feet and start in the mid \$800s. The Vista at Twenty Mile is a gated neighborhood with 44 contemporary estates. These homes feature Mission-style and Spanish architecture by the Pineapple Corporation. Homes have floorplans ranging from 3,490 to 5,800 square feet and start at \$1.5 million. Located on the eastern side of Nocatee, the Junction at Twenty Mile is close to the beach, schools and Intracoastal Waterway. Homes are built by Dostie Homes and David Weekley Homes and begin in the high \$400s with floorplans ranging from 2,494 to 3,500 square feet. David Weekley Homes, Providence Homes and ICI Homes are found throughout the Colony at Twenty Mile. One- and two-story single-family homes range from 2,450 to 3,800 square feet and start in the low \$400s. Many lots in this neighborhood back up to private woodlands and there are lakes and ponds throughout the neighborhood. The gated community of the Settlement at Twenty Mile offers residents tranquil and serene living with homes from Toll Brothers and ICI Homes. One- and two-story single-family homes are available from 2,100 to 2,900 square feet and start in the high \$300s. River Landing at Twenty Mile is a new community with preserve homesites from the \$500s and waterfront homes starting at \$1 million. The neighborhood is placed within tranquil parks, features large oak trees, and rustic style architecture with views of the Intracoastal Waterway.

\$1,350,000

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Affordable First Coast

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Ponte Vedra Beach	\$733,209
Jacksonville Beach	\$522,933
St. Johns	\$496,538
Fernandina Beach	\$489,219
Mandarin	\$442,051
San Marco	\$412,873
St. Augustine	\$391,595
Green Cove Springs	\$286,686
Orange Park	\$283,808
Macclenny	\$222,147

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Tamaya
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Intracoastal



Eagle Landing at Oakleaf Plantation
\$300s - \$600s
Orange Park



Nocatee
\$300s - \$1 million
Ponte Vedra



Wildlight
\$300s - \$700s
Yulee



eTown
\$300s - \$500s
Southside



RiverTown
\$300s - \$1 million
St. Johns



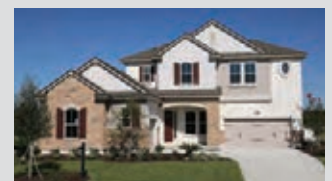
Amelia Park
\$500s - \$800s
Fernandina Beach



Beachwalk
\$200s - \$900s
St. Johns



World Golf Village
\$300s - \$2 million
St. Augustine



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

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Macclenny

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Fire/Rescue

Baker County (Volunteer)

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Macclenny

<http://fire.cityofmacclenny.com>

Police/Sheriff

Baker County Sheriff's Office

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UTILITY SERVICES

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Florida Power & Light

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Okefenoke Rural Electric

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Garbage

City of Macclenny

www.cityofmacclenny.com/departments.html

Natural Gas

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Water & Sewer

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Green Cove Springs Police Department

www.greencovesprings.com/departments/Police

Orange Park Police Department

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UTILITY SERVICES

Electricity

City of Green Cove Springs

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Clay Electric Cooperative (CEC) (Fleming Island, Green Cove Springs, Keystone Heights, Middleburg, Orange Park, Penney Farms)

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City of Jacksonville Beach
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Waste Pro of Florida, Inc. (Neptune Beach)
www.ci.neptune-beach.fl.us/waste-recycling

Natural Gas

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City of Atlantic Beach
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City of Neptune Beach
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Hilliard Water Department

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Town of Callahan

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Florida Power & Light (Hastings, St. Augustine,

St. Augustine Beach)

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Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) (Julington Creek,

Ponte Vedra Beach, St. Augustine)

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City of St. Augustine

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Republic Services (Julington Creek, Ponte Vedra Beach)

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Natural Gas

TECO Peoples Gas (Hastings, Julington Creek,

St. Augustine, St. Augustine Beach)

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Water & Sewer

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Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) (Julington Creek,

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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 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 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 4 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.

First Coast Tax Collector's Offices

Baker County

32 N. 5th St., Macclenny
www.bakertaxcollector.com

Clay County

477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs
www.claycountytax.com

Duval County

231 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville
<https://taxcollector.coj.net>

Nassau County

86130 License Rd., Fernandina Beach
www.nassautaxes.com

St. Johns County

4030 Lewis Speedway, St. Augustine
www.sjctax.us

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

Clay County

Clay County Public Library
library.claycountygov.com

Duval County/City of Jacksonville

Jacksonville Public Library
www.jaxpubliclibrary.org

Nassau County

Nassau County Public Library
www.nassaureads.com

St. Johns County

St. Johns County Public Library System
www.sjcpls.org

Volunteer Opportunities

The First Coast is also home to several chapters of prominent service clubs and organizations such as Kiwanis International, 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 66.

AARP
local.aarp.org/jacksonville-fl/volunteering

American Red Cross North Florida Region
www.redcross.org/local/florida/north-florida.html

Catholic Charities Jacksonville
www.ccbjax.org

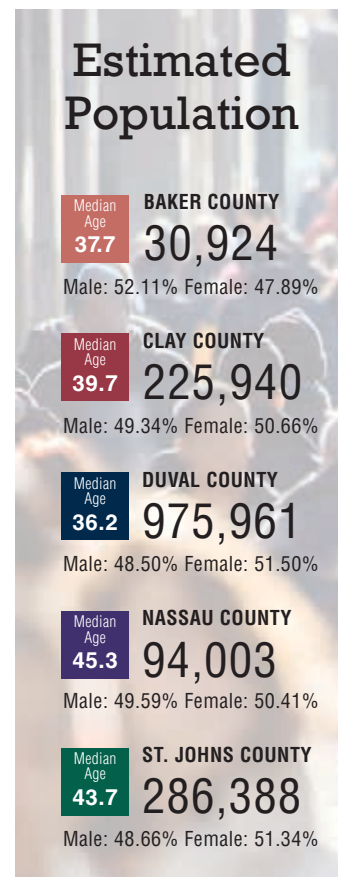
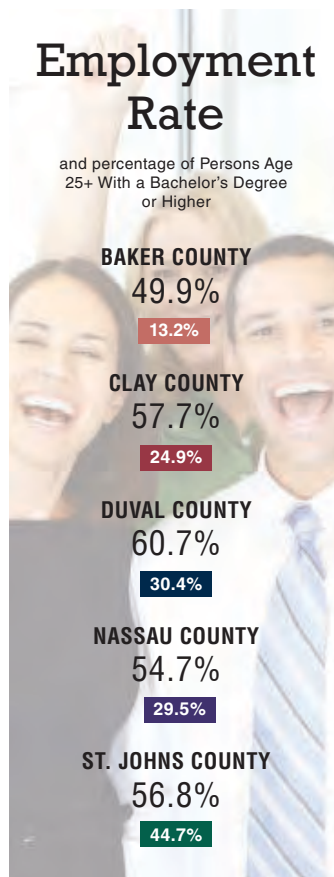
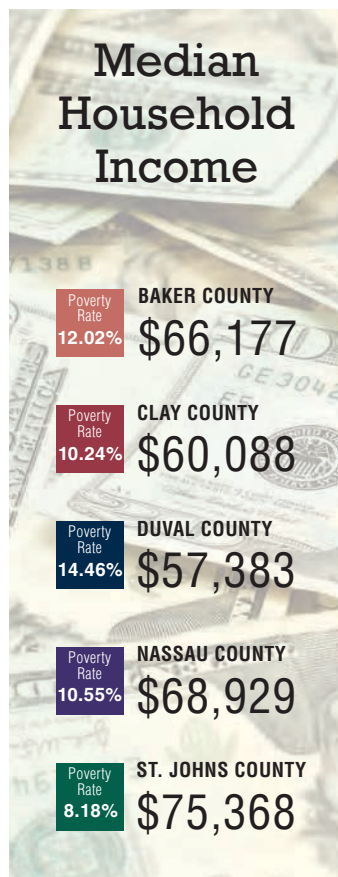
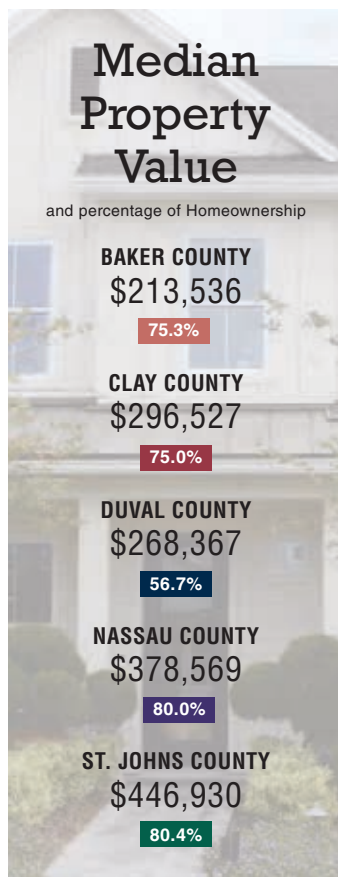
Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida
www.nonprofitctr.org

United Way of Northeast Florida
www.unitedwaynefl.org

Volunteer Match
www.volunteermatch.org

The First Coast by Numbers

*Information gathered November 2021



Information from census.gov, datausa.io and worldpopulationreview.com

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.ame11th.org

Bahá'í Community Center of Jacksonville

www.bahaicommcenterjax.com

Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church

www.bbuuc.org

Diocese of St. Augustine
www.dosafl.com

Episcopal Diocese of Florida, The
www.dioceseffl.org

Florida Baptist Convention
www.flbaptist.org

Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church, The
www.flumc.org

Florida Jacksonville Mission of the Mormon Church

www.lifey.org/florida-jacksonville-mission

Hindu Society of North East Florida
www.hsnef.org

Islamic Center of Northeast Florida
www.icnef.org

Jacksonville Friends Meeting (Quakers)
www.jacksonvillefriends.org

Jewish Federation & Foundation of Northeast Florida

www.jewishjacksonville.org

Karma Thegsum Chöling Jacksonville
www.ktcjax.org

Maitreya Kadampa Buddhist Center
www.meditationinjacksonville.org

Presbytery of St. Augustine
www.staugpres.org

Downtown Jacksonville Driving Stats



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Miles from Downtown Jacksonville to Other Major Florida Cities

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

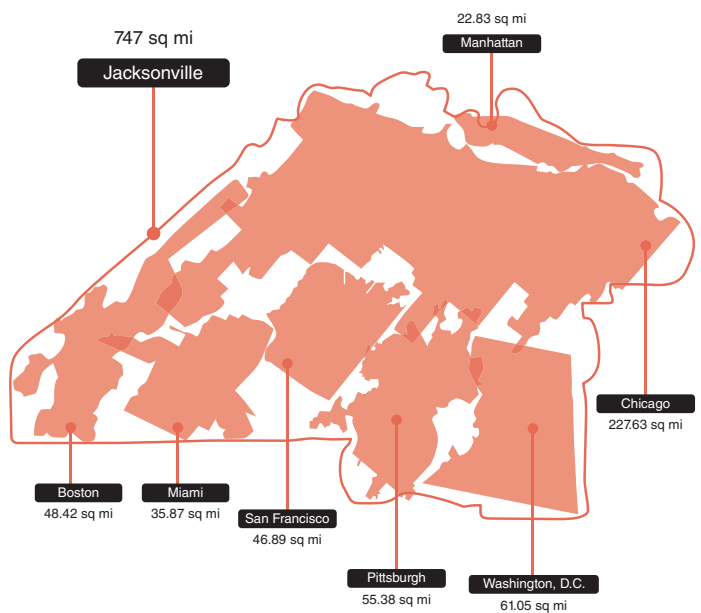
Commute Times to Downtown Jacksonville in Minutes

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

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

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With adoration and respect for the natural beauty of the Mandarin neighborhood of Jacksonville, The Julington was named after the Julington Creek just 1/2 mile south of our location. Truly considerate design is essential to the DNA of The Julington. Our one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments are spacious, modern, and vibrant. Located near premier Jacksonville shopping and dining, The Julington lifestyle is one of convenience.



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First Coast Apartment Living

The First Coast is a wonderful place for those looking to rent an apartment. This past year, the residential rental market here has grown and expanded. New apartment complexes are constantly being built and are filling up fast! More and more residents are flocking to the First Coast, causing a high renter demand that is fueling apartment development. There are 43 apartment complexes expected to open on the First Coast over the next three years, according to the NAI Hallmark Jacksonville Metro Q2 2021 Market Report.

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The First Coast has hit record highs for annual rent growth. According to the NAI Market Report, the average monthly rent is \$1,231 for the Jacksonville MSA, an 11.5 percent increase from last year. This annual rent growth rate is the largest in more than a quarter-century and is the seventh largest rent increase among major markets nationally. Additionally, apartments are being rented out fast. The current vacancy rate is 3.7 percent, down from 5.2 percent last year.

Over the past five years, Jacksonville's market-rate multifamily inventory increased by 18 percent, according to the First Coast Apartment Association (FCAA). While there have been challenges with the construction supply pipeline due to the pandemic, the FCAA predicts that this won't affect apartment construction, and groundbreaking may likely increase over the next year. The Southside (the area's largest submarket) has accounted for about 30 percent of the area's construction supply pipeline. Other First Coast submarkets are adding significant supply, and more than half are building at a rate higher than the national average.



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Advantages of Apartment Living

Apartment development is booming on the First Coast! No matter what type of apartment you're looking for, there are many options available. Whether you're a single renter or a family of four, there are plenty of spacious apartments to choose from. Here you'll find apartment complexes with one-, two-, and even three-bedroom apartments.

Below are some reasons as to why First Coast residents choose to rent over owning. While there are many advantages to owning your own home, there are also many benefits that come with renting an apartment.

Financial: One of the many benefits of living in an apartment is the financial aspect of renting. Depending on where you choose to live, it's possible that rent is cheaper than a mortgage. Most of the time, the costs of upkeep and utilities are lower due to the size of the unit. You also don't have to worry about paying property

taxes, homeowners insurance, homeowners association fees and down payment.

Upkeep: When you live in an apartment, you no longer have to worry about fixing a broken dishwasher or leaky roof! Repairs and maintenance are covered by landlords or property managers. This is especially convenient for those who aren't very handy. Apartments also include lawn maintenance and landscaping, so no need to pull weeds or mow the lawn. This gives you extra time to relax on the weekends.

Amenities: Most apartment complexes offer their residents a wide range of amenities such as gyms, playgrounds, dog parks, game rooms, recreational areas, valet trash service and more. Many apartments also have resort-style swimming pools with cabanas and outdoor grills. Certain apartments have high-end finishes such as stainless steel appliances, hardwood floors, and granite countertops. While it is possible to



Finding the Right Neighborhood For You

Choosing where you want to live when you move to the First Coast could take some time and consideration while you explore all the different neighborhoods and areas for your needs and wants. Whether you are looking to live in the bustling downtown, a quaint historic neighborhood, a beachside paradise or out in the peaceful country, the First Coast's five counties have the right neighborhood for you.

For those looking to live in a historic area, the Riverside and Avondale neighborhoods are some of the oldest in Jacksonville. When you live in these neighborhoods, fantastic shopping and dining options are just a short walk or bike ride away. Downtown Jacksonville offers a number of apartment options for those who enjoy the benefits of city living. Nowhere else will you find such affordable living with city skyline views.

Nothing embodies the Florida lifestyle quite like being able to walk out of your apartment and feel the sand between your toes. Jacksonville Beach, St. Augustine and Fernandina Beach are the perfect coastal towns with a vast selection of apartments for those who want to live close to the beach.

The Southside/Baymeadows and St. Johns Town Center areas have numerous new apartment complexes that give residents numerous shopping and dining options. With the University of North Florida and Florida State College at Jacksonville located in these neighborhoods, many college students choose to live in this area.

have these additions in a home, the financial aspect can take a toll on your budget.

Safety: Apartment complexes take numerous measures to ensure their residents' safety. Most are gated and require a passcode to enter, which provides additional security and peace of mind. There may even be a security guard monitoring the complex. The abundance of close by neighbors can also provide a stronger sense of security. They are more likely to notice something wrong or out of the ordinary. This makes apartment living especially perfect for the elderly and those living alone.

Location: When you're looking to buy a house, your options are limited to the number of homes available in the neighborhood you want to live in. With apartments, there are often multiple complexes to choose from in any given neighborhood. If you want to live closer to your job or your child's school, it's much easier to find a nearby apartment complex. Many

apartment developers also choose to build in areas where there are already a number of grocery stores, shops, bars and restaurants.

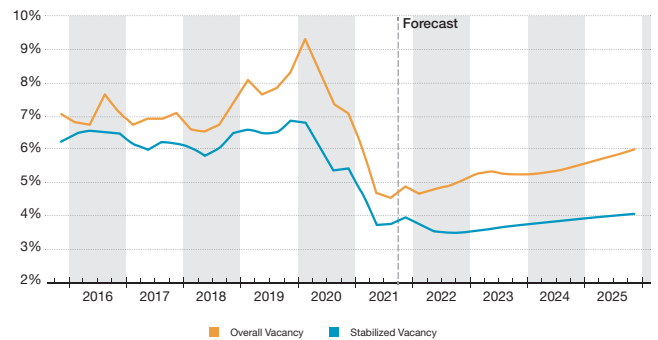
Community: With plenty of close neighbors, it's very easy to develop a sense of community in an apartment complex. Many apartment communities host fun events such as pool parties, barbecues, food truck nights and more. These are great opportunities for newcomers to meet neighbors and make friends.

Flexibility: Apartments allow newcomers to explore and get to know the area before committing to buying a home. Some complexes allow residents to sign short-term leases. This can be helpful to those learning a new area, or even those who may be in town for a short-term reason such as placement for work. You can also relocate much easier, whether it's for a new job, a new relationship, or to be closer to family. Renting gives you the opportunity to move when you see fit.

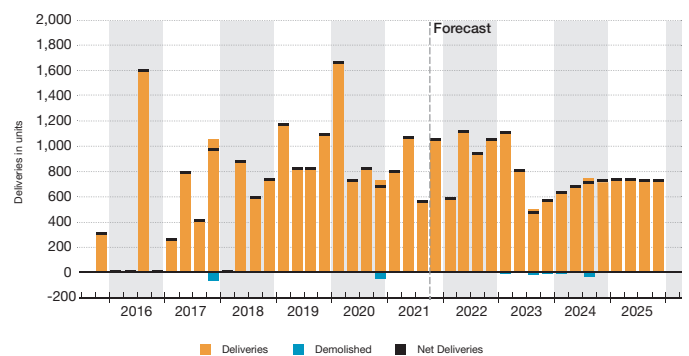
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- Decorator Pendant Lights
- Walk-In Closets
- Fitness Center
- Cyber Cafe
- Children's Playground
- Pet Friendly
- Gourmet Kitchens

Our relocation guide provides in depth information on First Coast neighborhoods. Check out page 16 for a better look into the many available options.

Preparing for Your New Apartment

When you're on the hunt for an apartment, it's best to start by touring complexes. Many apartments have started doing virtual tours for those who can't be there in person. If you are able to tour in person, be sure to check with the apartment's landlord or leasing office to set up an appointment for a tour. Have a list of questions in mind related to the lease terms, apartment amenities, policies, and maintenance.

Before moving in, it's important to find out what the apartment complex requires for a potential renter to begin the leasing process. The apartment complex will have prospective renters fill out an application and may require proof of employment or income. This could mean providing the last few paystubs or a current W-2, but each complex may have their own separate preference. Many apartment complexes require renters to meet certain income requirements.



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Some apartments also ask for previous addresses and landlord contact information to complete a background check. Most apartments require tenants to have a renter's insurance policy, which can cover you in the event of a hurricane, fire or flood.

If you intend to bring a furry companion to live with you, make sure the apartment you choose is pet-friendly. Apartments typically have restrictions for certain breeds. Renting also requires a few upfront costs such as application and deposit fees.

Some apartments may offer discounts or specials for active-duty military, students or employees working for major area companies, so be sure to ask if you qualify for any.

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



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First Coast Apartment Options

COMPLEX NAME	PHONE, WEBSITE	LOCATION	PRICE	AMENITIES
The Carlton at Bartram Park	849-2798 thecarltonbartrampark.com	Mandarin/Julington Creek	\$1,030 - \$1,835	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pet-friendly • Washer/dryer in unit • Valet trash removal • Two zero-entry pools • Fitness center • Car care center • Playground • Dog park • Conference room • Business center
The Julington	618-2450 thejulington.com	Mandarin	*Call for prices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pet-friendly • Stainless steel appliances • Two resort style pools • Fitness Center • Spa • Work nooks • Outdoor courtyard • Outdoor kitchen • Clubhouse lounge
The Park at Anzio	731-3470 theparkatanzio.com	Mandarin	\$969-\$1,699	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washer/dryer in unit • Swimming pool • Fitness center • Tennis court • Playground • Pet care
The Park at Avellino	731-0422 theparkatavellino.com	Southside/Baymeadows	\$1,019-\$1,239	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washer/dryer in unit • Swimming pool • Fitness center • Volleyball court • Playground • Business center • BBQ area
The Park at Marbella	778-3911 theparkatmarbella.com	Mandarin	\$869-\$1,399	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washers/dryers in unit • Pool • Fitness center • Lounge • Playground • Clubhouse • Renter's insurance program • Hardwood floors
The Park at Matera	272-2282 theparkatmatera.com	Orange Park	*Call for prices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Furnished units available • Package service • Pool • Laundry service • Washer/dryer hookups • Smoke free

The Park at Milazzo	223-4991 theparkatmilazzo.com	Southside	\$949-\$1,549	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pet-friendly • Washer/dryer hookups • Washer/dryer in unit • Smoke free • Laundry service • Pet play area • Fitness center • Pool • Tennis courts • Playground
The Park at Potenza	645-9770 theparkatpotenza.com	Southside	\$1,079-\$1,389	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pool • Fitness center • Racquetball court • Tennis court • Cabana • Clubhouse • Business center • Pet play area • Car wash area • Laundry facilities
The Park at Trapani	642-0857 theparkattrapani.com	Southside	\$999-\$1,549	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washer/dryer in unit • Pool • Fitness center • Tennis court • Picnic area • Business center • Clubhouse • Car wash area • Pet play area • Storage unit • Pet-friendly
The Park at Via Veneto	721-8744 theparkatviaveneto.com	Arlington	\$929-\$1,419	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pool • Fitness center • Tennis court • Clubhouse • Conference room • Business center • Renters insurance program • Pet play area • Car wash area • Pet-friendly
The Waterford at Mandarin	262-3459 waterfordmandarin.com	Mandarin	\$1,165-\$2,475	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pet-friendly • Washer/dryer in unit • Two pools • Fitness center • Tennis court • Business center • Car care center • Dog park

Prices are subject to change. Check with community admin.

Your Backyard Retreat: Outdoor Living at Its Finest

With summer on the way, it's finally time for fun in the sun! Studies have shown that there are many physical and mental health benefits of spending time immersed in the great outdoors. In the last year, more than 90 percent of people with outdoor living space have been spending more time on their patios and porches, enjoying their outdoor living space more than ever before. For those looking to relax, entertain, grill or garden, having your own backyard retreat is a must.

It seems that everything is better outdoors with warmer weather. Gone are backyards of the past with stackable plastic chairs, a grill and some colorful flowers blooming on the side of the deck. Now, a loaded deck with an outdoor living room, comfy chairs, twinkle party lights, a full kitchen, bar, island, firepit and even a television are found throughout the First Coast. When choosing furniture for your outdoor space explore options such as wrought iron, cast iron, aluminum or even traditional wood. If your furniture is not kept under a cover or a patio enclosure or lanai, synthetic weatherproof patio furniture with durable fabrics are available to stand up to the elements. By adding a lanai, patio cover, awning or screen enclosure, your furniture will have some protection from direct exposure to the elements whether it's sunny or raining. It can even provide some privacy from neighbors.

By bringing the indoors outside, homeowners can satisfy one of their top wants by turning simple living spaces into their favorite part of the home, complete with all the comforts of the indoors at their fingertips. With more than 31 years of experience, Lifetime Enclosures in Jacksonville is one of the top choices First Coast residents look to when renovating their outdoor space with lanais, outdoor kitchens, sunrooms, screen enclosures and more.

When planning your outdoor living room, think about creating different rooms. Imagining furniture for the sitting area will help with building a deck or patio large enough to accommodate your wants. Families may even want to create a kid's outdoor playroom complete with a playset and even a garden. If you are adding an outdoor kitchen to the mix, include a sink, enough counter space to cook and lighting so you aren't left in the dark.



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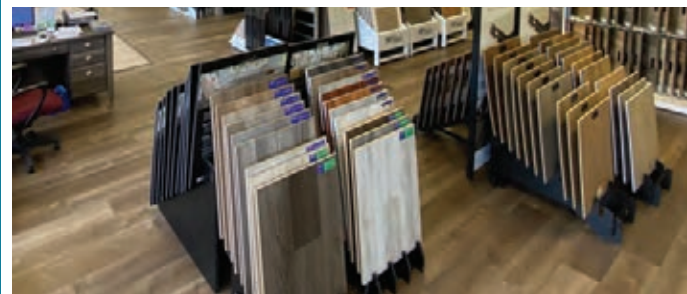
Planting various flowers, plants and shrubs can add splashes of color as well. From a simple herb garden in a planter to a small patch of tomatoes, peppers or other easy-to-grow veggies, gardening can be a fun and rewarding use of outdoor space. For some backyards, a hardscape area is another good option to spruce up the space. Edging hardscape areas with ground covers and low-growing plants can soften the edges and bring more color and life to the area.

Whether it's for relaxation, entertainment or play, your yard is an extension of your indoor living space, so make it as warm and inviting as you do your home. All aspects of home improvement require planning and time, so enlist a professional such as Lifetime Enclosures to make your vision and plan into reality. With free estimates, these professionals can create your own personal retreat that can be enjoyed for years to come.

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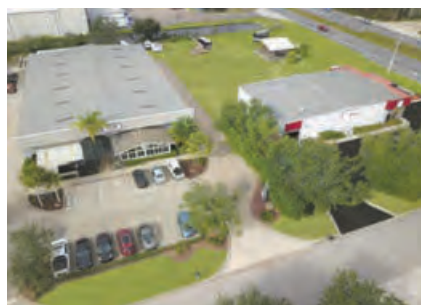
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with a design expert can help you determine the best layout to properly store food, dishes, small appliances and other kitchen products.

Garages

A common misconception is that a garage typically goes unseen. Today, garages often function as more than parking places. They've become gathering places for social get-togethers and hobby areas for homeowners. Even if you just use your garage for storage, having a place to put things away neatly will result in a level of functionality

Custom Storage Suited for You: Closets by Design

Maintaining an organized living space is becoming a major focus for homeowners in 2022. They not only want to be able to entertain guests without having to frantically put away items, but also have the peace of mind that only comes from a clutter-free home.

Good storage is essential to a clean, organized home. Unfortunately, not all homes or home builders have caught up when it comes to storage needs in the 21st century. Unless you're building a custom home, you will likely receive basic wire racks in most of your dedicated storage spaces including closets, laundry rooms, pantries and garages.



That doesn't mean you're simply stuck with your home's built-in storage. Leading industry expert, Closets by Design of the First Coast, works diligently to create beautiful custom storage solutions to elevate a home's design and functionality. Just like you would hire a painter or landscaper, custom storage professionals can help you design custom storage spaces for your newly constructed or existing home.

Closets

Closets are the most important storage space in your house, but many only have basic wire racks that are a major waste of space due to limited functionality and lack of hidden storage.

Thanks to specialists like Closets by Design, this no longer has to be your reality. Selecting from heavy-duty finishes and countless options, you can give your closet its own makeover. This could include custom shelves, hanging racks, cabinets and drawers that are all designed to your liking.

Above all, it's important to know that no space is too big or too small. Homeowners are often surprised how much they can fit into a small hall closet after undergoing custom upgrades.

Laundry Rooms

The area where you wash your clothes is just as important as the place where you store them. With all the different detergents, stain releasers, fabric softeners and starches, a laundry room needs adequate storage space. Yet, builders can easily overlook this, even if the room is fairly large. With Closets by Design, you can install cabinets and shelves that will take your laundry room to the next level.

Pantries

A well-organized pantry is a necessity in every home. When it's cluttered, it's easy for food items to get lost in the back and never used. Consulting



that wasn't possible before. Adding cabinets, shelves and countertops to a garage can create a custom space that will make it easier to store items of any kind.

Closets by Design of the First Coast is the go-to local provider of custom storage solutions. The in-house team of designers, builders and installers work together to create a seamless process from start to finish. With a best-in-class warranty, financing options and a proven history of quality construction, Closets by Design offers a way for every homeowner to have the custom experience of their dreams.

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The Art of Interior Design

For those moving to the First Coast, finding the perfect home can be one of life's greatest adventures, but for some, it can also be daunting when it comes to decorating. Interior design, which was and is still known as the art of decorating, has evolved throughout time. By enriching the interior of a home, a healthy and more aesthetically pleasing atmosphere can be created for everyone to enjoy.



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The last two years have changed many people's mindsets when it comes to how they want their home to look. The more time people have spent in their homes, the more many have realized they want to surround themselves with items in their home that make them happy. Many people dove into new hobbies including cooking, art and DIY projects. Now that people can have friends and family over and entertain in their own homes again, they may want to create a space that is both lively and elegant, yet still practical.

The First Coast has a variety of home choices, from homes in subdivisions, gated and golf course communities to expansive estates, small historic neighborhoods or up-and-coming condominium complexes. Many of these homes feature traditional, contemporary, cottage and coastal

décor. Enlisting the help of an interior designer is what many First Coast residents are now utilizing to personalize and reflect their sense of style. Instead of ending up with an assortment of random paint colors, fabrics and furniture, the end product is a comfortable and desirable home.

When it comes to homeowners beginning the process of creating their own home oasis, it can be hard to know where to start with redecorating and remodeling. Northeast Florida is home to many top interior design consultants, remodelers, custom organizational systems and more,

all working towards the goal of creating a haven unique to each homeowner. Many First Coast residents look to designers who can help find a new look for their home. Designers can assist in lighting, scale and functionality to find the perfect balance. "Human beings are deeply affected by the aesthetics around us. When our surroundings are customized perfectly for us, we thrive. In other words, good design makes life better," said Lisa Gielincki of Lisa Gielincki Interior Design. "Deciding to build, rebuild or remodel your home or commercial space

“*Hiring an interior designer can help elevate your project and bring your vision to life.*”

is a big decision and investment," Gielincki continued. "Hiring an interior designer can help elevate your project and bring your vision to life. In the end, it can also save you time, money, and headaches." The firm has tackled projects of various sizes from new construction to updates and remodels on pre-existing homes. By understanding the art of what is pleasing for the eye and a homeowner's needs, the space can be reconsidered to accommodate their wants. "Designers also work with many other industry professionals including builders, contractors, artists, furniture dealers, craftsmen, architects and many other specialties," said Lisa. Having designers with access to resources a homeowner may not be able to obtain on their own can help bring unique items to a space. "Our job is to make your vision a reality and make your home or office the beautiful, customized space you desire," continued Lisa. "Finding balance, understanding the art and science of what pleases the eye, and taking the psychology of what is being asked of us into account are all components of the everyday decisions we make as designers."

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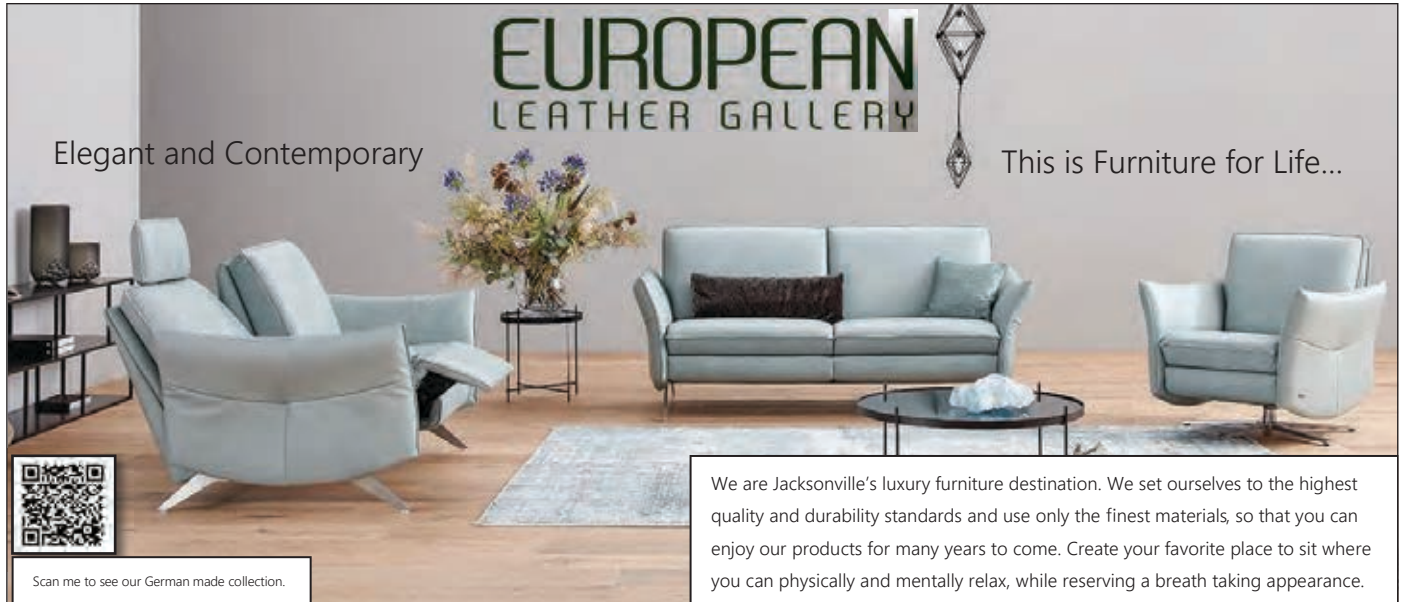
From a simple color transformation to a complete remodel of the interior, homes are ever-changing. The team at Devenio Design is known for their state-of-the-art designs and offers a full range of services to their clients to bring the perfect balance to a home. Known for utilizing stone, granite and marble, Devenio Design focuses on creating perfect designs for the First Coast. They also work to create customized countertops, fireplaces, vanity tops and kitchens to add to the aesthetics of a home. One way to have your space mesh together is to take a look at examples in a showroom that lets homeowners explore a multitude of possibilities and design. "A showroom will give you all the inspiration you need to build ideas around any new feature in your home," said Edwina Autrey, owner of Devenio Design. "With nine years of experience, our success relies on our integrity, quality of work and our commitment towards

handling each job with the same personalized approach for every individual customer that comes into our showroom."

Décor is an important part of the home. Luckily, the local art scene is full of talent that can be found in many homes on the First Coast from the beach to the city. Homeowners looking for unique pieces can peruse local art events where popular items in home décor can be found. Handcrafted textiles, hand-spun pottery, original paintings and art pieces have been prominent staples in the design world. Another design trend found on the First Coast is a minimalist, contemporary sophistication with natural motifs. Throughout Florida, it is common to come across tropical or beach influences filled with both bold and soft colors. Combining neutral palettes with adding a pop of color can bring a feeling of cool sophistication. Many homes on the First Coast even



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add organizational aspects to a space to keep it uncluttered. Some cabinets with various colors or custom organizational systems can help keep the minimalist flow throughout the home.

The team at Closets by Design of the First Coast knows how important details are and how to bring peace and order to a home. When it comes to tackling a project such as a closet, not knowing how to utilize the space can be daunting. Combining personalized style and expert organizational advice, Closets by Design designs, builds and installs custom closets, pantries, home offices, laundry rooms, garage cabinets and more. “If your closets, garages, pantries or laundry rooms are cramped and full of clutter, Closets by Design can help turn your chaos into order with

custom home organizing systems. No matter the size or type of space, a solution is offered to fit every need and budget ranging from super simple to extravagantly elegant,” said Mark Hutto, owner and CEO of Closets by Design. The team guides homeowners through the process to find the perfect design for the space. “We start by measuring your space and itemizing your belongings, then show you ideas and samples to help you create a style that’s just right for you,” said Hutto. “Your designer will work with you to custom design your units using dozens of material options and hundreds of features.” Closets by Design of the First Coast has multiple options within the available collections for all wants and needs. The team can improve a specific storage space or do an overhaul

throughout the entire home. There are many design options available including fresh and modern or a traditional, sophisticated style. The team also works with homeowners to create the best use of space for garages, home offices, pantries and media centers. Custom closet design and organizational services are the best way to turn chaos into order. The First Coast has many professionals to help make the home of your dreams come true. By enlisting the help of a professional designer or remodeler, decorating can be a lot of fun and stress-free. These local professionals can juggle the many aspects that go into the design from start to finish. In the end, you’ll end up with the ultimate reward—turning your dreams into a reality.

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Playing Ruff

Now that you've settled into your new home, spend some quality time with your furry pals at one of the local pet-friendly beaches and parks.



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Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park

Must be leashed

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Mayport Beach

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Dogs permitted daily until dusk

Mickler's Beachfront Park

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Oct. 1 to March 31 - dogs permitted

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Peters Point Beachfront Park

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Ponte Vedra Beach

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Vilano Beach

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DOG PARKS

Atlantic Beach Dog Park

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Veterans Park Dog Park

St. Johns

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Pet Adoption Locations and Events

Looking for a furry companion? The First Coast has plenty of pet adoption events and local shelters where you can find that new addition to your family.

ADOPTION EVENTS

Dog Days of Baker Festival

June

www.bakercountyfl.org/dogdays

First Coast No More Homeless Pets MEGA Adoption Event

Three times a year

www.fcnmhp.org

PetSmart National Adoption Week

November

www.petsmartcharities.org/adopt-a-pet/adoption-events

Whiskers And Waves Adoption Event

March

www.coj.net/departments/neighborhoods/animal-care---protective-services.aspx

If you aren't able to adopt a pet, consider becoming a foster! It's a great way to temporarily care for pets in need before they are ready to be placed in a forever home.



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ANIMAL SHELTERS

Animal Care and Protective Services
www.coj.net/departments/neighborhoods/animal-care---protective-services.aspx

Ayla's Acres No-Kill Animal Rescue
www.aylasacres.org

Baker County Animal Control
www.bakercountyfl.org/animals.php

Clay County Animal Services
www.claycountygov.com/community/animal-services/adoption

Clay County Humane Society
www.clayhumane.org

Froggy's Cat Rescue
www.froggycatrescue.com

Jacksonville Humane Society
www.jaxhumane.org

Nassau County Animal Services
www.nassaucountyfl.com/845/Animal-Services

Nassau Humane Society
www.nassauhumane.org
S.A.F.E. Pet Rescue, Inc.
www.safe-pet-rescue-fl.com

St. Augustine Humane Society
www.staughumane.org

St. Johns County Animal Control
www.co.st-johns.fl.us/animalcontrol

Wags & Whiskers Pet Rescue, Inc.
www.wwpetrescue.org

Wildlife Rehabilitation Programs

If you're looking for a different way to help local wildlife such as squirrels, raccoons and opossums, then consider volunteering or fostering 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.

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Grab Your Sunglasses!

First Coast Weather

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The First Coast is home to beautiful weather where residents can enjoy blue skies and beach days almost all year long. With this picture-perfect weather from November until April, residents still may need to grab an umbrella with some rain showers making an appearance during the summer. The winters are mild with temperatures ranging from the mid-40s to the mid-60s. Some early risers may find a sprinkling of frost on the ground during the winter. Summers are a bit warmer, ranging from the mid-70s to the low-90s, but temperatures have been known to break over 90 degrees on a sunny day. Grab your sunglasses and enjoy the great outdoors. No matter the weather, there is always something fun to do on the First Coast!

Suit Up! (Cool Down This Summer)

- More than 60 miles of beaches and waterways run along the First Coast including 50 public boat ramps.
- Pools for public use are located throughout Jacksonville with more than 30 available including the Cecil Aquatic Center.
- Kayak in the St. Johns River, Hanna Park or Amelia Island.
- Splash parks at Sunshine Park, Hanna Park, Wiley Playground, Losco Playground, Abess Park and the Jacksonville Zoo.

Rain, Rain, Go Away!

- Bounce the day away at an indoor trampoline park. Check out our list on page 147.
- Shop for the latest trends at our indoor malls including the Avenues Mall and Orange Park Mall.
- With 21 locations throughout the First Coast, it's easy to check out some books from your local library branch.
- Museums like the Museum of Science & History, Museum of Contemporary Art and Cummer Art Museum are full of new discoveries.
- Grab some popcorn at the Sun-Ray Cinema, San Marco Theatre, IMAX Theater or a movie theater near you for the latest movies.

AVERAGE HIGH/LOW TEMPERATURE

MONTH	HIGH	LOW
January	64.2°F	41.9°F
February	67.3°F	44.3°F
March	73.4°F	49.8°F
April	78.6°F	54.6°F
May	84.3°F	62.5°F
June	88.7°F	69.4°F
July	90.8°F	72.4°F
August	89.4°F	72.2°F
September	86.1°F	69.4°F
October	80.4°F	60.5°F
November	72.5°F	50.8°F
December	65.8°F	44.1°F

AVERAGE RAINFALL BY INCHES

MONTH	INCHES
January	3.69
February	3.15
March	3.93
April	3.14
May	3.48
June	5.37
July	5.97
August	6.87
September	7.90
October	3.86
November	2.34
December	2.64

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

Hurricane: winds 74 mph and above.

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

Tropical Depression: maximum sustained wind speed of 38 mph.

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

Hurricane Categories:

The Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale is used by meteorologists to define a hurricane's category and determine safety measures that residents should take for hurricane preparation or even evacuation. This categorization scale doesn't determine other possible hurricane-related effects such as storm surge, tornadoes or flooding due to the increase of rain.

- 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/community/emergency-management

Duval County/City of Jacksonville: www.jaxready.com

Nassau County: www.nassaucountyfl.com/370/Emergency-Management

St. Johns County: www.sjcemergencymanagement.com

Florida Division of Emergency Management: www.floridadisaster.org

TORNADOES

Compared to the Midwest, tornadoes on the First Coast aren't nearly as strong, but can still cause significant damage. Tornadoes can reach 300 mph with an average forward speed of 30 mph. If a tornado warning is issued, make sure to take shelter indoors away from the storm. When inside a building or home, stay away from windows in an inner room such as a bathroom or closet. Crouch low to the ground and cover your head with your hands. Stay aware of severe weather in the area, as tornadoes can develop quickly and advanced warning isn't always possible.

Weather Terms to Know:

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

Tornado Warning: tornado sighted or indicated on radar.

Waterspout: tornado that forms over warm water.

Weather Prep

Storm Preparations

Being prepared with emergency supplies and a plan can help reduce stress in the wake of a storm. Assemble a disaster supply kit and keep it in an easily accessible place including a first aid kit and at least a three-day supply of food and water. Items such as flashlights and a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio are helpful to have to stay up to date on comprehensive 24-hour weather forecasts. Keep a full tank of gas and plan multiple travel routes out of the area. Besides learning your evacuation zone, keep in mind that if an evacuation does occur, highways, bridges and roads may close.

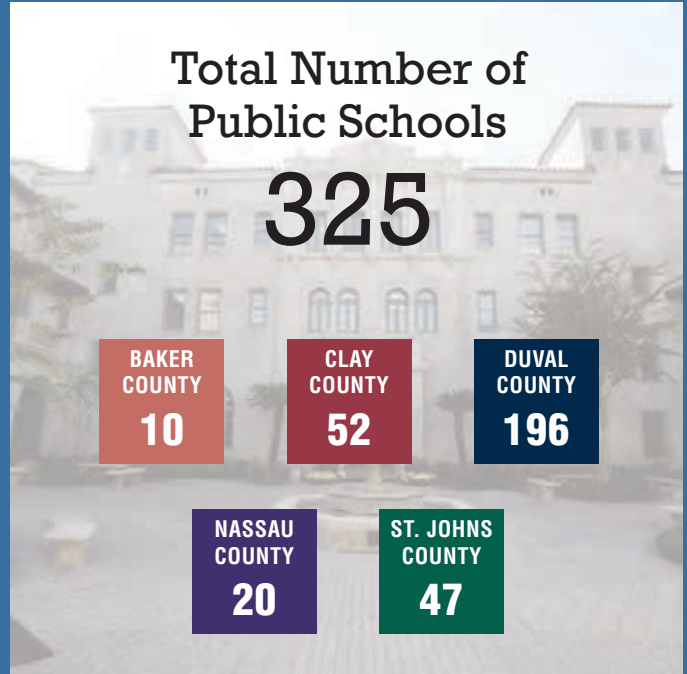
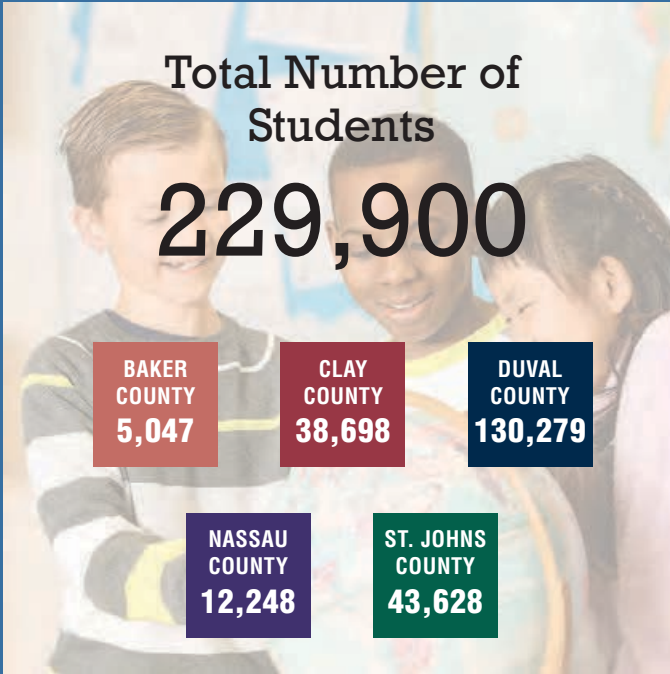
Protect your home by boarding up glass doors or windows with plywood or installing hurricane shutters. Collect any loose objects from the yard as they are a hazard and could fly away during high winds. The local emergency management or planning/zoning office can alert you if you live in a potential flood zone and give suggestions for additional preparation such as getting sandbags to prevent water from getting into your house.

HURRICANES

Hurricane season begins in June and lasts until the end of November and although most common during those months, hurricanes can form throughout the year. With three peninsulas, Florida gets the brunt of the storms on its coastlines, which are most threatened by these storms. As the most western point on the U.S. Eastern Seaboard, Northeast Florida receives fewer hurricanes than other parts of the state.

Education

The First Coast's school systems are committed to delivering students an excellent education in safe learning environments. With some of the top schools located on the First Coast, it is easy to see how three of five counties have placed in the top 10 counties in the state of Florida for education.



BAKER COUNTY

www.bakerk12.org

With one Pre-K/kindergarten center, five elementary schools, three middle schools and one high school, Baker County School District is dedicated to “building champions inside and outside of the classroom.” Alumnus of this school district have graduated from colleges and universities and joined the military and completed technical programs to further their education.

CLAY COUNTY

www.oneclay.net

Clay County Schools have an excellent reputation for creating students that have high academic accomplishments. With 52 public schools serving more than 38,000 students, the school district is one of the top-ranked public school districts in Florida. Students learn in a motivating environment with accelerated learning programs available for high schoolers to earn college credit. The vision of Clay County District Schools stands true, “to prepare life-long learners for success in a global and competitive workplace and in acquiring applicable life skills.”

DUVAL COUNTY

www.dcps.duvalschools.org

Duval County offers neighborhood, magnet, charter and virtual schools, allowing students to attend a school that fits their own personal needs. Duval provides an array of academic programs like Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE), International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP). As the largest school district on the First Coast, the district strives to improve and encourage students with a “whole child” approach to education.

NASSAU COUNTY

www.nassau.k12.fl.us

Nassau County School District works to develop skills students will need in future careers. This includes striving

towards respect, trust, communication and involving the family to create a life-long love of learning. The district offers a wide array of curriculums with athletic teams, extracurricular activities and AP courses.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

www.stjohns.k12.fl.us

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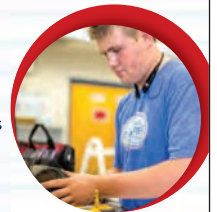
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NASSAU COUNTY**Lighthouse Christian School****Callahan****www.lighthousechristianschool.net**

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www.floridaearlylearning.com

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www.elcduval.org/child-care-financial-assistance

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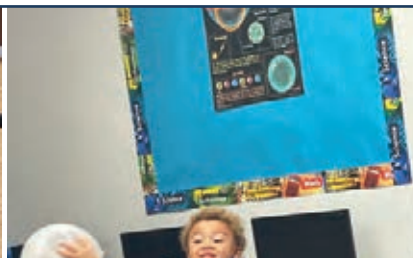
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Dear Neighbor,

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

With a mission statement of “helping physicians care for the health of our community,” the Duval County Medical Society strives to meet the demands of all of our citizens requiring care. With nearly 1,800 physician members, our organization serves as the leading and guiding force in healthcare for Northeast Florida. Our members are leaders both in our community and in our state. DCMS leader 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.

Our members volunteer their time providing care at free clinics, offering athletic screenings to student athletes, and educating the community on improving their health and well-being. The DCMS is committed to always serving you and your family’s healthcare needs.

If you’re searching for a physician in our community, I urge you to visit our website at dcmsonline.org and utilize our physician search offering. You can narrow down our members by specialty and location to find a physician that’s exactly 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 in supporting your community.

If you have any questions about our organization, I encourage you to reach out to me personally at mark.dobbertien@gmail.com.

Very respectfully,

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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 include physical, speech, occupational and neurological therapies. A variety of additional specialties are available, from cardiology and neurosciences to endocrinology and imaging services. Patients also have access to primary care and health screening services.



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Opened in December 2019, UF Health Wildlight is the newest outpatient medical facility 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. A new rehabilitation facility opened in the fall of 2020 and offers occupational, physical and speech therapies for adults and children. The facility is also home to a healthy living center and a YMCA.

Other area hospitals:

BAKER COUNTY

Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital

Serving the residents of Baker County, Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital in Macclenny has a dynamic staff of physicians and nurses who provide care using state-of-the-art technology. For routine checkups, sick visits, and family-based care, patients can also visit the Dopson Family Medical Center and Baker Rural Health Clinic located on the hospital campus.

CLAY COUNTY

Kindred Hospital North Florida

Located in Green Cove Springs, this 80-bed acute long-term care hospital offers specialized care to patients who need extended hospital stays. The hospital also has a 14-bed acute rehabilitation unit designed for people who have experienced the debilitating effects of an acute injury, impairment, or illness.

Orange Park Medical Center

One of Northeast Florida's top healthcare providers, Orange Park Medical Center provides quality care and extraordinary service to the Clay County community. It has been given America's 250 Best Hospitals Award™, America's 100 Best Hospitals for Critical Care Award™, and more. The hospital has nine labor, delivery and recovery room suites for new moms and a seven-bed, Level II neonatal intensive care unit for premature babies and those born with special needs.



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Mayo Clinic

One of the premier medical destination centers in the Southeast, Mayo Clinic's Florida location is one of only three in the United States. Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville currently has three patient care buildings, a hospital, two research buildings and multiple free-standing primary care centers, and continues to grow. Each year Mayo Clinic treats more than 120,000 patients across 40 specialties.

DUVAL-SOUTH

Ascension St. Vincent's Southside Hospital

The oldest private hospital in Florida, Ascension St. Vincent's Southside provides world-class care to the First Coast. It is the only community hospital in Jacksonville to receive the "baby-friendly" designation from the World Health Organization and UNICEF.

Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville

For more than two decades, Baptist Jacksonville has provided the highest level of medical and surgical care utilizing the latest technology. One of the largest hospitals in the area, Baptist Jacksonville is home to the Baptist Heart Hospital, which is the area's only



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Baptist Medical Center South

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

Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital

The Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital - University Campus provides the best rehabilitation care for patients needing intensive therapy. The hospital is CARF-accredited in brain injury, general rehabilitation, pain, pediatrics, spinal cord injury and stroke. Brooks will soon open a new 60-bed rehabilitation hospital located on its Bartram Campus that will provide rehabilitation services for stroke, non-traumatic spinal cord injuries and brain injuries, orthopaedic conditions and medically complex patients.

Memorial Hospital Jacksonville

For more than 45 years, this 454-bed acute care hospital has provided top-notch care to the First Coast. Memorial is home to an accredited Chest Pain Center, certified Stroke Center, dedicated Heart Center, Bone and Joint Center, and a maternity center.

Nemours Children's Health

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PAM Health Specialty Hospital of Jacksonville

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DUVAL-WEST

Ascension St. Vincent’s

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NASSAU COUNTY

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ST. JOHNS COUNTY

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Southeast Orthopedic Specialists	Orthopaedics	634-0640 se-ortho.com	5	35	20	n/a	Fleming Island, Jacksonville, Jacksonville Beach, Orange Park, Ponte Vedra, St. Augustine
UF Health Cardiovascular Center	Cardiovascular	383-1011 ufhealthjax.org/location/34/ uf-health-cardiovascular-center- jacksonville	1	15	40	UF Health	Jacksonville
UF Health Jacksonville Primary Care	Family & Internal Medicine	244-0411 ufhealthjax.org/primary-care	33	47	50+	UF Health	Callahan, Fernandina Beach, Jacksonville, Jacksonville Beach, Middleburg, Orange Park, Ponte Vedra
UF Health Neuroscience Institute	Neurology	244-0411 ufhealthjax.org/neuroscience	6	20+	40	UF Health	Jacksonville
Women's Care Florida	Obstetrics & Gynecology	296-2441 womenscarefl.com	28	20+	23	Baptist Health, Ascension St. Vincent's	Fernandina Beach, Fleming Island, Jacksonville, Jacksonville Beach, Orange Park, Ponte Vedra, St. Augustine, Yulee

Healthcare on the First Coast is Thriving!

The Jacksonville area is experiencing a growth in economic and job opportunities that is unprecedented. Over the last year, Jacksonville's job market has experienced an increase of 2.8 percent, with job growth expected to reach an increase of 44.4 percent in the next 10 years. These circumstances have set the stage for the healthcare industry to expand and thrive in a multitude of ways. As there is an increase in homeowners and residents within the area, the need for healthcare expansion to cater to a larger community is necessary. Currently, there are a variety of developmental projects underway. This includes new hospitals, clinics and rehabilitation sites, along with healthcare industry collaborations, expanding facilities and new available treatment plans.



Photo by Stephanie Marty

Ascension St. Vincent's St. Johns County

St. Johns County is one of the fastest-growing populations in the region. With a larger community comes a larger need for healthcare services. Ascension St. Vincent's has broken ground on its fourth Northeast Florida hospital in St. Johns County. With an expected opening date in 2022, this will be one of two acute care hospitals in the area. At an estimated cost of \$115 million, the hospital will be built on a 150,000-square-foot expanse and will house up to 56 beds. Services will include emergency services, hospitalization, cardiovascular care, orthopaedics and musculoskeletal care, general surgical services, laboratory and imaging services. The new hospital will also include an intensive care unit that will hold a total of eight beds.

Baptist HealthPlace at Fleming Island

Baptist Health has expanded its healthcare services in Clay County. Last year Baptist Health purchased an 11-acre VyStar Credit Union property and built a new Baptist HealthPlace location on Fleming Island, adjacent to its current Baptist Clay Medical Campus. "With VyStar's 11 additional acres, our new hospital encompasses more than 40 acres, giving us room to expand to meet the health needs of the growing Clay County community," Baptist Clay hospital president, Darin Roark, stated. The new 86,000-square-foot facility opened in Fall 2021.

Brooks Rehabilitation Bartram Campus

Brooks Rehabilitation has set out to provide an outreach of inpatient rehabilitation services within the Jacksonville region. The construction of a new hospital in the Bartram Park area within the preexisting 115-acre campus aims to meet increasing demands of the surrounding

community. The Bartram facility's new addition will offer care that includes post brain and spinal cord injury, stroke and any other impairing injury. Brooks Rehabilitation has an expansive reach over the Jacksonville area, often partnering with other hospitals and providing rehabilitation services to more than 3,000 patients at Brooks on University Boulevard annually. The new hospital will continue the growth of Brooks' expansive inpatient rehabilitation services that feature cutting edge technology, a variety of clinical experts and effective treatment plans. Once constructed, the new hospital is expected to open in 2022, with an estimated 150 staff to be employed.

Encompass Health

To provide the First Coast community with comprehensive physical rehabilitative services, Encompass Health plans to build a state-of-the-art 50-bed inpatient rehabilitation hospital on Jacksonville's southside. The hospital will provide speech, occupational and physical therapy

services and provide 24-hour care by registered nurses. It will also care for patients recovering from illnesses and injuries including strokes and other neurological disorders, brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, amputations and complex orthopaedic conditions. The Jacksonville location plans to begin seeing patients in the second half of 2022.

Flagler Health+ and UF Health Collaboration

A new age of healthcare is being ushered in by recent collaborations between industries and enterprises. Flagler Health+ sets its intentions on working with UF Health to bring forth a fresh concept of health and wellness to Durbin Park in St. Johns County. UF Health is widely known for its health colleges, research and institutions. As such, Flagler Health+ sets its sites on expanding with UF Health with the commitment of providing advanced health services to the Northeast Florida community.

In an informal agreement of collaboration, both parties display interest in building clinics, starting new residency programs, and offering new educational prospects for residents and those seeking fellowships. Flagler Health+ has already taken initiative by purchasing 40 acres of Durbin Park Development from GATE Lands. Plans of a health campus, ambulatory medical services and other medical facilities are being discussed.

Orange Park Medical Center

In March 2021, Orange Park Medical Center completed a 101,435-square-foot expansion which added a five-story patient tower, outpatient testing, a dining room, kitchen, medical office building, electrophysiology lab and neonatal intensive care unit. Now, Orange Park Medical Center will become the fifth-largest hospital in Northeast Florida in 2023 when its 34-million-dollar expansion is complete. Bringing the bed count to 408, the hospital continues to provide the highest level of care for its patients. The addition will add 20 intensive care unit beds and 48 private patient rooms as well as a 300-space parking lot. Each patient room is being upgraded with state-of-the-art clinical communication technology, including high-speed internet access and 50-inch TVs equipped with Apple TV. This expansion will also provide the community with an additional 80 jobs in the hospital.

Medical Tourism

With many high-profile healthcare facilities on the First Coast, it is easy to see why many people from around the nation and world travel to the area for medical care. There is a multitude of medical services from transplants, dialysis, pediatrics, bariatric surgery to cancer treatment, cardiac health and advanced rehabilitation services.

As home to Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center, Mayo Clinic, UF Health Proton Therapy Institute and Wolfson Children's Hospital, the area offers many top healthcare options.

Many research and residency collaborations with the University of Florida, University of North Florida, Jacksonville University and Florida State College at Jacksonville also contribute to the medical success of the area.

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The First Coast is home to one of three Mayo Clinics and one of six MD Anderson Cancer Center partnerships.
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Orange Park Medical Center Expansion, photo courtesy of Clay County

10 Reasons the First Coast is The Best Place for Seniors!

1

Retirement-worthy weather!

The First Coast is blessed to have great weather all year long! Sun-filled days in the summers and mild temperatures in the winter allows seniors to enjoy the outdoors no matter the time of year.

2

Volunteer opportunities!

Volunteering is a great way for seniors to stay connected with the community. The First Coast has numerous programs and organizations to get involved in, including the Foster Grandparents Program, Catholic Charities, Seniors on a Mission Inc., and RSVP—one of the largest volunteer networks in the nation.

3

The affordability!

For decades, seniors have been drawn to the First Coast due to its affordability. 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.

4

Our active adult communities!

Northeast Florida is home to many top-notch active adult communities that offer resort-style amenities and recreation. Seniors can choose from several types, styles, and price points that meet any budget.

5

Gorgeous parks!

Seniors have endless opportunities to explore the great outdoors here. Jacksonville is home to the largest urban park system in the country, with more than 400 parks. There are also many beautiful state parks in the area to explore.

6

Senior centers!

The First Coast has numerous community and senior centers that offer enriching programs, classes, events, meals and more. For a senior center near you, see our list on page 99.

7

Healthcare!

First Coast seniors have access to the best healthcare available, with many large hospitals and health systems in the area. Northeast Florida is home to Baptist Health, UF Health Jacksonville, Ascension St. Vincent's, Mayo Clinic and Flagler Health+. For veterans, there are VA clinics in Jacksonville and St. Augustine.

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Attractions!

The First Coast is full of attractions that offer senior discounts, such as the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, and the Museum of Science and History (MOSH).

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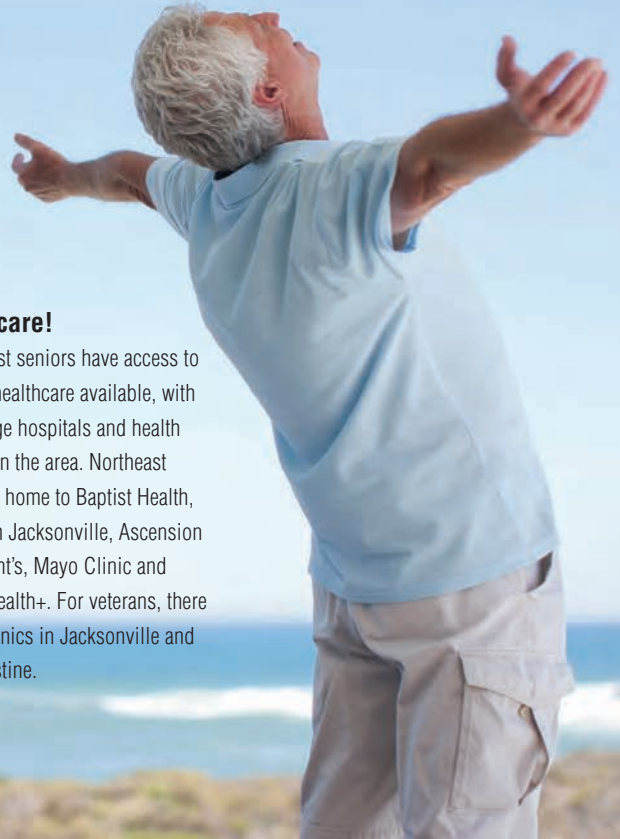
Sports!

Seniors can enjoy every kind of sporting event here on the First Coast, with professional football, baseball, hockey and more. Our area is also home to The PLAYERS Championship golf tournament.

10

Our location!

Popular vacation destinations such as Daytona Beach, the Gulf Coast or Walt Disney World are just a short drive away from the First Coast. Our international airport, JAX, can also get you anywhere in the world.



Exciting Annual Senior Events!

Seniors on the First Coast can enjoy exciting events throughout the year. For the most up-to-date information on events please visit coj.net, the City of Jacksonville Senior Services Division Facebook page or call 255-5667.

Fish-A-Thon

Held at Hanna Park, this annual fishing tournament for seniors includes games, contests and more. Seniors can win awards for catching the largest fish, smallest fish, most fish, prettiest fish and ugliest fish.

Forever Fit 50 & Beyond: Jacksonville Senior Games

This annual event celebrates fitness after age 50 and has seniors compete in various games and athletic events at multiple 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 Seminar for Seniors

This seminar gives seniors the tools they need to protect themselves not only physically, but from fraud and scams.

Senior Expo

Hosted twice a year, this two-day expo shares information, programs, and resources available in the area for seniors. There is also live entertainment and free health screenings.

Senior Prom

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

Spring Fling

Join the City of Jacksonville for a night of fun! Each spring seniors can enjoy a night of delicious food and dancing at this exciting event.

Walk for Senior Wellness

This scenic walk around TIAA Bank Field celebrates senior fitness and wellness. Before the walk, participants can warm up by stretching and dancing.



Senior Games, photo courtesy of COJ

First Coast Senior Centers

BAKER COUNTY

Baker County Council on Aging 259-9315

CLAY COUNTY

Clayton & Mildred Revels Senior Center 284-3134
 Orange Park Senior Center 269-4731
 Weigel Senior Center 291-3520
 William M. Beam Senior Center 352-473-7121

DUVAL COUNTY

DUVAL-BEACHES

Bennie Furlong Beaches Senior Center 241-3796
 Neptune Beach Senior Activity Center 477-0386

DUVAL-NORTH

Frances Padgett Arlington Senior Center.... 723-6142
 Jim Fortuna Senior Center 996-0211
 Leroy D. Clemons Senior Center..... 693-4918
 Oceanway Senior Center 696-4331

DUVAL-SOUTH

Mandarin Senior Center..... 262-7309
 Windy Hill Senior Center 630-0724

DUVAL-WEST

Carvill Senior Center 764-0330
 Charlie T. Joseph Senior Center..... 768-4762
 Clanzel T. 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
 Riverview Senior Center..... 765-7511
 Wallace Small Senior Center..... 630-0724

NASSAU COUNTY

Janice Ancrum Senior Life Center 261-0701
 Nassau County Council on Aging 261-0701
 Westside Senior Life Center..... 845-3331

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Coastal Community Center 209-3647
 Council on Aging Center at Flagler Health+ Village at Nocatee..... 819-3234
 Hastings Senior Center 729-9161
 Players Community Senior Center, The..... 280-3233
 River House..... 209-3631
 Trout Creek Senior Center 209-3631

Pickleball on the First Coast

Combining the elements of tennis, badminton and ping pong, Pickleball is becoming a popular sport among seniors! It's a great way to not only have fun but stay fit and active. The following are resources for playing pickleball on the First Coast.

North Florida Pickleball
www.northfloridapickleball.com

Pickleball by the Sea
www.pickleballbythesea.com

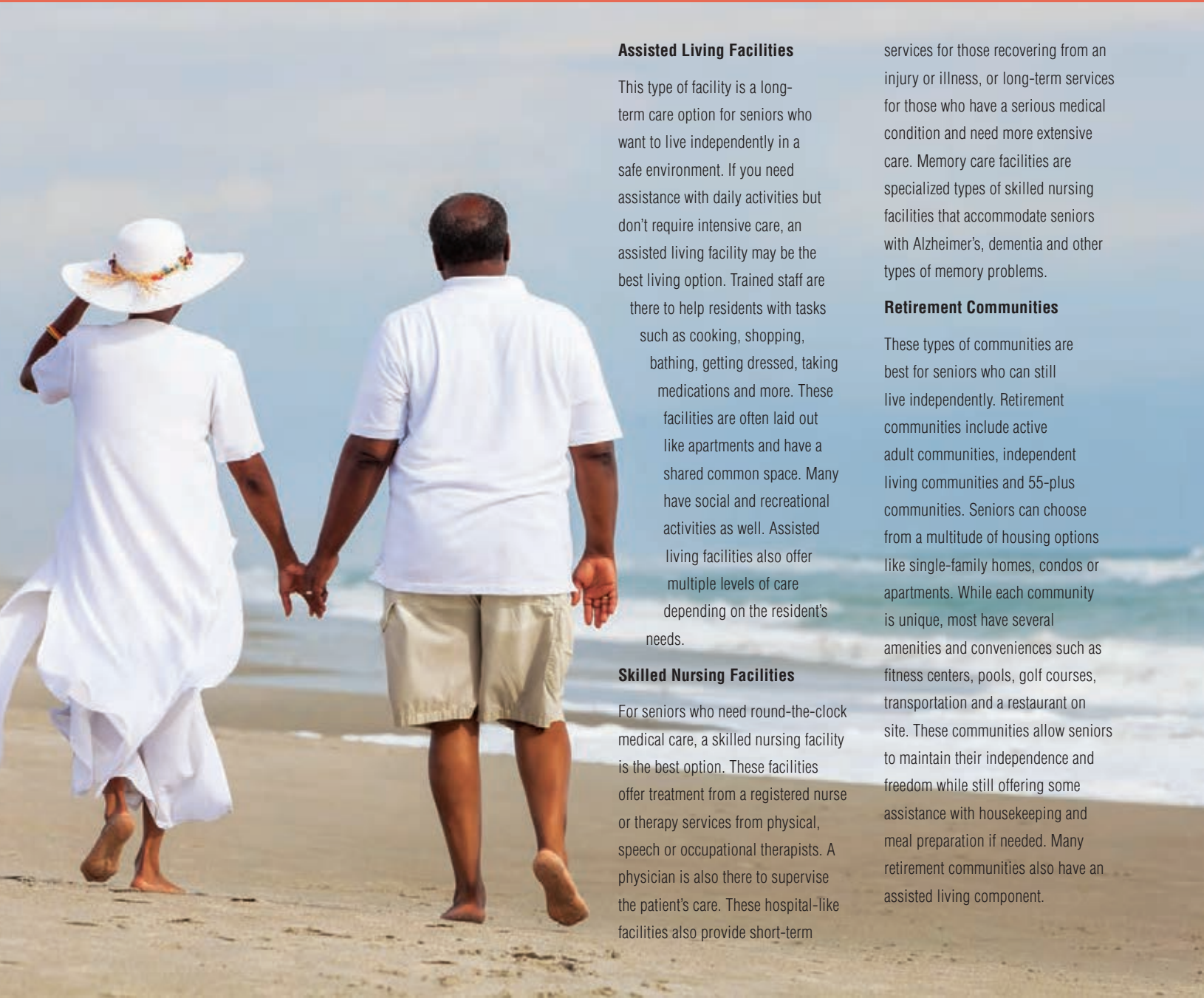
USA Pickleball Association
www.usapa.org



Pickleball, photo courtesy of COJ

Choosing the Right Senior Living Option

There are many living options for seniors moving to the First Coast, but it's important to know which option is the best fit for your specific needs. Deciding on living arrangements can feel overwhelming but knowing the differences between each type is a good place to start. Take the time to tour different communities or facilities and ask about what services are provided and any extra costs.



Assisted Living Facilities

This type of facility is a long-term care option for seniors who want to live independently in a safe environment. If you need assistance with daily activities but don't require intensive care, an assisted living facility may be the best living option. Trained staff are there to help residents with tasks such as cooking, shopping, bathing, getting dressed, taking medications and more. These facilities are often laid out like apartments and have a shared common space. Many have social and recreational activities as well. Assisted living facilities also offer multiple levels of care depending on the resident's needs.

Skilled Nursing Facilities

For seniors who need round-the-clock medical care, a skilled nursing facility is the best option. These facilities offer treatment from a registered nurse or therapy services from physical, speech or occupational therapists. A physician is also there to supervise the patient's care. These hospital-like facilities also provide short-term

services for those recovering from an injury or illness, or long-term services for those who have a serious medical condition and need more extensive care. Memory care facilities are specialized types of skilled nursing facilities that accommodate seniors with Alzheimer's, dementia and other types of memory problems.

Retirement Communities

These types of communities are best for seniors who can still live independently. Retirement communities include active adult communities, independent living communities and 55-plus communities. Seniors can choose from a multitude of housing options like single-family homes, condos or apartments. While each community is unique, most have several amenities and conveniences such as fitness centers, pools, golf courses, transportation and a restaurant on site. These communities allow seniors to maintain their independence and freedom while still offering some assistance 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, check out the *Jacksonville Senior Services Directory* at www.heritagepublishinginc.com or pick up a copy in-person at your local library or senior center.



Work

In the Work Section,
see what makes the
First Coast such a
great place to work
and do business.

Northeast Florida Businesses: A Driving Force of the Economy

With more than 100 industry headquarters in the area, the First Coast draws many different business sectors from all over. As one of the fastest-growing areas for businesses in the country, this area is an affordable option for businesses as there are no taxes on corporate franchises, inventory, foreign or personal income. The average commute time of 26.5 minutes, which is less than any other major city, is another desirable reason to call this city home.



VyStar, photo by Jonathan Lowe on Unsplash



Offices on Gate Parkway, photo by Monica Fields

The city ranks as one of the best places for both careers and businesses and boasts three Fortune 500 companies, four Fortune 1000 companies and a labor force of more than 845,000. The city ranks No. 4 for the best state to start a business according to Wallethub and MoneyGeek ranked Jacksonville No. 3 for the best city for job seekers.

Florida has 10 airports that offer more than 95 non-stop flights daily to major U.S. cities, more than 130 public-use airports, 20 commercial airports and 15 deep-water seaports to maintain trade between multiple countries. Local seaports contribute \$117 billion to the economy and 900,000 jobs in the state.

The tech industry in the area has boomed to the point that *Bloomberg* and LinkedIn stated that Jacksonville is ranking No. 4 as the preferred destination for tech workers. This places Jacksonville ahead of some larger cities like San Francisco and Seattle. Both e-commerce and fintech have had higher growth rates in Jacksonville and more than 13 e-commerce companies have settled on the First Coast in the last five years.

More than 20 major banks, insurance and investment service firms on the Fortune Global 500 list have operations on the First Coast. With considerable growth as a financial focal point, this sector has become a financial powerhouse.

Florida Offers Sales and Use Tax Exemptions on:

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

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Jacksonville ranked as the 22nd Best Place to Live in the U.S. – U.S. News and World Report
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Florida does not have:

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



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 750 members in eight Northeast Florida counties. As the largest chapter in the state of Florida, SHRM Jacksonville has proudly served the First Coast for 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; 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 Summits, bringing together speakers who are recognized as the best in their field, HR professionals and those serving the HR community for three half-day events during the year. 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.

Welcome to the First Coast!

Sincerely,

Heather Cosgrove

Heather Cosgrove, SHRM-SCP, SPHR

2021-2022 President

SHRM Jacksonville

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First Coast Businesses Are Booming!

The First Coast is the best place to do business. Companies continue to relocate and expand here, and it's clear why. In addition to being centered around our deep-water ports, the First Coast region has a young, vibrant and highly skilled workforce. Below are just a few businesses that have been experiencing growth and new projects.

Amazon

Amazon continues to increase its presence on the First Coast.



Construction for another Amazon fulfillment center at AllianceFlorida at Cecil Commerce Center is complete. Known as JAX9, the almost 280,000-square-foot facility serves as a sortation center and created about 260 jobs.

Amazon's nearly 1.1 million-square-foot fulfillment center at Imeson Park on the Northside of Jacksonville recently opened and has created 500 new full-time jobs. Down in St. Johns County, Amazon is developing

another last-mile delivery center known as DJX6. The new warehouse and distribution center will span about 125,000 square feet.

Boeing

Boeing recently broke ground on a new 370,000-square-foot maintenance, repair and overhaul facility at Cecil Airport that will help the company deliver readiness outcomes for U.S. government customers. The facility will feature eight new airplane hangars, as well as additional workspace and offices where mechanics, engineers and data analysts will support the needs of military aircraft. The project will

Saint-Gobain North America

Saint-Gobain North America is planning to construct a new gypsum logistics facility through its building products subsidiary CertainTeed. The facility will repurpose an unused Superfund site along the St. Johns River in Jacksonville. Until 1978, the site belonged to Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation. The new facility will support CertainTeed's wallboard plant in nearby Palatka and bolster its supply chain throughout the Southeast.



Over the next few years, this project will create 32 jobs and cost an estimated \$70 million. Once the facility is operational, it will be equipped with a bulkhead, a conveyor, an unloading ramp, truck staging areas and an office space. Construction is expected to begin in 2022.

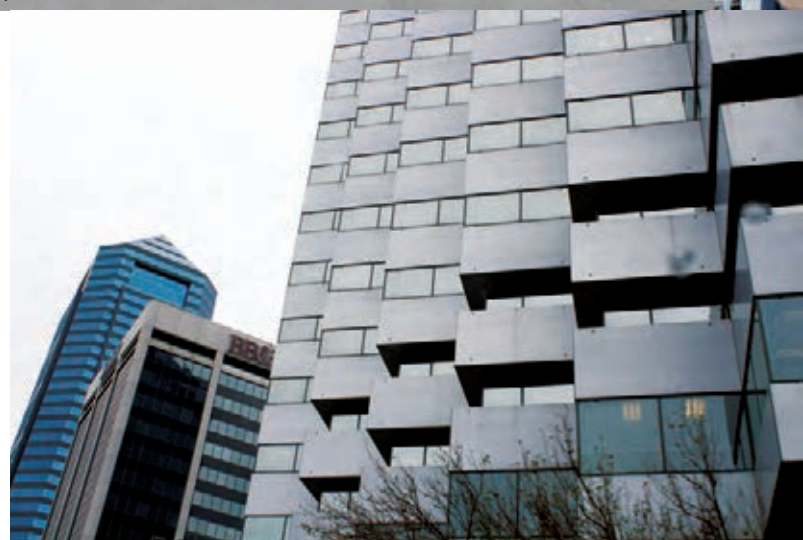
Cecil Commerce Center

Cecil Commerce Center, located on the Westside of Jacksonville, is one of the most sought-after locations in the Southeastern U.S. for manufacturing and supply chain logistics. Zoned for



Boeing Groundbreaking at Cecil Commerce Center, photo by Steven Schultz

industrial and commercial use, this site offers mid- to large-size parcels for development. The center has a wonderful transportation and utility infrastructure, is close to I-10, and is home to the third-longest runway in the state. All these features are attracting large companies that bring thousands of jobs to the First Coast. In the past few years, companies such as General Electric (now known as Baker Hughes), FedEx, Bridgestone, Wayfair, Northrop Grumman and Amazon have opened extensive operations here.



Downtown, photo by Megan Stallings on Unsplash

also create 300 new high-wage jobs. Construction is expected to be completed in 2023.

American Roll-On Roll-Off Carrier Group

Global logistics and shipping services company American Roll-On Roll-Off Carrier Group (ARC) has moved its corporate headquarters from New Jersey to Ponte Vedra Beach. This move has created 50 new high-paying jobs. The company also plans to expand further throughout St. Johns County and hire additional employees. ARC provides port-to-port transport of cars, trucks, trailers and aircraft, in addition to home goods and other types of cargo.



Malnove

Advanced manufacturing industry continues to grow on the First Coast. Malnove, one of the top independent folding carton manufacturers in the country, is growing its plant in North Jacksonville. The \$7.4 million expansion will create 10 new jobs and retain the company's current 182 employees. Malnove makes packaging products for a wide range of clients and customers, mostly in the packaged foods industry.



Automotive Industry Expansions

With consumer demand for automobiles increasing, the First Coast continues to draw in large retailers throughout the automotive supply chain. E-commerce retailers like 1A Auto and Carparts.com have added distribution centers right here in Jacksonville. The companies join major brands such as Volkswagen, BMW and Mercedes-Benz, as well as industrial battery manufacturer Saft, which all have distribution centers here on the First Coast.



First Coast U.S. Headquarters of Foreign Corporations

Adecco Group North America
Staffing/Recruiting

City Facilities Management
Refrigeration Facilities Management

KLS Martin
Manufacturing

Association of Tennis Professionals
Professional Sports

Höegh Autoliners
Shipping

Saft Batteries
Manufacturing

Buffet Crampon USA
Musical Instruments

Photos by Stephanie Marty



Chambers of Commerce in the 5-County Region

Baker County Chamber of Commerce
20 E. Macclenny Ave., Macclenny
www.bakerchamberfl.com

Clay County Chamber of Commerce
1845 Town Center Blvd., Ste. 410,
Fleming Island
www.claychamber.com

JAX Chamber
3 Independent Dr., Jacksonville
www.myjaxchamber.com

Nassau County Chamber of Commerce
961687 Gateway Blvd., Ste. 101-G,
Fernandina Beach
www.islandchamber.com

St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce
100 Southpark Blvd., St. Augustine
www.sjcchamber.com

Homegrown Companies

Home to three Fortune 500 and four Fortune 1000 company headquarters, the First Coast is the ideal place for businesses. More than 100 local companies have decided to make the First Coast their home with regional, divisional or corporate headquarters here!



Avallity, photo by Monica Fields

Acosta Sales and Marketing
Marketing

Advantus Corp.
Manufacturing

Allstate
Insurance

APR Energy
Energy Supplier

Ash Properties
Commercial Real Estate

Astadia
IT Consulting

AT&T
Telecommunications

Avallity
Healthcare Technology

Baker Distributing Company
Distribution

Beaver Street Fisheries, Inc.
Wholesale Distribution

Black Knight, Inc.
Financial Services

Brooks Rehabilitation
Healthcare

Bubba Foods
Food

Capital Markets Cooperative
Financial Consulting

Carlisle Interconnect Technologies
Manufacturing

CEVA Logistics
Logistics

Citizens Property Insurance
Insurance

Community First Credit
Union of Florida
Banking Services

Craig/is Ltd.
Insurance Services

Crowley Maritime
Transportation

CSX Corporation
Transportation

David Dobbs Enterprises
Manufacturing

D.R. Horton
Home Builders

Dun & Bradstreet
IT Services

Duval Motor Company
Auto Sales

Elkins Construction
Construction

ERC
Collections Agency

Famous Amos Restaurant
Restaurant

Fanatics, Inc.
Retail

Fidelity National Financial
Financial Services

Firehouse Subs
Food

First Professionals Insurance
Insurance

FIS
Financial Technology

Flagler
Property Development

Florida Blue
Health Insurance

Florida East Coast Railway
Transportation

Florida Times-Union
Media

Forcura
Software

Formativ Health
Healthcare Management

Fortegra Financial
Insurance

Gate Petroleum
Conglomerate

Genplant
Energy Services

Greenshades Software
Software Development

Guidewell
Medical Administration

Haskell
Construction

HC Brands
Manufacturing

Healogics
Wound Care Services

Home Depot Pro, The
Wholesale Distribution

iDeal Aluminum Products
Manufacturing

ISF
IT Services

Jacksonville Jaguars
Sports Franchise

JEA
Utilities

JinkoSolar
Manufacturing

Johnson & Johnson Vision
Optical Products

Landstar System, Inc.
Transportation

Larry's Giant Subs
Food

Logistic Services International
Aviation Training

Mac Papers and Packaging
Manufacturing

Magellan Transport Logistics
Logistics

Main Street America Insurance
Insurance

McKesson
Medical Supplies

Medtronic
Manufacturing

Miller Electric Company
Electrical Contractor

MOBRO Marine, Inc.
Construction Equipment

Newfold Digital
Internet Design Services

Nivel Parts & Manufacturing
Manufacturing

One Call
Healthcare

Optimum Healthcare IT
Healthcare IT

Patriot Rail Company
Logistics and Distribution

Pilot Pen Corporation of America
Manufacturing



Rayonier Headquarters, photo courtesy of Rayonier

PGA Tour
Professional Sports

PNC Financial Services Group
Banking

RailPros
Training Services

Rayonier Advanced Materials
Chemicals

Rayonier, Inc.
Real Estate

Redwire
Space Conglomerate

Regency Centers
Real Estate

Reynolds, Smith & Hills
Construction

RF-Smart
Software Development

Ring Power
Construction Equipment

Rulon International
Manufacturing

Safariland
Manufacturing

Sally Dark Rides
Manufacturing

SEMCO Southeastern Metals
Manufacturing

Southeastern Grocers
Retail

Stellar
Construction

Suddath
Relocation Services

Swisher International Group, Inc.
Manufacturing

TIAA Bank
Banking and Mortgage

Total Distribution, Inc.
Distribution

Tote Maritime
Transportation and Distribution

Trailer Bridge
Transportation

Unison Industries
Manufacturing

US Assure
Insurance

VAC-CON
Manufacturing

Vacation Rental Pros
Vacation Home Rentals

Venus Swimwear
Apparel

Vulcan Materials Company
Construction Aggregates

VyStar Credit Union
Financial Services

Wells Fargo
Banking and Financial Services

World Golf Village
Resort

Wounded Warrior Project
Veteran Rehabilitation

W.W. Gay Mechanical Contractor
Mechanical Contracting

Zimmer Biomet CMF and Thoracic
Manufacturing

Businesses by County

Large Employers by County



Niagara Bottling, photo courtesy of Clay County

BAKER COUNTY

Baker County Medical Services
Burnham Construction, Inc.
Macclenny Nursing and Rehab
Swift Transportation
Walmart Distribution Center

CLAY COUNTY

Ascension St. Vincent's Clay
Bestbet Orange Park
Calavo Growers
Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Niagara Bottling
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
Citi
Citizens Property Insurance
Comcast
CSX
Deutsche Bank
EY
Fanatics
Fidelity National Financial
FIS
Flightstar
Florida Blue
GATE Petroleum
GuideWell
Haskell
Johnson & Johnson Vision
JPMorgan Chase
Maxwell House
Mayo Clinic
McKesson
Memorial Hospital
Mercedes-Benz
Merrill Lynch
Newfold Digital
One Call
Publix Super Market Division Office
Redwire
Safariland
Southeastern Grocers
TIAA Bank
UF Health
UPS
VyStar Credit Union

NASSAU COUNTY

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

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

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



McKesson, photo by Monica Fields

Money, money, money!

With a diverse population and a multitude of professional opportunities, the First Coast is the perfect place for those looking for a new career. Below are several professions on the First Coast and their salaries compared to the U.S. mean. With everchanging job markets, it's important to know the average salary in the area, which could help with choosing the perfect career.



FINANCIAL MANAGERS
3,020 | Total Employees
\$132,060 | Jacksonville Mean
\$134,180 | U.S. Mean



GENERAL AND OPERATIONS MANAGERS
10,820 | Total Employees
\$108,290 | Jacksonville Mean
\$125,740 | U.S. Mean



LAWYERS
3,450 | Total Employees
\$127,380 | Jacksonville Mean
\$126,930 | U.S. Mean



MANAGEMENT OCCUPATIONS
35,590 | Total Employees
\$109,110 | Jacksonville Mean
\$126,480 | U.S. Mean



SOFTWARE DEVELOPERS, APPLICATIONS
5,070 | Total Employees
\$95,070 | Jacksonville Mean
\$114,270 | U.S. Mean



LEGAL OCCUPATIONS
6,360 | Total Employees
\$95,690 | Jacksonville Mean
\$112,320 | U.S. Mean



MANAGEMENT ANALYSTS
4,250 | Total Employees
\$83,520 | Jacksonville Mean
\$87,660 | U.S. Mean



COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYSTS
1,900 | Total Employees
\$78,770 | Jacksonville Mean
\$93,730 | U.S. Mean



SECURITIES, COMMODITIES AND FINANCIAL SERVICES SALES AGENTS
3,450 | Total Employees
\$66,460 | Jacksonville Mean
\$64,770 | U.S. Mean



LOAN OFFICERS
1,320 | Total Employees
\$66,200 | Jacksonville Mean
\$63,960 | U.S. Mean



HEALTHCARE PRACTITIONERS AND TECHNICAL OCCUPATIONS
47,880 | Total Employees
\$81,790 | Jacksonville Mean
\$85,900 | U.S. Mean



COMPUTER AND MATHEMATICAL OCCUPATIONS
18,990 | Total Employees
\$78,420 | Jacksonville Mean
\$96,770 | U.S. Mean



SALES REPRESENTATIVES, WHOLESALE AND MANUFACTURING, TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTS
1,140 | Total Employees
\$115,970 | Jacksonville Mean
\$99,680 | U.S. Mean



ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING OCCUPATIONS
11,360 | Total Employees
\$82,090 | Jacksonville Mean
\$90,300 | U.S. Mean



ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS
5,420 | Total Employees
\$67,640 | Jacksonville Mean
\$73,560 | U.S. Mean



MARKET RESEARCH ANALYSTS AND MARKETING SPECIALISTS
3,260 | Total Employees
\$60,780 | Jacksonville Mean
\$65,810 | U.S. Mean



INSURANCE SALES AGENTS
1,780 | Total Employees
\$64,300 | Jacksonville Mean
\$52,180 | U.S. Mean



BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS SPECIALISTS, ALL OTHERS
47,000 | Total Employees
\$68,580 | Jacksonville Mean
\$80,680 | U.S. Mean



PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALISTS, ALL OTHERS
8,610 | Total Employees
\$69,830 | Jacksonville Mean
\$84,290 | U.S. Mean



REGISTERED NURSES
16,750 | Total Employees
\$67,590 | Jacksonville Mean
\$75,330 | U.S. Mean

Top 50 Employers on the First Coast



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1.

Naval Air Station Jacksonville

17,000 employees
6801 Roosevelt Blvd., Jacksonville
www.cnic.navy.mil/Jacksonville

2.

Naval Station Mayport

15,150 employees
Box 280032, Mayport
www.cnic.navy.mil/mayport

3.

Baptist Health

12,400 employees
820 Prudential Dr., Jacksonville
www.baptistjax.com

4.

Bank of America

7,770 employees
50 N. Laura St., Jacksonville
www.bankofamerica.com

5.

Mayo Clinic

6,400 employees
4500 San Pablo Rd. S., Jacksonville
www.mayoclinic.org

6.

Southeastern Grocers

5,700 employees
5050 Edgewood Ct., Jacksonville
www.segrocers.com

7.

Florida Blue

5,700 employees
4800 Deerwood Campus Pkwy.,
Jacksonville
www.floridablue.com

8.

Ascension St. Vincent's

5,400 employees
1 Shircliff Way, Jacksonville
www.healthcare.ascension.org

9.

Amazon

5,000 employees
12900 Pecan Park Rd., Jacksonville
www.amazon.com

10.

UF Health

4,200 employees
655 W. 8th St., Jacksonville
www.ufhealthjax.org

11.

Fleet Readiness Center Southeast

4,200 employees
101 Wasp St., Jacksonville
[www.navair.navy.mil/organization/
FRCSE](http://www.navair.navy.mil/organization/FRCSE)

12.

Citigroup

4,000 employees
1400 Citicards Way, Jacksonville
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.

Memorial Hospital

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

18.

UPS

2,300 employees
4420 Imeson Rd., Jacksonville
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19.

Brooks Rehabilitation

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

22.

Black Knight, Inc.

2,120 employees
601 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville
www.blackknightinc.com

25.

Flagler Health+

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

28.

Fanatics, Inc.

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

20.

JEA

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

23.

Newfold Digital

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

26.

Johnson & Johnson Vision

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

29.

Aetna, Inc.

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

21.

Deutsche Bank

2,200 employees
5022 Gate Pkwy., Ste. 400,
Jacksonville
www.db.com

24.

One Call

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

27.

Parallon Business Solutions

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

30.

Orange Park Medical Center

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

31.

FIS

1,500 employees
601 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville
www.fisglobal.com

32.

Wells Fargo

1,450 employees
3563 Phillips Hwy., Jacksonville
www.wellsfargo.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

36.

Flightstar Aircraft Services

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

37.

Miller Electric Company

1,300 employees
6805 Southpoint Pkwy., Jacksonville
www.mecojax.com

38.

Crowley Maritime

1,300 employees
9487 Regency Square Blvd.,
Jacksonville
www.crowley.com

39.

Comcast

1,200 employees
4600 Touchton Rd., Bldg. 200,
Jacksonville
www.comcast.com

40.

Fidelity Investments

1,200 employees
4601 Touchton Rd. E., Bldg. 400,
JV1A, Jacksonville
www.fidelity.com

41.

Northrop Grumman

1,200 employees
5000 US-1 N., St. Augustine
www.northropgrumman.com

42.

Fidelity National Financial

1,170 employees
601 Riverside Ave., Bldg. 5,
Jacksonville
www.fnf.com

43.

Ally Financial

1,100 employees
12850 Gran Bay Pkwy., Jacksonville
www.ally.com

44.

Citizens Property Insurance

1,040 employees
6676 Corporate Center Pkwy.,
Jacksonville
www.citizensfla.com

45.

McKesson

1,000 employees
6651 Gate Pkwy., Jacksonville
www.mckesson.com

46.

Georgia-Pacific Corporation

1,000 employees
6621 Southpoint Dr. N., Ste. 300,
Jacksonville
www.gp.com

47.

Medtronic

900 employees
4201 Southpoint Blvd., Jacksonville
www.medtronic.com

48.

Prudential Financial

900 employees
8702 Perimeter Park Blvd.,
Jacksonville
www.prudential.com

49.

Publix Warehouse

870 employees
9786 W. Beaver St., Jacksonville
www.publix.com

50.

Landstar Systems, Inc.

855 employees
13410 Sutton Park Dr. S., Jacksonville
www.landstar.com

*Information gathered from JAXUSA.org as
of October 2021

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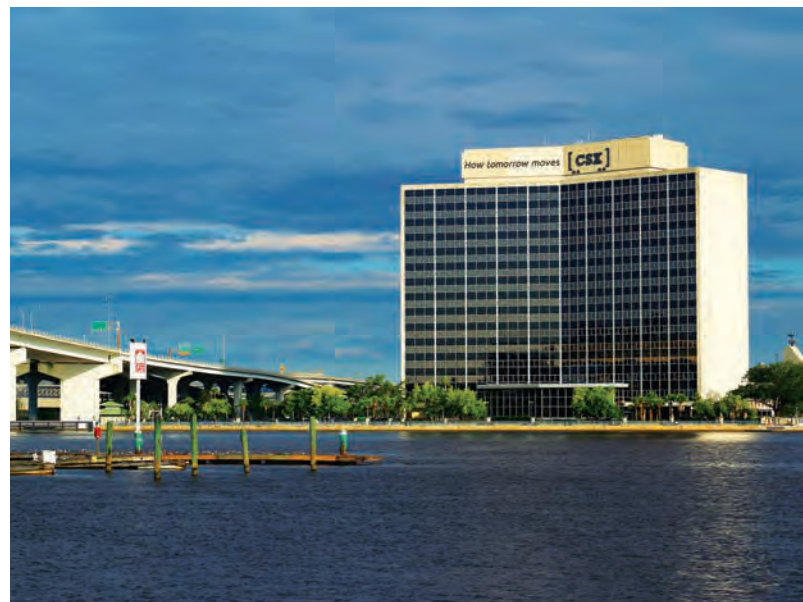




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Banking & Mortgage Industry

The First Coast's strong financial reputation has allowed major employers to call the area home with both local and major banking and mortgage providers in our own backyard. The area has more than 20 businesses found on the Fortune Global 500 list and has a high growth rate as a financial hotspot. With more than 62,000 employees working in the financial services industry, the region offers a broad range of sectors including banking, investments, insurance and more. Below are some available providers in the area from both smaller companies to larger national companies.

121 Financial Credit Union

Since 1935, 121 Financial Credit Union has called the First Coast home. One hundred percent of their capital is invested back into the local community. With the mission to grow and prosper together, each member is provided an individual and personalized banking experience. 121 Financial Credit Union focuses on local businesses, providing a variety of financial services including checking and savings accounts, retirement assistance and more.

Ameris Bank

Originally branded as Ameris Bancorp, this financial institution has been in the industry since 1971 and in the last decade has progressed forward on the First Coast to the single brand of Ameris Bank. With this advancement, the bank has expanded branches into South Carolina. They offer financial services for businesses and individuals as well as wealth management including financial planning, retirement and more.

Bank of America

This American multinational investment bank and financial services company is one of the world's leading financial institutions. It services individuals, businesses, corporations and more with full-service banking, investment management and other products such as savings accounts, loans, mortgages and auto loans.

BBVA/PNC

In October 2021, BBVA merged with PNC Bank and now provides more than 2,700 branch locations and 19,000 ATMs. This rebrand has strengthened its presence in the global market and continues to offer personal, commercial and corporate financial accounts. The merger of these two banks has moved PNC to the fourth largest in the region.

Capital City Bank Group, Inc.

Operating since 1895, Capital City Bank Group, Inc. is one of the largest publicly traded financial holding institutions in the country. With its main branch located in Gainesville, the bank offers mortgages, trusts, merchant services, bank cards and many banking services. Capital City Bank also donates thousands of volunteer hours with local community service organizations and nonprofit groups.

Citigroup

For more than 25 years, Citigroup has offered financial services including credit cards, banking and wealth management. With an additional focus on security services, commercial banking, markets, private banking, trade solutions, treasury solutions and capital markets, Citigroup is a leader in growth and economic development on the First Coast.

Deutsche Bank

As a multinational investment bank and financial services company, the bank's operation center in Jacksonville employs more than 2,000 individuals and is the second-largest U.S. operation outside of its New York City branch. The company is headquartered in Frankfurt, Germany and spans more than 58 countries.

Fifth Third Bank

Fifth Third Bank improves its customers' lives across its banking, insurance, investment markets and more. Services also include savings accounts, CDs, and checking accounts with credit cards. The bank focuses on community involvement and builds strategic relationships with each customer to provide a positive and personalized experience.

First Citizens Bank

First Citizens Bank provides personal, small business and commercial banking services to the First Coast. The bank also provides wealth management services to help plan and prepare for the future and retirement. To serve more residents of the First Coast, the bank offers military bank accounts.

First Federal Bank of Florida

First Federal Bank of Florida has been providing home financing for almost 60 years. The company also focuses on warehouse lending, consumer lending, specialty commercial financing, wholesale lending and manufactured housing lending. As a wholesale mortgage lending solution, the bank has been ranked "5 Star, Superior" by BauerFinancial, Inc. since 2000.



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Regions Financial Corporation

As a member of the S&P 500 Index and one of the largest full-service banking and mortgage providers in the country, Regions Financial Corporation is focused on both economic and community development. Services provided include commercial banking, retail banking, stocks, mortgage services and trust services. They also focus on education and workforce readiness as well as community engagement through volunteer and service projects.

State Farm

In addition to focusing on auto insurance, State Farm offers mortgage and banking services including credit cards, savings and checking accounts, auto loans, home loans, and money market savings. Recently a merger between U.S. Bank and State Farm took place introducing even more banking products.

Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association (TIAA)

This Fortune 100 organization originally founded to help teachers with retirement, TIAA provides banking, investment advice and retirement services. Now, TIAA also serves multiple verticals such as government, medical, academic and nonprofits with their retirement system to continue building secure financial futures.

Truist

Truist was formed by the historic merger of BB&T and SunTrust with a combined \$66 billion in assets. The goal of Truist is to serve clients in many markets throughout the country. As a top 10 commercial bank in the U.S., this financial institution is an important part of the First Coast.

Florida Capital Bank

In Jacksonville, Florida Capital Bank focuses on mortgage services. The bank does also include personal banking and business accounts as part of their services. Full-service branches are also located in Tampa Bay, Orlando and Gainesville.

JPMorgan Chase

JPMorgan Chase is now part of the Jacksonville skyline with the downtown branch located in the former Barnett National Bank building. This multinational investment bank and financial services company is one of the world's oldest and largest financial institutions. Currently, there are more than 4,700 branches throughout the United States. The bank provides credit cards, savings and checking accounts, commercial banking, auto loans and more to its members.

Wells Fargo

Wells Fargo provides a variety of banking services on the First Coast including checking and savings accounts, personal loans, auto loans as well as small business and commercial financial services. The bank prides itself on offering local services as well as digital banking services to customers.

VyStar Credit Union

Headquartered in Jacksonville, VyStar Credit Union was founded 69 years ago at Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax). They offer a comprehensive selection of products including banking and loan services, investment insurance and retirement planning. The company services more than 735,000 members and provides special service to military personnel and civil service workers.



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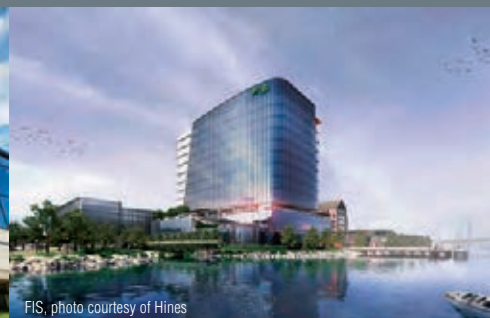
Information Technology



Forcura, photo courtesy of Forcura



Fanatics, photo courtesy of Jax Daily Record



FIS, photo courtesy of Hines

The First Coast continues to grow as a global tech market, attracting a talented workforce to the region. The many companies in the area encompass a diverse array of Information Technology sectors, including software development, healthcare, logistics, e-commerce and more.

The First Coast is also becoming a global powerhouse for finance technology, or fintech. Our area has attracted many fintech giants, including SoFi, SS&C Technologies and SmartStream Technologies. Dun & Bradstreet, a large data company, has moved their corporate headquarters from New Jersey to the First Coast. Nymbus, a leading provider of banking technology solutions, is opening a new corporate headquarters in downtown Jacksonville as well.

Gov. Ron DeSantis also chose Jacksonville to be the home of the state's first fintech academy, a partnership between Florida State College at Jacksonville, St. Johns River State College and the corporate community to develop skilled fintech talent.

AT&T

One of the largest employers on the First Coast, this multinational company provides the most mobile telephone services and fixed telephone services in the United States. AT&T has utilized the First Coast as a home base for its call center operations.

Availity

Connecting over a million providers, Availity delivers revenue cycle and other related business solutions for healthcare professionals. This Jacksonville-based IT company operates the largest real-time information network in healthcare.

Beeline

Beeline is a global leader in developing staffing software solutions and pioneered the world's first extended workforce platform. The company's intelligence-driven platform transforms how businesses manage external employees across more than 120 countries.

Black Knight, Inc.

Founded in 1962, Black Knight is a leading provider of integrated software, data and analytic solutions that support mortgage and home equity lending and servicing.

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 can enable scheduling, tracking and monitoring.

More Industries Making an Impact on the First Coast

Healthcare

The First Coast has a thriving medical community. We are home to many top facilities like Baptist Health, Mayo Clinic, Ascension St. Vincent's and UF Health. Our hospital systems' services draw many to the area for the top programs they offer. Flagler Health+ has also expanded on the First Coast offering additional healthcare in St. Johns County. Wolfson Children's Hospital and Nemours Children's Health are also here on the First Coast, offering top-notch medical services for infants to young adults.

Aviation and Aerospace

Currently on the First Coast there are nearly 100 aviation-related companies and more than 6,000 individuals employed in the aerospace and aviation field. Several top aviation companies call the First Coast home, including Northrop Grumman, Embraer, Carlisle Interconnect Technologies, avMax and Boeing. Jacksonville International Airport (JAX) has a major economic impact on the First Coast, serving 31 markets and more than 40 airports. The airport was even ranked among the best travel hubs in North America for customer service by the Airports Council International.

Advanced Manufacturing

Several manufacturing companies have chosen the First Coast as their home base due to the convenient access to airports, railways and ports. Our leading advanced manufacturers include Johnson & Johnson Vision, Anheuser-Busch, BAE Systems, Baker Hughes, Medtronic, Northrop Grumman and more. 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.

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According to a new study from Bloomberg and LinkedIn, Jacksonville is a preferred destination for tech workers, ranking fourth in the most recent analysis.

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Fanatics, Inc.

Established in 1995 as a brick-and-mortar storefront, this company is now one of the top IT employers on the First Coast and an online retail giant.

FIS

This Fortune 500 company offers a wide range of financial services and is the largest fintech company in the world by revenue. FIS is constructing a new global headquarters in Jacksonville's Brooklyn neighborhood, which will create hundreds of jobs.

Forcura

Since 2012, Forcura has been providing cloud-based software that modernizes documentation, workflows and secure communications for home health, hospice, rehabilitative therapy, skilled nursing and behavioral health providers.

Newfold Digital

In February 2021, web technology competitors Web.com Group and Endurance Web Presence combined to form Newfold Digital. The new company provides website development services for small and medium-sized businesses.



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*Bravery and
Dedication*
Our Military

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With a long history as a military and veteran-friendly area, the First Coast has the third-largest military presence in the country and is home to more than 50,000 active-duty, reserve and civilian contractors stationed at the area's three naval bases, Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Naval Station Mayport and Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay. The United States Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville, Camp Blanding Army Base and Marine Corps Blount Island Command also call the First Coast home. The Navy is an important provider to the local economy, generating more than \$10 billion annually. Every year, the First Coast holds the largest Veterans Day Parade in the state of Florida and other various veteran geared events. With a great military presence in the area, many businesses are veteran-owned as well as veteran-employed.



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Naval Station Mayport
Box 280032, Mayport
www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/ns_mayport.html

Situated at the mouth of the St. Johns River and the Atlantic Ocean, Naval Station Mayport (NS Mayport) is located near the small village of Mayport. As one of the three major Navy Installations on the First Coast, it is the third-largest naval facility in the continental U.S. and also home to the Navy's 4th Fleet. Holding up to 34 ships, the naval station's harbor and facility cover more than 3,400 acres and include an 8,000-foot runway that can accommodate any type of Department of Defense aircraft. With more than 100,000 helicopter and fixed-wing flights each year, the airfield is operated by NS Mayport's Air Operations Department. For both active-duty and civilian contractors, the NS Mayport Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department provide facilities, services and activities both on and off of the base.



Naval Air Station Jacksonville
6801 Roosevelt Blvd., Jacksonville
www.cnic.navy.mil/jacksonville

As home to the famous Blue Angels, known for their exciting aerial maneuvers, Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jacksonville) is the largest Navy base in the Southeast and is located on the Westside of Jacksonville on the St. Johns River. At \$2.1 billion, the regional impact of the base is a large part of the area's economy. NAS Jacksonville covers 4,000 acres and is an operational headquarters for more than 100 tenant commands. The Patrol Squadron Thirty (VP-30), the largest squadron in the Navy, is found at NAS Jacksonville. The base is a recipient of a 2012 Presidential Excellence Award and 2013 Commander, Navy Installations Command Excellence Award. It is home to Naval Hospital Jacksonville, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast, Fleet Logistics Center, Fleet Readiness Center Southeast, Navy Region Southeast, the Commander and the Naval Supply Fleet Logistics Center.



Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay
1063 USS Tennessee Ave., Kings Bay, GA
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 through 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/Our-Organization/District-7/Units/Sector-Jacksonville-Home/

As the sub-office to the United States Coast Guard 7th District Headquarters in Miami, Sector Jacksonville is accountable for 40,000 square miles of ocean and island waterways and is located on six acres of land close to NS Mayport. The President of the United States can transfer resources from the Coast Guard to the Department of the Navy during times of war and is considered military service. Sector Jacksonville spans 190 miles of coastline starting at Kings Bay, Georgia to Port Malabar, Florida. Station Cape Canaveral, Station Ponce de Leon Inlet and Multi-Mission Mayport and Security Detachment Mayport are used on base.



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Blue Angels, photo by Steven Arvid Gerde



Camp Blanding Training Center, photo courtesy of the National Guard



Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, photo courtesy of the U.S. Department of the Navy



Blount Island Command Marine Corps
5880 Channel View Blvd., Jacksonville
www.bic.marines.mil

Blount Island Command Center operated by the logistics base of the Marine Corps located in Albany, Georgia is one of the largest U.S. bases built for the Marines. Located in Jacksonville, the base was created as a logistics base for maintenance operations of maritime ships. The base plans, organizes and executes logistics techniques of ships that are used for both philanthropic and military purposes. As a logistics base, it has a 1,000-foot pier and maintenance operation area, a slipway with space for giving vessel berths and more than 33 acres for storage.



Camp Blanding Joint Training Center
5629 FL-16 W., Starke
fl.ng.mil/Camp-Blanding/Pages/default.aspx

Located in Starke, Florida, Camp Blanding Joint Training Center (CBJTC) is a 73,000-acre training center that serves as a Continuity of Government site for the Governor and Executive Branch and is a Continuity of Operations site for the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the Joint Force Headquarters Florida. The camp has been used as a domestic and combat training facility in the Southeast United States, focuses on Unified Land Operations and offers training to Unified Action Partners. As a logistical support base during emergency operations and as a joint reception, staging and onward integration site, the base has been used for multiple federal homeland and overseas operations.

Our Gateway to the World: Ports of the First Coast

Due to the First Coast's prime location, we are a major player in the logistics and distribution industry. With our access to waterways, interstates and railroads, 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.

PORTS JAXPORT

The largest container port in Florida and one of the nation's largest vehicle-handling ports, **Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT)** is known as the global gateway to Florida. JAXPORT's international seaport offers global cargo service from several ocean carriers, including direct service with Asia, Europe, Africa, South America, the Caribbean and other major markets. Comprised of three marine terminals, Blount Island, Dames Point and Talleyrand, shippers can utilize the port to ship to 140 ports in 70 countries via the 100 trucking firms or the 40 daily trains. The port is working to deepen the shipping channel from the Atlantic Ocean to the Dames Pointe Marine Terminal from 40 feet to 47 feet before the end of 2022.

The **Blount Island Marine Terminal** is JAXPORT's largest marine facility, as well as one of the



Talleyrand Marine Terminal, photo courtesy of JAXPORT



Photo courtesy of JAXPORT

largest vehicle import/export centers in the U.S. **Dames Point Marine** has 5,002 linear feet of deep-water berths, as well as six new Panamax container cranes. **Talleyrand Marine Terminal** mostly deals with containerized and breakbulk cargo, automobiles, and liquid bulk commodities.

Port of Fernandina

The **Port of Fernandina** is a natural deep-water port that handles a variety of cargoes, such as steel, aluminum, machinery, paper and forest products

and consumer goods. The 950-foot turning basin directly adjoins the 1,200-linear-foot pier. The port also features 250,000 square feet of warehouse space on-site, 100,000-plus square feet of off-port space, as well as 10 acres of open storage.

LOGISTICS & DISTRIBUTION

Headquartered in Jacksonville, **AGX Freight** offers expedited transportation services throughout North America. The company works with transportation and logistics professionals to offer cost-effective solutions for their customers.

CEVA Logistics is one of the world's leading supply chain management companies and specializes in end-to-end customized solutions for customers' 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 its speed and efficiency in shipping and distribution, **Crowley**

Maritime Corporation has made a name for itself on the First Coast. Crowley recently changed their terminal operating system to further speed up their truck turnaround time. With multiple area locations, the company 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 freight agents and transportation capacity providers, Jacksonville's **Landstar** provides transportation solutions to more than 25,000 businesses worldwide. With independent agents, Landstar provides 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 itself on "delivering global service with local knowledge."

Dames Point Marine Terminal, photo courtesy of JAXPORT





Full Speed Ahead: Transportation

Navigating your way around a new town doesn't need to be difficult. Below is all the information you need to get around the First Coast!

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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

First Coast drivers who wish to use toll roads 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
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.cfway.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

This multi-lane, limited-access toll road will cross parts of Duval, Clay and St. Johns counties. Those with a SunPass will be able to pass through electronic toll gantries without stopping. 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

- New St. Johns River Bridge
- East of CR 16A Spur 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 four miles starting at I-95 to the Buckman Bridge. Express lane construction along I-295 from JTB to SR 9B is still ongoing. Future projects include I-95 from International Golf Parkway to I-95/I-295 South Interchange and I-95 from JTB to Atlantic Boulevard. For more information visit www.northfloridaexpress.com.



Jacksonville Skyway, photo by Michael Curti

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) 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.



Baker Express, photo courtesy of JTA



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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 Jacksonville 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.

Other 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/ride-jta/regional-services/

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

Clay Regional Express:
www.jtafla.com/ride-jta/regional-services/clay-express-select/

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.nassautransit.org/amelia-island/nassau-express-select/

Through JTA and NassauTRANSIT, Nassau Express Select offers travelers an executive-style ride back and forth from Nassau County to downtown Jacksonville.

Sunshine Bus Company (St. Johns County)
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. 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.

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Jacksonville International Airport serves six million passengers each year and has over 200 arrivals and departures daily!
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Jacksonville Aviation Authority

www.flyjax.com

The Jacksonville Aviation Authority owns and operates Jacksonville International Airport, Cecil Airport, Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport and Herlong Recreational Airport.

Jacksonville International Airport (JAX)

Northeast Florida's only major airport 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 free in-terminal Wi-Fi, live entertainment, shops and restaurants.

Cecil Airport (VQQ)

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)

Perfect for aviation enthusiasts, 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 in the Arlington neighborhood 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

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

Keystone Heights Airport serves travelers in Clay and Bradford counties and is located 50 miles southwest of Jacksonville.

Northeast Florida Regional Airport (KSGJ or UST)

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. 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.



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Amtrak, photo by Paul Mathis

RAILROAD

Amtrak (Passenger)

www.amtrak.com/stations/jax

Amtrak provides passenger rail service in Jacksonville with a station near New Kings Road. The Amtrak station is open from 5:30 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. daily and provides rail service throughout the U.S.

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JAXPORT Cruise Service

www.jaxport.com/cruise

If you're looking for a tropical getaway, Carnival Cruise Line's 2,124-passenger Carnival Spirit departs from the JAXPORT Cruise Terminal located just northwest of the Dames Point Bridge.

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

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 makes numerous stops along the St. Johns River, including the Friendship Fountain Dock, Arena Dock and Riverside Dock.



Carnival Celebration Cruise, photo by Robert English

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*Carnival Cruise Line’s 2,124-passenger Carnival Spirit
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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 the Intracoastal Waterway, making it critical for our nine bridges to connect the links of our city together.



Photo courtesy of JTA

Acosta Bridge

Connects the Southbank to Downtown/Riverside



Bridge of Lions

Connects Historic St. Augustine to Anastasia Island

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Buckman Bridge

Connects Mandarin to Orange Park

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Railroad bridge



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Fuller Warren Bridge (I-95)

Connects Riverside to San Marco



Fuller Warren Bridge, photo courtesy of COU

Dames Point Bridge

Connects Arlington to Northside

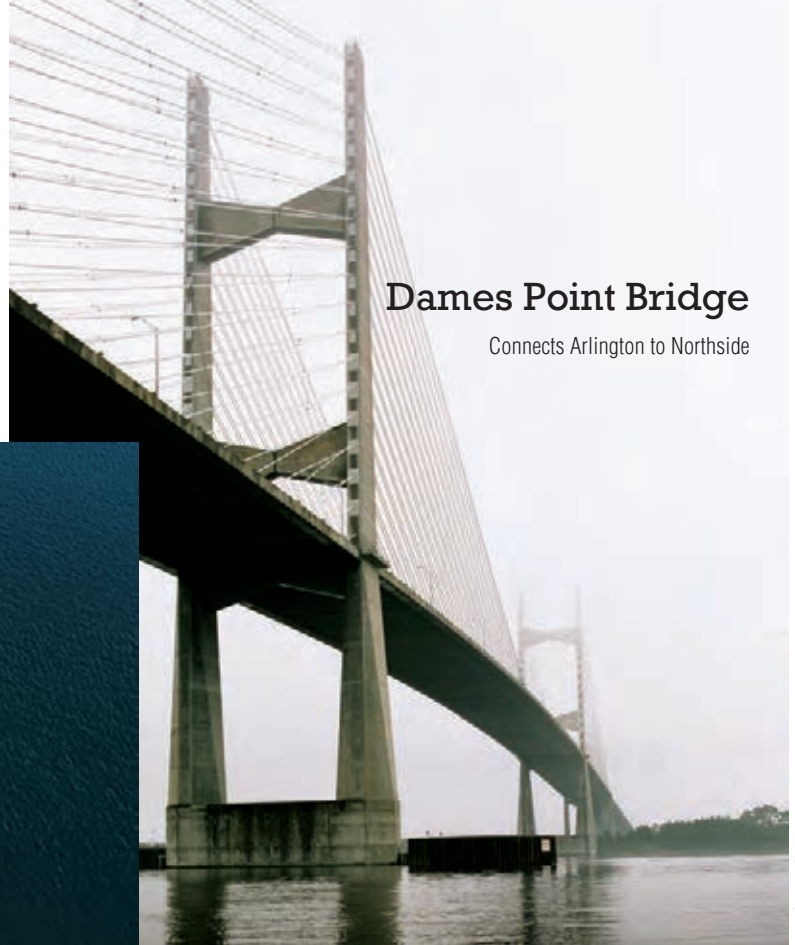


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More Bridges Throughout the Region

Francis and Mary Usina Bridge
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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

Just south of the two-lane Shands Bridge, the city has been working hard to create a new four-lane bridge as part of the First Coast Expressway that will cross over the St. Johns River. The construction of the bridge is anticipated to begin in 2022 with a completion date of 2029. 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



Mathews Bridge

Connects Arlington to Downtown



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

Connects San Marco to Downtown

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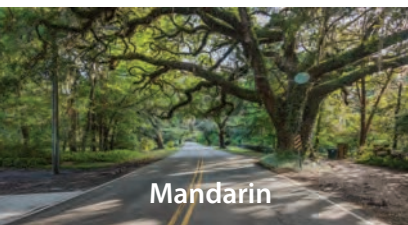
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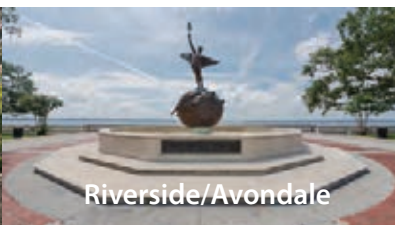


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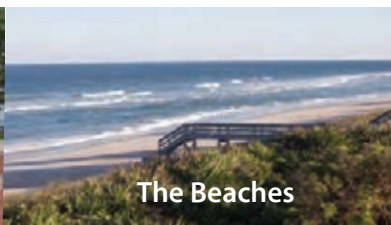
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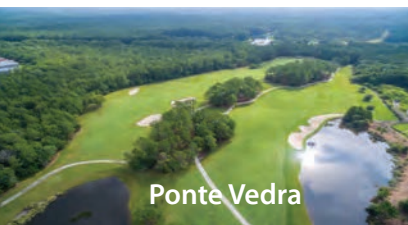


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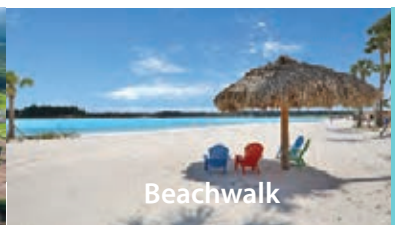
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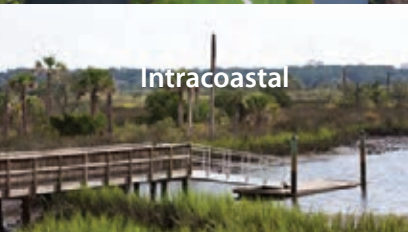


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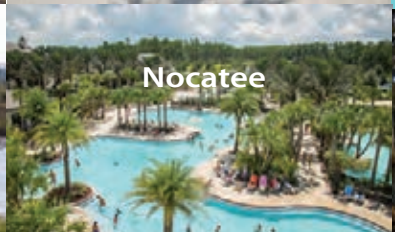
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Play

The Play Section has everything you need to know about relaxing and having fun here on the First Coast.

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Shore Perfection: Beaches & Waterways

One of the best parts of living on the First Coast is having access to some of the most beautiful beaches and waterways in Florida! Here you can breathe in the sea salt air and feel the sand between your toes. If you're looking to bask in the sun, search for shells, build sandcastles or catch some waves on a surfboard, the First Coast is the perfect place to have a beach day. Don't forget your sunscreen!



Photo courtesy of AmeliasIsland.com

“*Jacksonville has more shoreline than any city in the U.S., including more than 22 miles of beaches stretching down the coast.*”

BEACHES

DUVAL COUNTY

Atlantic Beach

This uncrowded beach gives numerous options for saltwater lovers looking for place to paddleboard, kayak, fish or surf.

Jacksonville Beach

More than four miles long and covering 60 blocks along the Atlantic Ocean, Jacksonville Beach is ideal for families, vacationers and surfers alike. Beachgoers can also enjoy catching some fish on Jacksonville Beach Pier. Lined by soft sand dunes, Jax Beach is a popular place for sea turtle nesting.

Mayport

North of Atlantic Beach, you'll find the charming fishing town of Mayport. Located at the mouth of the St. Johns River, this area is well known for its shrimping industry. Beachgoers looking for camping, fishing or surfing can head to Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park, which has some of the best waves Northeast Florida has to offer.

Neptune Beach

Only about a mile long, the delightful Neptune Beach attracts residents and visitors who enjoy surfing, sunbathing, and riding bikes on the hard-packed sand.

NASSAU COUNTY

Fernandina Beach

The First Coast's northernmost beach, Fernandina Beach is well known for its horseback riding tours along the beach. There are more than 40 public beach access points along the beach's 13 miles, which are lined by sand dunes as high as 40 feet.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Crescent Beach

This secluded family-friendly beach lies south of St. Augustine on A1A and is named for the coastline's natural crescent shape. The beautiful hard-packed white sand makes for a fun day of beach volleyball, bike rides or horseback riding.

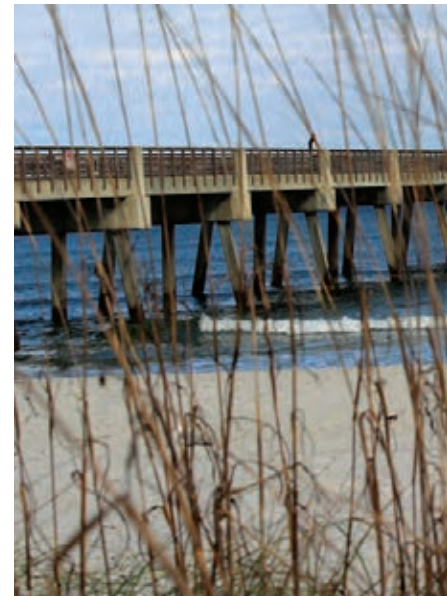
North Beach

Just north of Vilano Beach on A1A is North Beach, which offers a scenic highway walkover. This beach is the perfect place for basking in the sun and enjoying the serenity of nature.

Ponte Vedra Beach

South of Jacksonville Beach, this alluring beach is known for gorgeous sand dunes, soft sand and luxury resorts. The area is also the perfect place to hunt for shark's teeth and shells. The dog-friendly beachside park, Mickler's Landing, is a popular destination for beachgoers looking for some fun in the sun.

Photo by Stephanie Marty



St. Augustine Beach

St. Augustine Beach has everything for a day of fun, including a beachfront park, fishing pier, splash park and a pavilion. There are also oceanfront restaurants, beach volleyball courts and more.

Vilano Beach

Located on the north side of the Matanzas Inlet, Vilano Beach is a great spot for surfing, paddleboarding and skimboarding due to its heavier surf and strong current. The beach also offers access for four-wheel-drive vehicles depending on the 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. Many residents enjoy activities such as kayaking, fishing, boating, paddleboarding, tubing and jet skiing.

St. Johns River

The longest river in Florida runs right through the First Coast, spanning 310 miles from Mayport to Indian River County. Residents can enjoy many activities on the river, such as kayaking, boating and fishing. The

Riverwalk in downtown Jacksonville allows residents to take a stroll or jog along the beautiful river. Keep your eyes peeled for 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.

St. Johns County Ocean Pier, photo courtesy of Floridashistoricoast.com



Mickler's Landing, photo courtesy of Floridashistoricoast.com



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Photo by Catherine Wysoczanski



What a Wonderful World: State Parks & Preserves

With exquisite natural beauty, untouched wetlands, vast marshes and expansive forests, the First Coast is home to the largest park system in the country, full of native plants and wildlife. Gorgeous gardens, nature preserves, an arboretum, and intricate water systems grace our area with natural beauty. With more than 80,000 acres of parks including a national wildlife refuge, a national forest, nine state parks and more than 400 urban parks, amazing adventures are in store for nature lovers of all ages.



Photo by Stephanie Marty

BAKER COUNTY

John M. Bethea State Forest

John M. Bethea State Forest is tucked in northern Baker County on more than 37,000 acres of beautiful land. With a variety of species in the area, the forest provides a wildlife corridor between the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge and Osceola National Forest.

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge

Located just over the state line in Georgia, the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge encompasses more than 400,000 acres of land including the Okefenokee Swamp, which

is full of more than 400 species of wildlife including black bears, alligators, sandhill cranes and even the threatened gopher tortoise. The wildlife refuge allows for camping, biking and hiking on trails, as well as boat tours.

Osceola National Forest

The peaceful Osceola National Forest, just west of Jacksonville, is a sprawling natural gem with swamps and flatwoods full of many species of marine life, birds and other animals. The 237,000-acre forest has several wildlife corridors that lead towards Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. The forest is perfect for those looking to fish, hunt, hike, swim and camp.

CLAY COUNTY

Jennings State Forest

Jennings State Forest is located in north Clay County and spans more than 25,300 acres. The forest has many different ecosystems present including flatwoods, swamps, marshes, sandhills and a blackwater stream. Various activities are available to visitors including hiking, biking, camping, fishing and horseback riding.

Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park

Developed on a 600-acre site in the 1930s, Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park is one of Florida's first state parks. Now visitors can enjoy more

than 2,000 acres of marshes, lakes, sandhills, flatwoods and scrub. The Florida National Scenic Trail offers wildlife viewing and hiking with a 5.44 mile stretch of exploration. Little Lake Johnson is a great place to canoe, fish or swim and a picnic area is available to enjoy lunch.

DUVAL-BEACHES

Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park

This 500-acre oceanfront park is located between Atlantic Beach and Mayport with 1.5 miles of beautiful beaches. With a 60-acre lake available for use, visitors can fish, kayak, canoe or even use pedal boats. Bike trails, campgrounds, hiking and ecotours are also popular activities in the park.

Cyclists on Black Creek Trail in Fleming Island, photo courtesy of Clay County



Jacksonville Arboretum, photo by Catherine Wyszczanski

DUVAL-NORTH

Amelia Island State Park

Amelia Island State Park is a nature lover's dream with beautiful beaches, maritime forests and salt marshes. A beachside park is a perfect place for horseback riding, and the white sandy beach is a popular place to search for seashells and shark's teeth.

Big Talbot Island State Park

Those looking for the ideal hike will love Big Talbot Island State Park where visitors can hike several different trails leading to the shoreline, marsh or maritime forest. Kayaks are available for rent with guided tours and the area is also a fisherman's paradise. Boneyard Beach is famous for skeletons of live oak and cedar trees that once grew on the shoreline. The Timucuan Trail runs parallel to A1A with a 3.9-mile paved path perfect for biking, walking or running. The park is a migratory home to many shorebirds like the Least Tern and Little Blue Heron, two species currently on the threatened species list in Florida.

Fort George Island Cultural State Park

Occupied for more than 5,000 years, the park was named after a 1736 fort originally built on the grounds to defend the area when it was a colony. In the 1920s, the Ribault Club was built originally as a resort. It is now used as a visitor center for the park, a meeting space, and for special events. Visitors can boat, fish, kayak and hike the island, exploring this cultural gem.

George Crady Bridge Fishing Pier State Park

This pedestrian-only mile-long bridge in Jacksonville is a fisherman's dream. Depending on the season, anglers can find a variety of species in the water including tarpon, redfish, whiting and jack.

Little Talbot Island State Park

As one of the last remaining barrier islands on the First Coast, Little Talbot Island State Park has beautiful sprawling white beaches, salt marshes and coastal ecosystems. Both migratory and native wildlife can be found in the park including many birds, otters, raccoons, opossums, bobcats and more. Visitors can rent kayaks, visit campsites and even enjoy guided paddle tours.

Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve State Park

Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve State Park is an important ecosystem for many different species of wildlife dependent on the longleaf pine flatwoods in the park that protect the water quality, allowing aquatic plants and animals to prosper. Several threatened species can be found in the park including the American alligator. With more than 15 miles of trails, hikers and equestrians can enjoy the trails and salt marsh.

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The First Coast has more than 80,000 acres of parks with a national wildlife refuge, a national forest, and nine state parks!
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Hanna Park, photo courtesy of COJ



Photo by Brittney Pitts

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 with more than 400 parks is
 here on the First Coast!*
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Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve

The Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve is full of history, leading back to the original people of the area, the Timucua. The preserve includes Fort Caroline and Kingsley Plantation, two national historic sites. With more than 46,000 acres, the preserve encompasses the St. Johns River as well as multiple tributaries drawing a variety of plant and animal life to this ecological treasure. Full of coastal dunes, wetlands, salt marshes and hardwood hammocks, the environment is varied with hiking trails of different experience levels as well as monuments and structures outlining the history of the area.

NASSAU COUNTY

Cary State Forest

Located in Northeast Florida, Cary State Forest was established in 1937 as the state's second forest. Eleven ecosystems make up the forest with flatwoods, marshes, sandhills, swamps and cypress encompassing the area. Keep your binoculars handy

to see if you are able to find some endangered and threatened wildlife like the Sherman's fox squirrel, gopher tortoise and wood stork. Camping, horseback riding, hunting and hiking are available for visitors.

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

Those looking for the perfect getaway in St. Johns County can take a quick trip to Anastasia State Park, with more than 1,600 acres of tidal marshes, sand dunes, hammocks and beaches. The area offers campsites, biking, fishing and more. Various hiking areas can be found in the park like the Ancient Dunes Nature Trail and Cape Francis Beach Walk. Also located in

the park is the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail, where many shore and wading birds can be spotted.

Faver-Dykes State Park

Situated on the edge of St. Augustine, Faver-Dykes State Park is the perfect place to camp, fish, kayak and canoe on the tranquil Pellicer Creek. With more than 100 species of native and migratory birds found in the forest, tidal marshes and creeks, and native wildlife like deer, raccoons, opossums, otters and hawks, the park is the perfect place for nature lovers.

Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve

More than 76,700 acres of natural land can be found in this estuary. As one of 29 in the nation, the estuary

is a connection for freshwater and saltwater to mix together creating a diverse habitat for many species.

More than nine miles of nature trails, fishing and kayaking are available for guests.

Matanzas State Forest

Protected by the Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve, this area is home to the last remaining undisturbed salt marshes within the reserve. The forest includes a 20-acre connection linked to Moses Creek Conservation Area and covers 4,699 acres. This conservation corridor crosses into Moses Creek, Faver-Dykes State Park and Pellicer Creek. Visitors can spend the day hiking through the forest uplands and enjoy the beauty of the wetlands including an expansive cypress swamp.

Photo courtesy of Clay County



Jogging Paths & Yoga Spots

While the previous parks and preserves are great places for joggers and yoga enthusiasts, there are also many spots to visit throughout the First Coast for a peaceful run or relaxing yoga session.

JOGGING PATHS

BAKER COUNTY

Osceola Trails - 23 miles

CLAY COUNTY

Black Creek Trail - 16 miles roundtrip

River Road Resolution Run 5K Course
- 3.1 miles

St. Johns River Loop - 6-7 miles

The Doctor's Lake Drive & Moody Road Loop
- 9 miles

The Plainsfield Loop - 4.5 miles

DUVAL COUNTY

Jacksonville-Baldwin Trail - 14.5 miles

Main Street Bridge & Acosta Bridge Loop
- 1.7 miles

Perfect 10 Loop - 10 miles



Photos by Stephanie Marty

Robert W. Loftin Nature Trails

- Big Cyprus Trail - .47 miles
- Blueberry Trail - 1.44 miles
- Goldenrod Trail - 2.85 miles
- Gopher Tortoise Ridge - .78 miles
- Red Maple Boardwalk - .31 miles

NASSAU COUNTY

Amelia Island Trail - 5.7 miles

Egan's Creek Greenway Trail - 3.5 miles

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Greenway Trails

- Egret Trail - 1 mile
- Heron Trail - 5.5 miles
- Osprey Trail - 6.4 miles
- Pelican Trail - 2.15 miles

- Treaty Park - 1 mile

- Twelve Mile Swamp Conservation Area
- 2.2 miles

OUTDOOR YOGA

CLAY COUNTY

Spring Park Pavilion

Green Cove Springs

DUVAL COUNTY

Riverside Arts Market

Jacksonville

Sunday Yoga in the Park

Hemming Park - Jacksonville

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Beach YOGA

Ocean Hammock Park - St. Augustine



Castillo de San Marcos, photos courtesy of NPS

A Step Back in Time: Historical Sites and Museums

To understand what makes the First Coast such a great place to live, it's important to know the rich history of those who lived here long ago. Long before the area was colonized by European settlers, the Timucuan people called Northeast Florida home. For over 1,000 years, the Timucuan tribes lived in various communities along the waterways in North and Central Florida, as well as southeastern Georgia. Archeologists have even discovered some of the oldest remnants of pottery in the United States, dating to 2500 B.C. in the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve.



In 1513, Spanish conquistador Juan Ponce de León landed on the banks of Northeast Florida and claimed the land for Spain. Inspired by the lush landscape, Ponce de León named the area La Florida.

In 1562, the French Huguenots, led by Jean Ribault, 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 creation 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 most of its Florida territory to the British at the end of the Seven Years' War.

After their defeat in the American Revolutionary War, Britain returned control of the Florida territory to Spain in 1783 via the Peace of Paris. Around this time, downtown Jacksonville was known as Cowford because there was a place in the St. Johns River that was both shallow and narrow enough for cattle to cross.

In 1821, Spain ceded the Florida Territory to the United States. American settlers on the north side of Cowford decided to plan a town and began laying out the streets and plats. Eventually, the name was changed 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 and grew to 57,699 residents by 1910. The St. Johns River became a large transporter of goods and passengers. It allowed access to the ocean to cross the sea, which assisted in facilitating commerce, enhanced security and recreation.

The area also began to become a prime vacation spot, with untouched beaches and warm weather. The First Coast's popularity also brought a drove of people looking to relocate and a population boom began. The area's growth in the 20th century can also be attributed to the presence of its growing Navy bases.

BAKER COUNTY

Olustee Battlefield

Historic State Park

5815 Battlefield Trail Rd., Olustee

www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/olustee-battlefield-historic-state-park

olustee-battlefield-historic-state-park

This site pays tribute to the Battle of Olustee, the largest Civil War battle in Florida. On Feb. 20, 1864, more than 10,000 cavalry, infantry and artillery troops fought for almost five hours. After 2,807 casualties were tallied, the Union soldiers retreated to Jacksonville. The Union forces included the famous 54th Massachusetts Infantry, a unit of African American troops featured in the 1989 film *Glory*. Some scenes for the movie were even filmed at Olustee. 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

Visitors to this park can meander through the paths that lead to several small museums that showcase Baker County's settlers in the 1800s. These museums include a barber and blacksmith shop, trading post, train depot and jail.

CLAY COUNTY

Clay County Historic Museum & Triangle

915 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs

www.greencovesprings.com/clay-county-historical-museum-triangle

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

DUVAL-BEACHES

Beaches Museum

381 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach

www.beachmuseum.org

Experience the history of the Beaches community through photographs, interactive exhibits and personal accounts. 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/timu/learn/historyculture/foca.htm

This memorial shares the story of the settlement at Fort Caroline established in 1564 by the French Huguenots that was eventually captured by the Spanish. 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.

Norman Studios

6337 Arlington Rd., Jacksonville

www.normanstudios.org

Located in Jacksonville's Old Arlington neighborhood, Norman Studios is Jacksonville's only surviving silent film studio complex and is a remnant of Jacksonville's heyday as the Winter Film Capital of the World.

Ribault Club, The

11241 Fort George Rd., Jacksonville

www.theribaultclub.com

The Ribault Club was established in 1928 and was the site of many soirees and parties for the affluent. Located on Fort George Island, it currently houses a museum depicting its history.

Yellow Bluff Fort Historic State Park

New Berlin Rd., Jacksonville

www.floridastateparks.org

Though there was never an actual fort, an armed and fortified encampment was built at this historic site. When construction began in 1862, the site was occupied by both Confederate and Union troops during the Civil War and at its peak, housed more than 250 soldiers. Visitors can picnic in an authentic reproduction of the encampment.

DUVAL-SOUTH

Brumos Collection, The

5159 San Pablo Rd. S., Jacksonville

www.thebrumoscollection.com

This exquisite collection houses some of the finest automobiles in the world and tells the story of their rich history. The first section of the museum features open cockpit racers and early automotive innovations, and the second portion displays Porsche race cars from 1953 to 2017.

Hands On Children's Museum

8580 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville

<http://handsonchildrensmuseum.org/index.html>

This museum encourages hands-on learning through educational exhibits for children ages 1 through 12.

Mandarin Museum & Historical Society

11964 Mandarin Rd., Jacksonville

www.mandarinmuseum.net

Located in the Walter Jones Historical Park, this museum allows visitors to catch a glimpse of old historic Florida. Visitors can learn about author and abolitionist Harriet Beecher Stowe who settled in Mandarin in 1867. The Civil War steamship exhibit of the Maple Leaf is also on display. On the property is the St. Joseph's Mission Schoolhouse for African American Children, which is the only remaining one-room schoolhouse in Duval County. Visitors can also stop by the Historic Store and Post Office located nearby.

Museum of Science & History (MOSH)

1025 Museum Cir., Jacksonville

www.themosh.org

Northeast Florida's only science and history museum inspires visitors young and old through its interactive exhibits and educational programs. The museum's Bryan-Gooding Planetarium brings the cosmos and night skies to life.



Photo courtesy of the Brumos Collection



MOSH, photo courtesy of COJ



Amelia Island Museum of History, courtesy of Ameliainland.com

DUVAL-WEST

Camp Milton Historic Preserve

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

This campground immerses visitors into the Civil War era with its historical reenactments. On the property is an authentic 1800s Florida farmstead and an education center that houses Civil War artifacts.

Durkeeville Historical Society Museum

1293 W. 19th St., Jacksonville
www.durkeevillehistoricalsociety.org

The Durkeeville community was founded in the 1930s for African Americans during Jacksonville's period of racial segregation. This museum tells the story of Durkeeville through exhibits and historical artifacts.

Eartha M. M. White Museum

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

The museum is a memorial to Clara White, a former slave who fed 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.

Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum

101 W. 1st St., Jacksonville
www.karpeles.com/museums/jax.php

As one of the few Karpeles Museums in the country, this location on the First Coast preserves historic artwork, documents and writings from renowned authors, scientists, composers, philosophers and leaders throughout world history.

Merrill House Museum

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

Operated by the Jacksonville Historical Society, this unique museum portrays what life in Jacksonville was like at the turn of the 20th century.

Museum of Southern History

4304 Herschel St., Jacksonville
www.museumsofthesouthernhistory.com

Visitors to this museum can peruse exhibits on military and civilian life during the Civil War. On display is a Lincoln-era 37-Star Applegate Flag and a diorama of the Battle of Olustee.

Ritz Theatre and Museum

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

This museum celebrates the period from the 1920s to the 1960s in the LaVilla neighborhood, known as the "Harlem of the South." Visitors can also learn about Jacksonville-native brothers John Rosamond 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/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs/jacksonville-veterans-memorial-wall

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

A.L. Lewis Museum

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

The A.L. Lewis Museum gives a glimpse into the lives of African Americans who lived during the Jim Crow era in Amelia Island.

Amelia Island Lighthouse

215 O'Hagan Ln., Fernandina Beach
www.fbfl.us/474/Amelia-Island-Lighthouse-Tour

Known to be the only surviving lighthouse from the Territorial Period, Florida's oldest lighthouse stands on the banks of Fernandina Beach. Built in 1838, the lighthouse continues to stand as a beacon of the area's history.

Amelia Island Museum of History

233 S. 3rd St., Fernandina Beach
www.ameliainland.com

Known as the first "spoken history museum" in the state of Florida, discover Amelia Island's diverse past at this museum.

Fernandina Beach Marine

Welcome Center & Shrimping Museum

17 S. Front St., Fernandina Beach

www.ameliamuseum.org/shrimping-museum

Fernandina Beach is known as the birthplace of the modern 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/parks-and-trails/fernandina-plaza-historic-state-park

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

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

Known as “the fort,” Castillo de San Marcos was built to protect Spain’s claims on the New World. Take a tour throughout the oldest masonry fort in the U.S. and enjoy living history reenactments, events, and a multitude of exhibits.



Flagler College, photo by Stephanie Marty

Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine

38 Cathedral Pl., St. Augustine

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. The Cathedral Basilica was built to keep the sacred spiritual history alive.

Colonial Quarter

33 St. George St., St. Augustine

www.colonialquarter.com

Climb the 35-foot watchtower to view the Castillo de San Marcos and stroll through 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

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

Built by the Spanish in 1742 to guard Matanzas Inlet, visitors can watch reenactments and learn about the battles fought here. The fort was named after the inlet, which acquired its name after the massacre (matanzas in Spanish) of the French Huguenots in 1565.

Fort Mose Historic State Park

15 Fort Mose Trl., St. Augustine

www.floridastateparks.org/park/fort-mose

Nestled along the St. Augustine marshland, this Spanish fort was the first sanctioned free African American settlement for those fleeing English slavery.

Lightner Museum

75 King St., St. Augustine

www.lightnermuseum.org

Built by Henry Flagler in 1887 as the Hotel Alcazar, this Spanish Renaissance-style museum houses a unique collection of relics and memorabilia such as Tiffany glass, sculptures, fine art and more.

St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum, photo courtesy of Floridashistoricoast.com



Lightner Museum, photo by Stephanie Marty



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

Father Miguel O'Reilly House Museum
32 Aviles St., St. Augustine
www.fatheroreilly.house

Governor's House Cultural Center and Museum
48 King St., St. Augustine
www.staugustine.ufl.edu/govHouse.html

Lincolville Museum and Cultural Center
102 M.L. King Ave., St. Augustine
www.lincolvillmuseum.org

National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nombre de Dios
101 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine
missionandshrine.org

Oldest House Museum Complex
14 St. Francis St., St. Augustine
www.saintaugustinehistoricalsociety.org/oldest-house-museum-complex

Peña-Peck House, The
143 St. George St., St. Augustine
www.penapeckhouse.com

Spanish Military Hospital Museum
3 Aviles St., St. Augustine
www.smhmuseum.com

St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine
41 St. George St., St. Augustine
stphotios.org

Ximenez-Fatio House Museum
20 Aviles St., St. Augustine
www.ximenezfatiohouse.org

Oldest Wooden School House Historic Museum & Gardens

14 St. George St., St. Augustine

www.oldestwoodenschoolhouse.com

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

St. Augustine History Museum

167 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine

www.trolleytours.com/st-augustine/history-museum

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

St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum

100 Red Cox Rd., St. Augustine

www.staugustinelighthouse.com

Climb to the top of this iconic white and black lighthouse and see unparalleled views of St. Augustine. Visitors can also experience the life of a lighthouse keeper through the many exhibits in the Keeper's House.

St. Augustine Old Jail & Oldest Store Museum

167 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine

www.trolleytours.com/st-augustine/old-jail

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 20th century.

St. Augustine Pirate & Treasure Museum

12 S. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine

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

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

Villa Zorayda Museum, photo courtesy of Floridashistoricoast.com



A Pop of Color: First Coast Art Museums & Events

Many imagine white sandy beaches, theme parks and vacations when they think of Florida, but besides plenty of fun in the sun, the First Coast has a thriving art scene. Our museums, public art and small galleries are full of a variety of art, from paintings to sculptures and contemporary to mixed media. Local art walks and art markets offer a multitude of unique art as well. With a variety of international, national and local artists found throughout the First Coast, it's easy to find the perfect piece for anyone.



DUVAL-BEACHES

First Coast Cultural Center

3972 3rd St. S., Jacksonville Beach

www.firstcoastculturalcenter.org

Previously known as the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, the First Coast Cultural Center in Jacksonville Beach is a gallery that offers educational programs, exhibits, workshops, events and classes.

DUVAL-NORTH

Alexander Brest Museum & Gallery

Jacksonville University

2800 University Blvd. N., Phillips Fine Arts Bldg., Jacksonville

www.ju.edu/art/undergraduate/dev/alexander-brest-gallery.php

Located on the campus of Jacksonville University, the Alexander Brest Museum & Gallery has a collection of Tiffany glass, prints, sculptures, Chinese porcelain, Pre-Columbian artifacts and more.

DUVAL-WEST

CoRK Arts District

2689 Rosselle St., Jacksonville

<http://corkartsdistrict.com>

More than 80,000 square feet of art studios and galleries are found at the corner of Rosselle and King streets. Known as CoRK, the warehouse space is full of a variety of disciplines including mixed media, painting and photography.

Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens

829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville

www.cummermuseum.org

The largest fine arts museum of the First Coast is found overlooking the banks of the St. Johns River. With more than 5,000 works of art in their permanent and traveling exhibits, guests can enjoy a day exploring the expansive galleries and enjoy free admission on Friday evenings.



Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA)

Jacksonville

333 N. Laura St., Jacksonville

moca-jacksonville.unf.edu

With six galleries and more than 1,000 pieces of art including sculpture, mixed media, printmaking, photography and painting, MOCA is one of the largest contemporary art museums in the Southeast with more than 500 artists featured in the museum. The museum also offers educational programs geared towards the different exhibitions.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Crisp-Ellert Art Museum

48 Sevilla St., St. Augustine

www.flagler.edu/information-for/community-members/arts--culture/crisp-ellert-art-museum/

Art from local, national and international artists can be found in the nation's oldest city at Flagler College. This contemporary art museum has numerous exhibits and community programs.

St. Augustine Art Association

22 Marine St., St. Augustine

www.staaa.org

For 92 years, the St. Augustine Art Association has provided a rich cultural art experience to the community for local artists as an influential force in the local art community.



Crisp Ellert Museum, photo courtesy of Floridashistoriccoast.com



Photo courtesy of Cummer Museum



CORK Arts District, photo courtesy of COJ

Art Walks and Festivals

Artrageous Artwalk

Downtown Fernandina Beach

www.ameliainland.com/see-and-do/Artrageous-Artwalk

Second Saturday of the month

First Friday Artwalk

St. Augustine

www.artgalleriesofstaugustine.com/first-fridayart-walk

First Friday of the month

First Wednesday Artwalk

Downtown Jacksonville

www.jacksonvilleartwalk.com

First Wednesday of the month

Jax Beach Artwalk

First St. from Beach Blvd. to Fifth Ave. N., Jacksonville Beach

betterjaxbeach.com/jax-beach-art-walk

Second Tuesday of the month

Mandarin Art Festival

Mandarin Community Club

12447 Mandarin Rd., Jacksonville

www.mandarinartfestival.org

Every Easter weekend

North Beaches Art Walk

Beaches Town Center

Atlantic Blvd. and First St., Neptune Beach

www.nbaw.org

Third Thursday of the month

Riverside Arts Market

715 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville

www.riversideartsmarket.org

Every Saturday

San Marco Art Festival

Balis Park

1999 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville

www.sanmarcoartfestival.com

Thanksgiving weekend

St. Augustine Festival of Art

Francis Field

25 W. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine

www.staaa.org/festival

Thanksgiving weekend



Bring the Popcorn It's Showtime!

Entertainment on the First Coast

Photo courtesy of Florida Theatre

When the curtains rise, and spotlights come on, entertainment seekers can find some of the best shows on the First Coast. From concerts to comedians to variety shows and musicals, the First Coast is full of fun and laughs. Whether you are looking for a small intimate space like the Ritz, or larger venues like Daily's Place and VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, there are a multitude of options for a night full of fun in our own backyard!

CLAY COUNTY

Thrasher-Horne Center
283 College Dr., Orange Park
www.thcenter.org

Thrasher-Horne is set on the campus of St. Johns River State College and has music, theater and dance performances, and also serves as a full-service conference center.

DUVAL-BEACHES

Beaches Fine Arts Series
416 12th Ave. N., Jacksonville Beach
www.beachesfinearts.org

Since 1972, Beaches Fine Arts Series has offered the community various dance and musical performances from contemporary to classical and jazz to world music.

SeaWalk Pavilion
75 1st St. N., Jacksonville Beach
www.jacksonvillebeach.org

Home to live music, festivals, concerts and movie showings, the SeaWalk Pavilion is located at the center of Jacksonville Beach.

DUVAL-NORTH

Florida Ballet, The
10131 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville
floridaballet.org

The Florida Ballet is the only professional ballet company in Northeast Florida. The ballet brings an assortment of dance performances to the First Coast. This coming season enjoy *The Nutcracker*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and several other special performances such as the Choreographer's Choice.

**Linda Berry Stein College of Fine Arts
Performing Arts Series**
2800 University Blvd. N., Jacksonville
www.ju.edu/cfa

This performing arts series located at Jacksonville University hosts concerts, dance performances, visiting writers, film festivals and theater productions.

DUVAL-SOUTH

Alhambra Theatre & Dining
12000 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville
www.alhambrajax.com

For more than 50 years, Alhambra has operated as the oldest and continuously operating dinner theater.

Shows throughout the year include the well-known *A Christmas Carol* and a variety of music series. Each live performance has a delicious dinner themed specifically to the show.

Comedy Zone, The
3130 Hartley Rd., Jacksonville
www.comedyzone.com

For an evening full of laughs, head over to the Comedy Zone in Mandarin. Some of the funniest comedians and entertainers will make it a night to remember.

Morocco Shrine
3800 St. Johns Bluff Rd. S., Jacksonville
www.morocco Shrine.org

The Morocco Shrine hosts meetings, exhibitions and trade shows throughout the year for many organizations and interests.

Nathan H. Wilson Center for the Arts
11901 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville
www.fscj.edu/campuses/south-campus/nathan-h-wilson-center-for-the-arts

Located at Florida State College at Jacksonville's South Campus, the Nathan H. Wilson Center for the Arts is a facility that includes an art gallery, main theater seating 500, a studio theater for

small productions, a conference area for meetings, fundraisers and more. Productions throughout the year include music, theater, humanities and visual arts.

University of North Florida (UNF)

Fine Arts Center

1 UNF Dr., Bldg. 45, Jacksonville

www.unf.edu/fineartscenter

Offering more than 128,000 square feet of space, this venue hosts a variety of performances by international, national and local entertainers including dance performances, operas and concerts.

DUVAL-WEST

Daily's Place

1 Daily's Pl., Jacksonville

www.dailysplace.com

With the ability to hold more than 5,000 people, Daily's Place is the perfect place to enjoy concerts by your favorite artists right on the banks of the St. Johns River.

Florida Theatre

128 E. Forsyth St., Ste. 300, Jacksonville

www.floridatheatre.com

Since 1927, the Florida Theatre has been entertaining the First Coast with concerts, comedians, dance performances and other shows.

Friday Musicale

645 Oak St., Jacksonville

www.fridaymusicale.com

Friday Musicale is the oldest musical organization in Florida. It offers concerts, private event space and children's summer music camps.

FSCJ Artist Series, The

501 W. State St., Ste. 109, Jacksonville

www.artistseriesjax.org

The FSCJ Artist Series is known as a top source for professional Broadway shows on the First Coast. This includes entertainment for all ages with concerts, opera, dance and more.

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Each year, the First Coast has many exciting music festivals and events. In April, Springing the Blues, the largest oceanfront free blues festival, comes to Jacksonville Beach, while in September the Jacksonville Jazz Festival attracts more than 130,000 people drawing both local and international musicians.

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Jacksonville Symphony

300 Water St., Ste. 200, Jacksonville

www.jaxsymphony.org

As one of the nation's leading regional orchestras, the Jacksonville Symphony has called the First Coast home for more than 70 years.

Metropolitan Park

4110 Gator Bowl Blvd., Jacksonville

www.coj.net/departments/parks-and-recreation/recreation-and-community-programming/parks/metropolitan-park.aspx

This waterfront park located on the St. Johns River is known for hosting music festivals, concerts and other events.

Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center

1000 Water St., Jacksonville

www.primefosborn.com

This unique historic venue has been converted from a railroad station to a 78,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art convention center for trade shows, conventions and more.

Fiddler on the Roof, photo by Joan Marcus, courtesy of FSCJ Artist Series



Hamilton, photo by Joan Marcus, courtesy of FSCJ Artist Series



VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, photo courtesy of Visit Jacksonville



CATS, photo courtesy of FSCJ Artist Series



St. Augustine Amphitheatre, photo courtesy of Floridashistoriccoast.com

Riverside Fine Arts

1100 Stockton St., Jacksonville

Musicians and artists work together to motivate and inspire both the community and schools to gain an appreciation of the arts through live music and visual arts.

Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts

300 Water St., Jacksonville

www.timesunioncenter.com

This venue hosts a variety of professional and community performances including concerts, comedy, ballet, Broadway and symphony productions.

VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena

300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville

www.jaxarena.com

VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena is home to three of our sports teams: the Icemen, Sharks and Giants. Some of the biggest names in entertainment and music, including Dave Matthews Band, Luke Bryan, Disney on Ice and Cirque du Soleil have also performed in the arena.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

EMMA Concert Association

14 Granada St., St. Augustine

www.emmaconcerts.com

The EMMA Concert Association provides the nation's oldest city with a variety of classical concerts, including dance and musical performers, offering music for all ages.

First Coast Opera

St. Augustine

firstcoastopera.com

As the only opera company in the area, First Coast Opera strives to provide opera and operetta as well as creative performances like cabaret shows.

Ponte Vedra Concert Hall

1050 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach

www.pvconcerthall.com

Hosting more than 140 events and concerts yearly, the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is known as one of the most intimate concert venues hosting a variety of musicians and performing artists each year.

St. Augustine Amphitheatre, The

1340C A1A S., St. Augustine

www.staugamphitheatre.com

This 5,000-seat venue located on Anastasia Island is just over the bridge from downtown St. Augustine. With more than 40 performances hosted each year, "The Amp" has hosted Weird Al Yankovic, Santana, John Mellencamp and Foreigner.

Community Theater on the First Coast

5 & Dime: A Theatre Company, The
112 E. Adams St., Jacksonville
www.the5anddime.org

All Beaches Experimental Theatre
3675 San Pablo Rd. S., Jacksonville
www.abetheatre.com

Amelia Community Theatre
207/209 Cedar St., Fernandina Beach
www.ameliacommunitytheatre.org

Limelight Theatre
11 Old Mission Ave., St. Augustine
www.limelight-theatre.org

Orange Park Community Theatre
2900 Moody Ave., Orange Park
www.opct.info

Players by the Sea
106 6th St. N., Jacksonville Beach
www.playersbythesea.org

Theatre Jacksonville
2032 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville
www.theatrejax.com

Independent Theater and Movie Houses

San Marco Theatre
1996 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville
www.sanmarcotheatre.com

Sun-Ray Cinema
1028 Park St., Jacksonville
www.sunraycinema.com

First Coast Adventures: Attractions

Now that you live on the First Coast, you have access to many exciting and fun-filled attractions right in your own backyard! Spend a day or weekend making memories to last a lifetime. There's never a dull moment on the First Coast!



Catty Shack, photo courtesy of COJ

DUVAL-NORTH

Catty Shack Ranch Wildlife Sanctuary

1860 Starratt Rd., Jacksonville

www.cattyslack.org

Get up close and personal with big cats and other animals at this nonprofit sanctuary. The Catty Shack's current residents include tigers, lions, leopards, cougars, coatimundis and more.

Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens

370 Zoo Pkwy., Jacksonville

www.jacksonvillezoo.org

Go on a safari right here on the First Coast and see more than 2,000 animals at the Jacksonville Zoo. There are a variety of educational programs and exhibits to explore, 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

Perfect for those with a need for speed, the 80,000-square-foot racetrack at Autobahn Indoor Speedway is the largest indoor karting facility in Florida. The speedway has two unique Grand Prix-style tracks and F1-inspired karts that reach speeds up to 50 mph.

iFly Jacksonville

10579 Brightman Blvd., Jacksonville

www.iflyworld.com/Jacksonville

Experience the thrill of soaring through the air at iFly's vertical wind tunnel, which simulates the feeling of skydiving without needing to jump out of a plane!

Main Event Jacksonville

10370 Philips Hwy., Jacksonville

www.mainevent.com

For a fun-filled day or evening, Main Event offers gravity ropes, rock walls, miniature golf, laser tag, karaoke, bowling and more.

NASSAU COUNTY

White Oak Conservation

581705 White Oak Rd., Yulee

www.whiteoakwildlife.org

Dedicated to the conservation and care of threatened and endangered species, White Oak offers expert-led educational tours. Visitors can get face-to-face with giraffes, okapi, rhinoceros, cheetahs and more.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Adventure Landing

2780 SR 16, St. Augustine

<https://st-augustine.adventurelanding.com>

With miniature golf, batting cages, an arcade and go-karts, Adventure Landing is the perfect place for a day of family fun.

Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park

11 Magnolia Ave., St. Augustine

www.fountainofyouthflorida.com

The exhibits at this historical attraction transport visitors to the time when Spanish settlers and Juan Ponce de León came to the New World in 1513 in search of the Fountain of Youth.

Marineland Dolphin Adventure

9600 Oceanshore Blvd., St. Augustine

www.marineland.net

The world's first oceanarium, Marineland's programs have allowed visitors to swim, play and interact with dolphins and other aquatic animals.

Potter's Wax Museum

31 Orange St., St. Augustine

www.potterswax.com

This unique attraction is the country's first established wax museum and 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 an after-hours ghost tour.

Ripley's Believe It or Not!

19 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine

www.ripleys.com/staugustine

You won't believe your eyes at Ripley's! The "Odditorium" features more than 800 rare and unusual artifacts including two-headed animals, shrunken heads and a Fiji "mermaid."

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 crocodile and numerous other birds, reptiles and more. Guests can also zip-line across seven acres through the treetops above the park.

St. Augustine Aquarium

2045 SR 16, St. Augustine

www.saaquarium.com

Become your own marine biologist while visiting this aquarium. Here, visitors can feed sharks and stingrays and even snorkel with multiple species of fish in a natural Florida reef environment.

St. Augustine Wild Reserve

5190 Farm Creek Rd., St. Augustine

www.sawildreserve.org

This nonprofit gives visitors a chance to see more than 90 animals, including wolves, lions, tigers, hyenas, coyotes, a coatimundi, lynxes, leopards, jaguars, several birds and more.

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 will give you the best view for the latest flick.

Bounce Around at these First Coast Trampoline Parks!

Bravoz Entertainment Center

14985 Old St. Augustine Rd., Jacksonville

www.bravoz.com

Flight

7022 AC Skinner Pkwy., Ste. 200, Jacksonville

www.flightadventurepark.com/jacksonville

Get Air

1564 Park Ave., Orange Park

www.getairsports.com/orange-park

Urban Air Adventure Park

9950 Southside Blvd., Jacksonville

www.urbanairtrampolinepark.com

St. Augustine Alligator Farm, photo courtesy of Floridashistoriccoast.com



Autobahn Indoor Speedway, photo courtesy of COJ



St. Augustine Aquarium, photo courtesy of Floridashistoriccoast.com



Catch a Game

Sports on the First Coast

Photo courtesy of COJ

Here on the First Coast, we love sports! Take the family to see the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp play baseball or attend a Jacksonville Jaguars NFL home game at TIAA Bank Field. The First Coast also has basketball, arena football and even hockey. Our city also hosts THE PLAYERS Championship and the Florida-Georgia Football game. With a great sports scene, it's easy to find an event for anyone to enjoy!

DUVAL-NORTH

Florida State College at Jacksonville

BlueWave

**4501 Capper Rd. (North Campus),
Jacksonville**

**11901 Beach Blvd. (South Campus),
Jacksonville**

www.gobluewave.com

Several competitive teams for men and women including baseball, basketball, cross country, beach volleyball, softball and volleyball are offered for students at Florida State College at Jacksonville. The FSCJ BlueWave is part of the Florida College System Activities Association and National Junior College Athletic Association.

Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament

[July 18-23, 2022]

**Jim King Park and Boat Ramp
at Sisters Creek**

8203 Heckscher Dr., Jacksonville

www.kingfishtournament.com

Anglers from all over the country get their rods and reels ready for the Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament in July. The event offers a general tournament as well as a junior angler tournament. As one of the largest kingfish tournaments in the Southeast, this annual week-long tournament gives anglers a chance to win awards, participate in a rod/reel drawing, wave runner drawing and a drawing for a trip to Costa Rica.

Jacksonville University (JU) Dolphins

2800 University Blvd. N., Jacksonville

www.judolphins.com

Jacksonville University has golf, lacrosse, rowing, soccer, baseball, basketball and more. Become a Dolphin fan by attending one of their events with the choice of 18 different sports to cheer on.



Jacksonville Icemen Hockey, photo by Catherine Wyszczanski

“
Two hundred and sixty-three Jaguar paw
prints can be found on Bay Street from the
Main Street Bridge to TIAA Bank Field.”
”



Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp, photo courtesy of COJ

DUVAL-WEST

Edward Waters University (EWU) Tigers
1658 Kings Rd., Jacksonville
www.ewutigerpride.com

Show your EWU pride and cheer the Tigers on from the Tigerzone. Sports include football, basketball, soccer, golf, baseball and even competitive coed cheerleading.

Florida-Georgia Football Classic
[Oct. 29, 2022]

TIAA Bank Field
1 TIAA Bank Field Dr., Jacksonville
[specialevents.coj.net/Special-Events/Florida-Georgia-\(1\).aspx](http://specialevents.coj.net/Special-Events/Florida-Georgia-(1).aspx)

Since 1933, the First Coast has been home to the Florida-Georgia football game. Both Florida Gator and Georgia Bulldog fans gather together for a week filled with rivalry ending with the much-anticipated big game.

DUVAL-SOUTH

Community First Igloo
3605 Philips Hwy., Jacksonville
www.communityfirstigloo.com

In 2021, the Jacksonville Ice & Sportsplex announced its redevelopment to the Community First Igloo, future home for the Jacksonville Icemen hockey team with a planned opening date of 2022. The facility will house the Icemen Corporate Offices, two NHL-sized rinks, a sports-themed restaurant and lounge, pro shop and training facility for the Icemen.

Jacksonville Armada Football Club
1 UNF Dr., Jacksonville
www.jacksonvillearmada.com

As the only professional soccer team on the First Coast, the Jacksonville Armada has drawn soccer fans in since 2014.

Jacksonville Axemen Rugby League
1 UNF Dr., Jacksonville
www.jaxaxe.com

Founded in 2006 as an expansion team of the American National Rugby League (AMNRL), the Axemen have grown as a team, developing into one of the most successful rugby league football clubs in the nation.

Jacksonville Roller Derby
Skate Station Funworks Mandarin
3461 Kori Rd., Jacksonville
www.jacksonvillerollerderby.com

As Jacksonville's first and only flat-track roller derby league, the Jacksonville Roller Derby League has more than 70 skaters and three teams. The various teams include travel teams as well as home teams.

Kona Skatepark
8739 Kona Ave., Jacksonville
www.konaskatepark.com

With lessons, camps, and open skating available, all skill levels will get a chance to work on their skating skills and learn some new tricks at the longest privately owned skatepark in the world.

University of North Florida (UNF) Ospreys
1 UNF Dr., Jacksonville
www.unfospreys.com

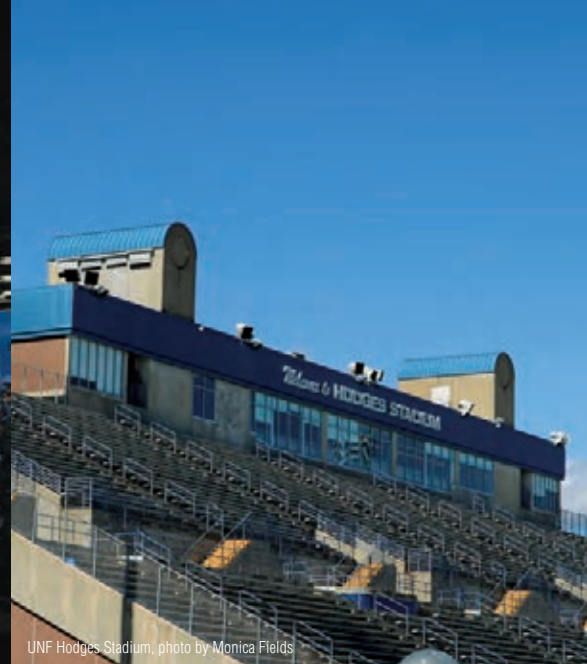
Join the Swoop Squad to cheer on the UNF Ospreys as they compete in a variety of sports including golf, basketball, baseball and more in the NCAA Division I athletics.



Florida-Georgia game, photo courtesy of COJ



121 Financial Ballpark, photo courtesy of COJ



UNF Hodges Stadium, photo by Monica Fields

Jacksonville Equestrian Center
13611 Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville
www.jaxequestriancenter.com

With more than 80 acres, the Jacksonville Equestrian Center is a multi-purpose facility for equine shows, horseback riding, events, hiking, biking and more.

Jacksonville Giants
VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena
300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville
www.jacksonvillegiants.com

Started in 2010, the Jacksonville Giants are an American Basketball Association (ABA) professional basketball team here on the First Coast. The Giants continue to impress fans, having won six American Basketball Association National Championship titles.



Sport Teams



Jacksonville Jaguars
 National Football League
 TIAA Bank Field
 Established: 1995
 Division Championships: 3



Jacksonville Giants
 American Basketball Association
 VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena
 Established: 2010
 League Championships: 7



Jacksonville Sharks
 National Arena League
 VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena
 Established: 2009
 League Championships: 3



Jacksonville Icemen
 ECHL
 VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena
 Established: 1992



Jacksonville Armada FC
 North American Soccer League/
 National Premier Soccer League
 Hodges Stadium
 Established: 2013



Jacksonville Axemen
 USA Rugby League
 University of North Florida
 North Practice
 Soccer Fields
 Established: 2006
 League Championships: 4



Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp
 Minor League Baseball
 Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville
 Established: 1962
 League Championships: 7

Jacksonville Icemen
VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena
300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville
www.jacksonvilleicemen.com

The Jacksonville Icemen offers family fun and weekend entertainment for all ages and is a member of the ECHL affiliated with the New York Rangers.

Jacksonville Jaguars
TIAA Bank Field
1 TIAA Bank Field Dr., Jacksonville
www.jaguars.com

As a member of the American Football Conference (AFC) South and the National Football League (NFL), the Jacksonville Jaguars play at TIAA Bank Field, with a history of seven playoff appearances and three division championships.

Walks, Runs, and Rides

Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp

121 Financial Ballpark

301 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville

www.jaxshrimp.com

Enjoy a fun afternoon or evening downtown while cheering on the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp. An outing to see this Minor League Baseball team is a great way to enjoy some fun with themed games and family-friendly activities like family movie nights and appreciation events.



Florida Gators flagcarts, photo courtesy of COJ

Jacksonville Sharks

VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena

300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville

www.jaxsharks.com

With their fun-loving mascot, "Chum," our own local arena football team, the Jacksonville Sharks, continues to impress fans on the First Coast with their history of several championship titles for the National Arena League.

TaxSlayer Gator Bowl

TIAA Bank Field

1 TIAA Bank Field Dr., Jacksonville

www.taxslayergatorbowl.com

As one of the oldest college football bowl games in the nation, the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl has provided excitement on the First Coast for more than 75 years.



Gate River Run, photo courtesy of COJ

26.2 With DONNA the National Marathon to Finish Breast Cancer

www.breastcancermarathon.com

February

Ameris Bank Jacksonville Marathon, Half Marathon & 5K

www.amerisbank.com/About/What-Guides-Us/Community-Involvement/Jacksonville-Marathon-Event-Information

December

Down Syndrome Association of Jacksonville Buddy Walk

www.dsaj.org

October

Festival of Lights 5K

www.cmnjax.com/fol

December

Fight for Air Climb

www.lung.org/get-involved/events/fight-for-air-climb-old

April

Gate River Run

gateriverrun15k.com

March

Light the Night Walk

www.lightthenight.org/ncfl

November

McKenzie's Run

www.mckenzie'srun.org

November

Never Quit 5K and 10K

www.neverquitnever.com

November

Ortega River Run

www.esj.org/support/events/ortega-river-run/

February

Spartan Race

www.spartan.com

February

St. Augustine Half Marathon

www.staugustinehalfmarathon.com

November



It's Tee Time!

Golf on the First Coast

Omni Amelia Island, Oak Marsh, photo courtesy of Florida's First Coast of Golf

In the last year, golf has continued to rise in popularity with more than 3 million people hitting the greens for the first time. Jacksonville and its surrounding areas feature world-class golf courses for every level of play. Some courses in the area even host championship events and others have beautiful oceanside and riverfront views.

Events

Both spectators and participants from all over the nation come to the First Coast to attend some of the most popular and well-known golf events. Several major golf competitions held in our backyard include **THE PLAYERS Championship** and the **Korn Ferry Tour**.

THE PLAYERS, one of the most attended tournaments on the PGA Tour, is played at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra. The five-day competition held in March challenges pros with the well-known "Island Green," a par-

3, 137-yard hole, known as one of the most difficult golf holes.

Also played at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra, the **Korn Ferry Tour** gives golfers a chance to shine and prove they are ready to progress forward in their golf career. Three of four PGA Tour members identify as previous Korn Ferry Tour participants.

Golf Fun For Everyone

For those looking to step out onto a green, but aren't quite ready for the pros, take a trip to one of the many miniature golf courses, driving ranges and other golf-related spots tucked

away on the First Coast. **TopGolf**, located near the St. Johns Town Center, is a great option for a date night or get-together with friends. With drinks and food served directly to your bay, the atmosphere is the perfect setting for a memorable time.

Get the family outdoors for some fresh air and fun with a game of miniature golf at one of the many courses throughout the area. Pick from courses with waterfalls, pirate ships and more. Head to the Ancient City and take a swing at **Fiesta Falls Mini Golf**, nestled on the coast of

St. Augustine. The nautically themed **Heron's Cove Adventure Golf** is located at Omni Amelia Island Resort. At **Island Falls Adventure Golf** in nearby Fernandina, golfers can enjoy a course full of bridges, tunnels and waterfalls. **Anastasia Miniature Golf** in St. Augustine has a history of more than 30 years with a Japanese koi pond full of colorful fish and tropical landscape surrounding the holes. **Putt-Putt of Amelia Island** has a competition-style 36-hole course that hosted the 2015 National Putt-Putt Championship.

Top 10 Golf Courses

1. Eagle Harbor Golf Club
2. San Jose Country Club
3. Deerwood Country Club
4. Jacksonville Golf & Country Club
5. Timuquana Country Club
6. Blue Sky Golf Club
7. Hyde Park Golf Club
8. Hidden Hills Country Club
9. World Golf Village (Slammer & Squire)
10. TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS Stadium)

Fernandina Beach Golf Club, photo courtesy of Florida's First Coast of Golf

Golf Club South Hampton, photo courtesy of Florida's First Coast of Golf

History buffs will enjoy a trip to the **World Golf Hall of Fame** at World Golf Village in St. Augustine. With interactive and engaging exhibits, visitors can enjoy photographs, art, videos and more geared towards the history of golf. Included with museum admission is a chance to take a shot on the Challenge Hole, a 132-yard island green replica of the 17th hole at TPC Sawgrass.

Golf Club at North Hampton, photo courtesy of Florida's First Coast of Golf

Fun on the Water

Whether you're looking for a fun day at the beach or a relaxing afternoon paddling down a creek, the First Coast is the perfect place to explore our waterways. Choose from our beautiful beaches, rivers and creeks for a day of kayaking, paddleboarding or even lounging on the beach.



Photo by Catherine Wysoczanski

Fishing

The First Coast offers anglers the perfect mix of freshwater and saltwater fishing. Expect to find sheepshead, whiting, pompano, cobia, redfish and snapper. While many fishermen won't reveal their favorite fishing spots, some anglers can be found casting their line on the St. Johns River, Intracoastal Waterway and the beaches.

Fish of the First Coast



Cattfish



Cobia



Trout



Bluefish



Spanish Mackerel



Sailfish



Snapper



Photo by Stephanie Marty

Boating

With many prime spots for boating on the First Coast, the options are endless. Make sure to bring water skis or a wakeboard for some added fun. Fort George River and Clapboard Creek are two popular waterways to explore for boaters. The St. Johns River Taxi is a great way to cruise downtown and offers a variety of tours, including a sunset cruise.



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Photo by Alexandre Saraiva Carniato, courtesy of Pexels

Jet Skis

For thrill-seekers, look no further than taking a spin on a Jet Ski. With multiple rental locations along the water, the choices of waterways to explore are endless.

Surf, Boogie or Skimboarding

Each year, the crashing of the waves along our coastline attracts people who enjoy riding the waves on skim, boogie or surfboards. Some favorite spots include Huguenot Park, Mayport Poles, Atlantic Beach and the Jacksonville Beach Pier.

Paddle Sports

Are you looking for a relaxing ride down one of the creeks? Or a challenge tackling the ocean waves? Throughout the First Coast, there are multiple locations where kayaks, canoes and paddleboards can be rented, perfect for a day filled with serenity and adventure.



Photo by Stephanie Marty

Retail Therapy:

First Coast Shopping

If you are on the hunt for a unique piece of furniture or a stylish new outfit, the First Coast has numerous shopping centers and malls that won't disappoint. Below you will find some of the shopping options in your neighborhood or even find your next shopping adventure destination!



Amelia Island shopping, photo courtesy of AmeliaIsland.com

CLAY COUNTY

In Clay County, shoppers don't need to go far to find great stores. Residents can explore the indoor **Orange Park Mall** and the many shopping plazas in Fleming Island such as the **Fleming Island Shopping Center**.

DUVAL COUNTY

Located at the heart of the Atlantic and Neptune beach communities, the **Beaches Town Center** offers oceanfront shopping with several unique boutiques.

On the Southside, **The Avenues** is a multi-level indoor shopping mall that allows for a day of shopping in the cool A/C. Nearby is the **St. Johns Town Center**, an upscale open-air shopping destination that has shops

from popular designers and brands. Next door is **The Markets at Town Center**, which houses many top retailers as well.

Located in the beautiful **San Marco** neighborhood, San Marco Square is filled with boutiques offering one-of-a-kind items. The trendy **Five Points** district in Riverside boasts fashionable clothes, rare accessories and even some shops just for your four-legged friend.

The Shoppes of Avondale, nestled in Jacksonville's historic Avondale neighborhood is a quaint, tree-lined community with several locally owned shops and boutiques. On the Westside, **Oakleaf Town Center** offers a number of retailers for shoppers running errands.



Photo by Stephanie Marty



Orange Park Mall, photo courtesy of Clay County

River City Marketplace on the Northside is conveniently located near the Jacksonville Airport and offers an array of popular retailers.

NASSAU COUNTY

Shoppers in Amelia Island and Fernandina Beach will find a variety of shops in this northernmost county of the First Coast. **Centre Street** in downtown Fernandina Beach and **The Shops at Omni Amelia Island** are the perfect places to peruse an array of boutiques filled with stylish home décor, art, trendy clothes and unique gifts.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

St. Johns County is the perfect shopping destination for those looking for something unique. Shoppers can peruse upscale shops and boutiques at **Sawgrass Village**. The **Nocatee Town Center** offers residents an assortment of restaurants and shops.

Northern St. Johns County is growing as a shopping destination that attracts residents and visitors. **Durbin Park**, including **The Pavilion at Durbin Park**, is continually adding excellent shopping and dining options and will soon be the largest shopping area on the First Coast. The second phase of the development will be adding several more stores and retailers. Also nearby is **The Shoppes of Bartram Park**, Bartram's largest retail center that includes several restaurants and shops.

The First Coast's premier outlet mall, the **St. Augustine Premium Outlets** offer shoppers both designer merchandise and name brands at prices that won't break the bank.

In St. Augustine's quaint historic downtown district, shoppers can stroll along **St. George Street**, a pedestrian-only cobblestone street lined with one-of-a-kind shops and art galleries.

YUM A Southern Market, photo courtesy of Clay County



Pavilion at Durbin Park, photo by Monica Fields



Stores at the St. Johns Town Center, photos by Monica Fields

All-Natural and Organic Grocery Stores

- Grassroots Natural Market
2007 Park St., Jacksonville
- Grassroots Natural Market II
1915 East West Pkwy., Ste. 1,
Fleming Island
- Publix GreenWise Market
250 Pine Lake Dr., Ponte Vedra Beach
St. Augustine location coming soon
- 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
1960 East West Pkwy., Ste. 100,
Fleming Island
- 12795 San Jose Blvd., Ste. 1,
Jacksonville
- 13493 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville
- 150 Riverside Ave., Ste. 200,
Jacksonville
- 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
- 2050 3rd St. S., Jacksonville Beach



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Outdoor dining in Amelia Island, photo courtesy of AmeliasIsland.com

Taste of the First Coast: Dining

The First Coast is a foodie's paradise! Around every corner, fantastic restaurants and eateries serving up unique cuisines with a multitude of flavors await you. We are fortunate to have nationally and internationally trained chefs who create delectable dishes. If you visit one of our many seafood restaurants, you'll be sure to find local Mayport shrimp on the menu. *Bon appétit!*



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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

Mini Bar Donuts + Coffee, The

Fleming Island, Jacksonville Beach, Town Center

Nona Blue Modern Tavern

Ponte Vedra Beach

Poe's Tavern

Atlantic Beach

Prohibition Kitchen

St. Augustine

Restaurant Doro

Neptune Beach

Restaurant Medure

Ponte Vedra Beach

River & Post

Five Points

Salt

Amelia Island

True Food Kitchen

Town Center

Whit's Frozen Custard

Atlantic Beach, Avondale, Jacksonville Beach, Mandarin, Orange Park, Southside

Photo by Stephanie Marty

AMERICAN

Ill Forks

Southside

bb's restaurant and bar

San Marco

Blackstone Grille

Julington Creek

Bread and Board, The

Downtown, Town Center

Brick Restaurant

Avondale

ChopHouse Thirteen

Mandarin

Cowford Chophouse

Downtown

Eleven South

Jacksonville Beach

Good Dough

San Marco

Grumpy's Restaurant

Middleburg (Temporarily Closed), Orange Park, St. Johns, Wildlight

Hilltop Club & Restaurant, The

Orange Park

Jax Beach Brunch Haus

Jacksonville Beach

Fruity Pebble Waffle at Grumpy's, photo courtesy of Clay County



Bistro AIX, photo courtesy of Visit Jacksonville





Amelia Island dining, photo courtesy of Ameliasland.com



The Patio Place, photo courtesy of Ameliasland.com



Photo by Stephanie Marty

BARBECUE

- 4 Rivers Smokehouse**
Orange Park, Southside
- ABBQ**
Atlantic Beach
- Bearded Pig, The**
Jacksonville Beach, San Marco
- Happy Tomato, The**
Fernandina Beach
- Johnny's**
Keystone Heights
- Mission BBQ**
Town Center
- Monroe's Smokehouse Bar-B-Q**
Southside, Westside

FRENCH

- Bistro AIX**
San Marco
- JJ's Bistro**
Gate Parkway, Ponte Vedra
- Orsay**
Avondale
- Patio Place, The**
Fernandina Beach
- Rue Saint-Marc**
San Marco
- ITALIAN/PIZZA**
- Barrique Kitchen & Wine Bar**
Avondale
- Caffe Andiamo**
Ponte Vedra

- Carmine's Pie House**
Riverside

- Joseph's Pizza**
Atlantic Beach, Northside
- Mezza Luna Ristorante**
Neptune Beach

- Midtown Table**
Town Center

- Pizza Time**
St. Augustine

- Taverna**
San Marco

- V Pizza**
Fernandina Beach, Fleming Island,
Jacksonville Beach, Mandarin, Ponte
Vedra Beach, 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**
Arlington, Atlantic Beach, Fernandina
Beach, Ponte Vedra Beach, Southside,
St. Augustine



Photo by Stephanie Marty



Happy Tomato, photo courtesy of Ameliasland.com



Photo by Stephanie Marty



Photo by Catherine Wysoczanski



Pulled Pork at Johnny's, photo courtesy of Clay County

El Jefe

Westside

Flying Iguana Taqueria

& Tequila Bar

Neptune Beach

Pepper's Cocina Mexicana

& Tequila Bar

Amelia Island, Fleming Island

TacoLu

Jacksonville Beach

PAN-ASIAN

Blue Bamboo Canton Bistro

Mandarin

Hawkers

Five Points, Neptune Beach

SEAFOOD

Aqua Grill

Ponte Vedra Beach

Blue Fish, The

Avondale

Catch 27

St. Augustine

Fish Company, The

Atlantic Beach

Marker 32

Intracoastal

North Beach Fish Camp

Atlantic Beach



Photo by Stephanie Marty



Tommy Bahama at the St. Johns Town Center, photo by Monica Fields

Ocean 60

Atlantic Beach

Timoti's Seafood Shak

Fernandina Beach, Five Points, Nocatee

Tommy Bahama Marlin Bar

Town Center

SOUTHERN

Bellwether

Downtown

Black Sheep

Five Points

Coop303

Atlantic Beach

Copeland's of New Orleans

Southside

Florida Cracker Kitchen

Intracoastal, San Marco

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

SPANISH

Michael's

St. Augustine

THAI

Blue Orchid Thai

East Arlington

Indochine

Downtown



Food Truck Downtown, photo courtesy of COJ

First Coast Food Truck Scene

For a gourmet meal on the go, our food trucks offer a wide array of dishes such as Asian fusion, grilled cheese, juicy burgers, barbeque, tacos and more. Many food trucks can be found throughout the area at festivals, art walks, local breweries and other events. To find a food truck near you, visit foodtruckfinderusa.com/jacksonville-food-truck-schedule.

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Atlantic Beach

Casa Marina Restaurant

Jacksonville Beach

Joe's Crab Shack

Jacksonville Beach

Reef, The

Vilano Beach

Salt Life Food Shack

Fernandina Beach, Jacksonville Beach, St. Augustine

Sliders Seaside Grill

Fernandina Beach

INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY VIEWS

Aunt Kate's

St. Augustine

Barbara Jean's on the Water

Ponte Vedra Beach

Cap's on The Water

St. Augustine

Conch House

St. Augustine

Dockside Seafood Restaurant

Jacksonville Beach

Kingfish Grill on the Water

St. Augustine

LuLu's Waterfront Grill

Ponte Vedra Beach

Mavi Waterfront Bar & Grill

Jacksonville Beach

Palm Valley Fish Camp

Ponte Vedra Beach

Dinner With A View: Waterfront Dining

The First Coast's gorgeous weather allows us to enjoy the stunning scenery of our beaches and waterways, which are the perfect backdrop for a delicious meal.



Photo courtesy of AmeliaIsland.com

Palm Valley Outdoors Bar & Grill

Ponte Vedra Beach

ST. JOHNS RIVER VIEWS

Clark's Fish Camp

Julington Creek

Estrella Cocina

Downtown

Julington Creek Fish Camp

Julington Creek

Palms Fish Camp

Northside

Safe Harbor Seafood Market & Restaurant

Mayport

Sandollar Restaurant & Marina

Northside

Singleton's Seafood Shack

Mayport

Whitey's Fish Camp

Fleming Island

Palms Fish Camp, photo courtesy of Visit Jacksonville



First Coast Caffeine Fix: Local Coffee Shops

The First Coast is overflowing with locally owned and operated coffee shops and cafés that can satisfy your caffeine cravings. From foamy lattes to chilled cold brews, our baristas are always brewing up something delicious. Cozy up with a good cup of joe on a deep leather couch, meet up with friends or even settle down for a good study or work session.



Photo by Stephanie Marty



Cruical Coffee Cafe, photo by Catherine Wyszczanski



Bold Bean, photo by Wade Austin Ellis on Unsplash

Amelia Island Coffee

207 Centre St., Fernandina Beach
www.ameliaislandcoffee.com

Bold Bean Coffee Roasters

869 Stockton St., Ste. 100, Jacksonville
2400 3rd St. S., Ste. 201, Jacksonville Beach
www.boldbeancoffee.com

Brass Tacks Coffee Co.

4352-01 Southside Blvd., Jacksonville
119 Bartram Oaks Walk, St. Johns
www.brasstackscoffee.com

Coffee Grinder, The

9834 Old Baymeadows Rd., Jacksonville
www.thecoffeegrinderjax.com

Cup of Job

119 1st Ave. N., Jacksonville Beach
http://cupofjob.com

DOS Coffee & Wine

300 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine
www.dosbar.com

Kookaburra Coffee, The

351 Town Plaza Ave., Ste. 102A, Ponte Vedra
1835 US Hwy. 1 S., St. Augustine
24 Cathedral Pl., St. Augustine
4265 A1A S., St. Augustine
470 SR 207, St. Augustine

647 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine
www.thekookaburracoffee.com

Lucky Goat Coffee Co.

12620 Beach Blvd., Ste. 7, Jacksonville
www.luckygoatcoffee.com

Pura Bean Coffee Company

14286 Beach Blvd., Ste. 25, Jacksonville
www.purabeancoffeeeco.com

Sago Coffee

318 7th Ave. N., Jacksonville Beach
www.sagocoffeejax.com

Sippers Coffeehouse

7643 Gate Pkwy., Ste. 101, Jacksonville
www.facebook.com/sipperscoffeehouse

Social Grounds Coffee Company

1712 N. Main St., Jacksonville
www.socialgroundscoffeeco.com

Southern Grounds

1671 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville
3562 St. Johns Ave., Jacksonville
Coming Soon: JAX Airport location
200 1st St., Neptune Beach
www.southerngrounds.com

Southern Roots Filling Station

1275 King St., Jacksonville
www.southernrootsjax.com

Spring Park Coffee

328 Ferris St., Green Cove Springs
www.springparkcoffee.com

Twisted Compass Brewing Company

585 N. SR 13, Ste. 101, St. Johns
www.twistedcompassbrewing.com

Urban Bean Coffeehouse Cafe, The

2023 Park Ave., Orange Park
www.theurbanbeancoffeehouse.com

Urban Grind Coffee Company

45 W. Bay St., Jacksonville
www.urbangrind.coffee

Vagabond Coffee Co.

934 Edgewood Ave. S., Jacksonville
www.vagabondcoffee.com

For a meowy good time, visit these cat cafés! The cats in these cafés are even available for adoption.

Caffeinated Cat

331 1st Ave. N., Jacksonville Beach
www.facebook.com/thecaffeinatedcatjax

Frisky Cat Café

1092 S. Ponce De Leon Blvd., St. Augustine
www.friskycatcafe.com

Witty Whisker Cat Café

112 N. Ponce De Leon Blvd., Unit A, St. Augustine
www.wittywhisker.com

First Coast After Hours: Nightlife

There certainly is no shortage of happy hours here on the First Coast! When the sun dips below the horizon, our nightlife heats up. If you're looking for a swanky cocktail lounge, a rooftop bar with breathtaking views, a late-night dance club, or simply a place where everybody knows your name, the First Coast has the best spots to unwind.

Cheers!



Hyperion Brewing, photo courtesy of Visit Jacksonville

CLAY COUNTY

Cheers Park Avenue
Orange Park

River House, The
Orange Park

DUVAL-BEACHES

Brewz
Atlantic Beach (locations in Bartram Park and Riverside as well)

Brix Taphouse, The
Jacksonville Beach

Flask & Cannon
Jacksonville Beach

Hoptinger Bier Garden & Sausage House
Jacksonville Beach

Lemon Bar
Neptune Beach

Lynch's Irish Pub
Jacksonville Beach

Pete's Bar
Neptune Beach

Ragtime Tavern
Atlantic Beach

Shim Sham Room, The
Jacksonville Beach

Surfer [The Bar]
Jacksonville Beach

“
The Palace Saloon is the oldest bar in Florida and was the last to close during Prohibition. It was also a popular spot for socialites such as the Rockefellers and Carnegies.
”



Photos by Stephanie Marty



DUVAL-SOUTH

Grape & Grain Exchange, The
San Marco

Sidecar
San Marco

DUVAL-WEST

1904 Music Hall
Downtown

Birdies
Five Points

Dos Gatos
Downtown

Garage, The
Riverside

Hoptinger Bier Garden & Sausage House
Five Points

Keg & Coin
Riverside

Kickbacks Gastropub
Riverside

Loft, The
Riverside

Phoenix Bar & Bowling, The
Westside

Rain Dogs
Five Points

Rec Room
Five Points

Rouge
Riverside

Volstead, The
Downtown

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NASSAU COUNTY

Hammerhead Beach Bar

Fernandina Beach

Palace Saloon

Fernandina Beach

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Auggie's Draft Room

St. Augustine

Barley Republic

St. Augustine

Fionn MacCool's

Ponte Vedra Beach

Ice Plant Bar

St. Augustine

Mulligan's Pub

Ponte Vedra Beach

Odd Birds

St. Augustine

Scarlett O'Hara's

St. Augustine

Stogies Jazz Club

& Listening Room

St. Augustine

Tini Martini Bar

St. Augustine

The Palace, photo courtesy of Ameliasland.com



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Tour and Sample these First Coast Wineries and Distilleries

City Gate Spirits

11 St. George St., St. Augustine

www.citygatespirits.com

Four Fathers Distillery

2917 Borden St., Jacksonville

www.fourfathersdistillery.com

Manifest Distilling

960 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville

www.manifestdistilling.com

Marlin & Barrel Distillery

232 S. 8th St., Fernandina Beach

www.marlinbarrel.com

San Sebastian Winery

157 King St., St. Augustine

www.sansebastianwinery.com

St. Augustine Distillery

112 Riberia St., St. Augustine

www.staugustinedistillery.com

Pet-Friendly Bars

Brewhound Dog Park + Bar

Neptune Beach

Kanine Social

Riverside



First Love Brewery, photo courtesy of Ameliainsland.com

Craft Beer Scene: First Coast Breweries

The craft beer scene on the First Coast is booming! Our hometown breweries offer a variety of unique styles such as rich stouts, bold IPAs and crisp lagers. There are numerous breweries located throughout the area, from Amelia Island to St. Augustine and everywhere in between. The First Coast is serving up one-of-a-kind brews ready for you to taste.

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www.culturedcollective.co

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DUVAL-BEACHES

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Springfield
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Ruby Beach Brewing

Downtown
www.rubybeachbrewing.com

Strings Sports Brewery

Springfield
www.stringsportsbrewery.com

Tabula Rasa Brewing

Downtown
https://tabularasa.beer

NASSAU COUNTY

Amelia Island Brewing Company

Fernandina Beach
www.ameliainslandbrewing.com

First Love Brewing

Fernandina Beach
https://firstlovebrewing.com

Mocama Brewing Company

Fernandina Beach
https://mocama.com

SJ Brewing Company

Yulee
www.sjbrewingco.com

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Ancient City Brewing

St. Augustine
www.ancientcitybrewing.com

Bog Brewing Company

St. Augustine
www.bogbrewery.com

Dog Rose Brewing Co.

St. Augustine
www.dogrosebrewing.com

Old Coast Ales Brewery

St. Augustine
www.oldcoastales.com



Time to Party

Festivals and Celebrations on the First Coast

With many events throughout the year, it is easy to see that the First Coast knows how to have fun. From reenactments to cultural celebrations, and holiday events to food festivals, thousands of locals and visitors enjoy festivals and celebrations all over the First Coast.



Photo courtesy of Olustee Battlefield Historic Site

BAKER COUNTY

Battle of Olustee

February

www.battleofolustee.org

To commemorate Florida's largest Civil War battle, history is relived with live reenactments of the battle fought on Feb. 20, 1864. The event includes authentic campsites, artillery inspections, medical demonstrations, parades, arts and crafts and more.

CLAY COUNTY

Northeast Florida Scottish Games & Festival

February

www.neflgames.com

With traditional music, competitions and demonstrations, Scotland will be at the tip of your fingers during this annual event. Enjoy whiskey tastings, games, a kid's area, petting zoo and other entertainment.

Town of Orange Park Fall Festival

October

www.opfallfestival.com

More than 200 vendors and artists come together for Clay County's biggest festival with entertainment from both local and regional artists. Handmade jewelry, pottery, art and unique gifts are available for purchase. Make sure to bring your appetite and sample the more than 30 food vendors on site.



World of Nations Celebration, photo courtesy of COJ

DUVAL COUNTY

Jacksonville Greek Festival

November

www.jaxgreekfest.com

Immerse yourself in Greek culture during this annual festival that has homemade Greek food and desserts, live music, dancing and more.

World of Nations Celebration

February/March

specialevents.coj.net/Special-Events/World-of-Nations-Celebration.aspx

With more than 75,000 visitors enjoying this annual multicultural celebration, it's easy to travel to

different countries by sampling food, music, dance and stories from a variety of cultures.

Opening of the Beaches Parade

April

www.jacksonvillebeach.org

Even though we can go to the beach year-round, celebrate the opening of the beaches with a fun parade.



Jazz Festival, photo courtesy of COJ



Photo by Stephanie Marty



Deck the Chairs, photo courtesy of COJ

“
For more than 40 years, the Jacksonville Jazz Festival has been known as one of the largest jazz festivals in the country.
 ”

Community First Seawalk Music Festival
June

www.communityfirstseawalkmusicfest.com
 This oceanfront music festival located at the SeaWalk Pavilion brings some fun in the sun with local food, shopping and great tunes.

Sea and Sky Air Show
October

specialevents.coj.net/Special-Events/Sea-and-Sky-Airshow.aspx
 The Sea and Sky Air Show features an exciting air show over Jacksonville Beach with aerial performances by the U.S. Navy Blue Angels and other aerial teams.

Spooktacular
October

www.jacksonvillezoo.org
 This family-friendly annual event at the Jacksonville Zoo is full of fun and fright. In October, the zoo transforms with lights, spooky fun and festive Halloween decorations. Dress up in your costume for a night filled with spooky stories, noises and surprises around every corner.

Springing The Blues Festival

April
www.springingtheblues.com

This exciting three-day blues festival presented by Sawgrass Asset Management is located at the SeaWalk Pavilion in downtown Jacksonville Beach. Local, regional and national blues artists will perform. Besides a great variety of music, there will be food and merchandise available.

Jacksonville Jazz Festival

May
www.jacksonvillejazzfest.com

For more than 40 years, the Jacksonville Jazz Festival has drawn jazz fanatics from all over the country. Known as one of the largest jazz festivals in the nation, visitors can enjoy music performed by newer artists as well as jazz legends just blocks away from the St. Johns River.



**Jacksonville Light Boat Parade
November**

specialevents.coj.net/Special-Events/Light-Boat-Parade.aspx

For more than 30 years, the First Coast has enjoyed this holiday tradition on the St. Johns River. The Jacksonville Light Boat Parade features boats decorated with festive holiday decorations with lights and wreaths. Keep your eyes peeled because you may get a chance to see Santa!

**Deck The Chairs
November/December**

www.deckthechairs.org

Running nightly from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. this family-friendly event allows businesses and other organizations to show pride in the community, while encouraging the arts. Lifeguard chairs are decorated with festive props, lights and more.

NASSAU COUNTY

**Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance
March**

www.ameliaconcours.org

The Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance draws vintage car enthusiasts from all over the country as one of the top automotive events in the world. With more than 300 rare vehicles on display, fans can take a trip back in time with these unique automobiles.



Amelia Island Concours, photos courtesy of Ameliainsland.com

**Dickens on Centre
December**

www.ameliainsland.com/landing-pages/Amelia-Island-Christmas-2021/Dickens-on-Centre

Inspired by Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, this annual event in downtown Fernandina Beach transports visitors back to the Victorian era with

themed holiday entertainment, Christmas carolers, costumed characters and visits with Santa. Enjoy festive food and drinks, and shop with local vendors for the perfect holiday gifts.

“*Nights of Lights in St. Augustine has been listed on the top 10 holiday light display list in the world by National Geographic.*”

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

St. Augustine Lions Seafood Festival March

www.lionsfestival.com

This annual festival is full of music, delicious seafood, and a local arts and crafts fair. For some family fun, visit the kid's zone with activities and rides.

Rhythm & Ribs

November

www.rhythmandribs.net

As one of the best festivals in St. Augustine, this three-day-long event is full of live music, family fun and delicious barbecue from some of the top barbecue champions in the nation.



Nights of Lights, photo courtesy of Floridashistoriccoast.com

Nights of Lights November through January

www.floridashistoriccoast.com/nights-lights

Stroll the streets of the nation's oldest city enjoying millions of glittering, white lights decorating the historic buildings of St. Augustine.



Dickens on Centre, photos courtesy of Ameliainland.com





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