

# **Coastal Realty Presents**

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## EVENTS & FESTIVALS IN ST AUGUSTINE

### ONGOING

#### **First Friday Art Walk**

Self-guided walk of local art galleries along King and Aviles streets on the first Friday of every month, 5 pm to 9 pm. Features special exhibits and refreshments.

#### **Old City Farmer's Market**

Saturdays 830 am – 1230 pm

St Augustine Amphitheatre

Produce, baked goods, plants, local crafts, food trucks.

#### **Farmer's Arts & Crafts Market**

Wednesdays 8 am – 12 pm

St Johns County Pier Park

Produce, baked goods, plants, local crafts, food trucks.

#### **Music & Art by the Sea**

Wednesdays at the St Johns County Pier

350 A1A Beach Blvd

May 22 to June 25 and Aug 14 to Sept 25. Art, music, and a different food truck every week. Bring a beach chair and relax or dance to the music at St Augustine's best musical venue. Art exhibits open at 3pm. Music begins at 7pm.

#### **Concerts in the Plaza**

Thursdays 6-8pm

Gather at Plaza de la Constitucion at the Gazebo every Thursday evening for some quality musical entertainment. Bring a chair or a blanket and enjoy a summer evening in downtown St Augustine. The city notes that picnics are welcome but alcoholic beverages are not.

### ONGOING NATURE & OTHER ATTRACTIONS

Guana Tolomato Matanzas Guided Exploration Hike

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month

2200 Ponte Vedra Blvd in Ponte Vedra Beach (Coastal Highway)

Take a guided hike and learn about the various plants and animals that call the park home. Visit the website for more info at <https://gtmnerr.org> and click on "visit" and "events." Parking is \$3.

### Bioluminescent Tour at Guana

Guana Tolomato Matanzas Research Reserve  
505 Guana River Road in Ponte Vedra Beach

Enjoy an exciting kayak tour at Guana and discover the wonder called Bioluminescence. Contact [www.geotrippin.com](http://www.geotrippin.com) to reserve your space!

### Tolomato Cemetery Tour

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month from 11am-3pm

Take a tour of this historic cemetery located at 16 Cordova St. Burial ground is on the site of an early 18<sup>th</sup> century Franciscan Indian Mission. Established in 1777.

### Huguenot Cemetery Tour

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month from 11am-2pm

Gates are open one day per month in this historic cemetery. Burials date from 1821 to 1884. The cemetery has been owned by the Presbyterian church since 1832. Located across from the city gates.

### First Friday Garden Walk

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month from 10-11am

Washington Oaks Gardens State Park at 6400 N Oceanshore Blvd  
386-446-6780

Enjoy a garden tour to explore portions of the 425-acre park located on A1A in Palm Coast, just a few miles from St Augustine Beach. Free with \$5 park admission.

### Marineland of Florida

9600 Oceanshore Blvd (A1A)

Visit the world's first Oceanarium! Built in 1938 as a movie studio, Marineland has become the premiere destination for dolphin education and adventures! Check out their interactive dolphin programs for all ages. If swimming with one of the beautiful mammals isn't your thing, you can still visit and see the various animal habitats that include Atlantic Bottlenose dolphins, sea turtles, and tortoises. Visit [www.marineland.net](http://www.marineland.net) or call them at 407-563-4701.

### Florida Agricultural Museum

History lesson for the whole family with animals, historic buildings, and historical interpreters telling the story of old Florida, plus horseback riding and much more. Located at 7900 Old Kings Rd N in Palm Coast. Visit them at [Floridaagmuseum.org](http://Floridaagmuseum.org).

### St Augustine Lighthouse Dark of the Moon Ghost Tour

Friday-Sunday Year-Round

This 1.5-2-hour tour includes a guided walk through the 1876 Keeper's house and the 1874 Lighthouse tower. You will hear true tales of history of the St Augustine Lighthouse. Great for families. Contact the Lighthouse for more information at [www.staugustinelighthouse.org](http://www.staugustinelighthouse.org).

## Disc Golf Parks

Moccasin Creek at the St Johns County Fairgrounds in Elkton; Aragon Park at 901 Aragon Ave in the Shores neighborhood off US-1 South.

## St Augustine Wild Reserve

The reserve is Florida's foremost exotic animal sanctuary. Get a close-up view of lions, tigers, jaguars, wolves, and other animals. This rescue organization offers tours by appointment only on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Check them out at <https://www.sawildreserve.org>.

## JUNE

### Battle of Bloody Mose

June 22 10am-2pm

Fort Mose Historic State Park

15 Fort Mose Trail, north of town off US-1

The annual reenactment of the battle of Fort Mose on June 26, 1740

Visit <https://fortmose.org/battle-of-bloody-mose-2022/>

### Lincolnton Juneteenth Community Festival

June 15, noon to 8pm

102 MLK Avenue

Celebrate the past, present, and future at this free festival celebrating 60 years of Civil Rights. Something for everyone including lots of local food vendors, games for kids, and live musical entertainment.

### Night Market at the Amphitheatre

June 18 from 5-9pm

Enjoy a farmer's market in the evening with musical entertainment, along with vendors, produce, and food trucks. Free and open to all.

## JULY

### Fireworks on the Matanzas

Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration with fireworks shot from a barge on the river; viewpoints along the bayfront, Bridge of Lions, and Vilano boat ramp area. Evening begins with a concert on the Plaza de la Constitución at 6pm. Fireworks begin at 930pm. Shuttles from Anastasia Island. Check [citystaug.com](http://citystaug.com) for full shuttle and event information.

## Oakfest 2024

Colonial Oak Music Park at 21 St George St

July 3-7

Join the annual Oakfest celebrating eight years of the Colonial Oak Music Park. The concert series is free and open to the public. Food and beverage available onsite and nearby.

## Fins and Freedom

Marineland/Schooner Freedom

July 19

Join the next dolphin watch sailboat tour. Enjoy beautiful views of St Augustine while learning about the birds, fish, sharks, and marine mammals that call our area home. Ticket includes 2-hour sail and admission to Marineland. Follow this link <https://www.schoonerfreedom.com/> and click on Specialty Sails.

## Sunset Dolphin Beach Walk

July 26 from 730-830pm

Vilano Beach

Marineland is partnering with St Johns County Parks & Recreation on this scenic, fun, and educational walk. It's also a great opportunity to view the spectacular sunset. Walks are free but you must register: <https://www.sicfl.us/departments/parks-recreation/> and click on Program Registration.

## AUGUST

National Park Service Birthday on August 25

Castillo de San Marcos

1 Castillo Drive

[www.nsp.gov/casa](http://www.nsp.gov/casa)

Admission is free at the Fort and all National Parks!

Florida Skimboarding Pro/am tournament

Vilano Beach

August 17-18

The tournament brings professional and amateur skimboarders from around the world. Free admission.

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## SEPTEMBER

St Augustine Founders Day Reenactment

Mission Nombre de Dios & Fountain of Youth

Saturday, Sept 7

The Historic Florida Militia performs this commemoration and living history reenactment of Pedro Menéndez' Landing in 1565, and the First Thanksgiving event. Landing at the Mission; Thanksgiving reenactment follows at the Fountain of Youth. [www.hfm.club](http://www.hfm.club)

Sing Out Loud Festival

A St Augustine celebration of music with free concerts through the city. See the full schedule on the website. [www.singoutloudfestival.com](http://www.singoutloudfestival.com)

International Coastal Cleanup Day

Cleanup of the beaches from Flagler to St Augustine sponsored by Friends of A1A Scenic and Historic Coastal Byway. Volunteer to help keep our beaches clean and beautiful! [www.scenica1a.org](http://www.scenica1a.org)

## OCTOBER

Pink Up the Pace

St Augustine's largest 5K race starts by the City Gates. The run takes you through the downtown area. The race benefits imaging services for breast cancer treatment. Learn more or register at [www.pinkupthepace.com](http://www.pinkupthepace.com).

Croctoberfest

St Augustine Alligator Farm

This adults-only "Brew at the Zoo" event features local breweries and vendors.

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

Sykes Family Farms Crop Maze

Take the kids to this award-winning nine-acre attraction and fall festival on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

5995 Brough Rd, Elkton [www.sycofarms.com](http://www.sycofarms.com)

### St Augustine Annual Greek Fest

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 2940 County Rd 214

Visit [staugustinegreekfestival.com](http://staugustinegreekfestival.com) for more information and to pre-order food. Opa!

### Florida Cracker Day

St Johns County Fairgrounds

Cracker refers to the horsemen who “cracked the whip” on the ancient cattle brought over from Spain centuries ago. The horses are direct descendants of the original herd. Celebrate the heritage with shows and demonstrations. Also features food trucks and a farmer’s market.

### Creatures of the Night

St Augustine Alligator Farm

Treats and nighttime animals for kids at the St Augustine Alligator Farm. See a special alligator feeding in the main pool at the end of the night.

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

### Tradewinds Holiday Auction

124 Charlotte St

Join Tradewinds Lounge for some early holiday shopping at this benefit auction for St Augustine Youth Services. Auction begins online Oct 18 if you can’t make it in person. More info is at

[www.sayskids.org/events](http://www.sayskids.org/events).

### Full Moon Luau

St Augustine Beach Pier Pavilion

Prince Pele’s Polynesian Revue is back for another great luau at the Pier. Lots of vendors, tasty treats, and hula lessons.

## **NOVEMBER**

### 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Scenic Garage Sale

Find some great bargains on 150 miles up and down A1A from Fernandina Beach to Ponce Inlet in this huge garage sale on one of America’s most scenic byways. <http://www.scenica1a.org>

### Nights of Lights

This annual festival commemorates the Spanish tradition of a candle in every window during the winter holidays. See millions of tiny lights all over downtown, creating a magical experience to enhance your holiday visit. Tickets available at Creston House and

<https://www.trolleytours.com/st-augustine/nights-of-lights>

## Lighthouse Illuminations

### St Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum

Tides, Tidings, & Trees at the Lighthouse features lots of uniquely decorated trees, each with its own theme. On select nights, explore the Keeper's House and grounds that are illuminated for your holiday enjoyment. The tower will be open to climb to get a spectacular view of Nights of Lights. Tickets available at <https://www.staugustinelighthouse.org>

## Christmas on the Farm

### Sykes Family Farm in Elkton - 5995 Brough Rd

Enjoy Christmas on the Farm from the same folks that bring you the crop maze in October! You'll find fun for the whole family featuring hayrides through dancing light displays, Mr & Mrs Claus, s'mores roasting and all kinds of activities.

## Beach Art Walk

### St Augustine Beach A1A from Pope Rd to A Street

Take a walk down A1A Beach Blvd and visit various local artists on location for this annual event. You'll find paintings and pottery as well as photography and sculpture. Find something for everyone on your list. Locally made gift items are the best!

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## Christmas Parade

Annual Parade begins at the Mission Nombre de Dios and runs along San Marco/Avenida Menendez. Lots of participants make for a festive parade!

## Colonial Night Watch

A commemoration of St Augustine's colonial history under Spanish and British Authority. All day event features cannon and musket firing, plus change of flags ceremony at Castillo de San Marcos. Also see an 18<sup>th</sup> century encampment at the Colonial Quarter. In the evening at 7pm watch the torchlight parade from the fort to Government House. More info is at [www.hfm.club](http://www.hfm.club).

## Surf Illumination

St Johns County Pier is a great addition to Nights of Lights with its own Surf Illumination. Festival at the pier park includes fun activities, live music, and food and drink, culminating in the official lighting of the seasonal tree.



### Vilano Holiday Village

Vilano Beach near the Pier

Meet Santa, Listen to live music, tree lighting (Dec 2), artisan market, plus on Dec 23 is the Cirque Adventure Elf Circus. Check out <https://www.vilanobeachfl.com/vilanoholidayvillage/>

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### Lighthouse Luminary Night

81 Lighthouse Avenue

Visit the Lighthouse in the evening free of charge and enjoy children's activities, Santa, refreshments, and live music. Climb the tower and see Nights of Lights from a spectacular vantage point. Volunteers put together 1,500 luminaries that enhance the grounds.

### Santa Suits on the Loose

Begins at St Johns County Pier Park

Walk or run this 5K in a Santa Suit or t-shirt benefiting St Augustine Youth Services. More info is at [www.sayskids.org/events](http://www.sayskids.org/events).

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### Regatta of Lights

Festive event features boats of all shapes and sizes all dressed up in holiday lights along the Matanzas River and bayfront. Prime viewing along the bayfront by the fort and on the Bridge of Lions.

### Holiday in the Gardens

Washington Oaks Gardens State Park

6400 N Oceanshore Blvd (A1A)

Arts & crafts vendors, gift shop, plant sale, food & music, plus fun for the kids. \$5 entry per vehicle.

### Christmas with Cops and Claus

St Augustine Beach Police Dept

Fun for everyone! You'll find photos with Santa, goodies bags, music, arts & crafts, plus a fire truck and police vehicles on display. Don't forget to bring your Santa letters!

### Holiday Market at the Pier

It's the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for this holiday special. You'll find lots of local arts and crafts to fulfill your gift list. Market also features a Grinchy-themed photo booth and some tasty treats to take home.

### Noche de Navidad and Las Posadas

Mission Nombre de Dios

Celebrate Las Posadas commemorating the journey that Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem at Mission Nombre de Dios. Each evening from 3-10pm, there will be tours for Las Posadas and performances of the Living Nativity and Eucharistic Adoration. Admission is free.

### Light Up The Night! New Year's Eve Fireworks Show

Dec 31 at the St Johns County Fishing Pier

Check out multiple viewing areas along St Augustine Beach for this spectacular fireworks show.

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## **FEBRUARY**

### School of the 16<sup>th</sup> Century

Oldest House Museum Complex

Interact with historically-clad 16<sup>th</sup> century reenactors and see what life was like in early St Augustine. See military and civilian activities and demonstrations all day. Visit [www.hfm.club](http://www.hfm.club)

### Cathedral Festival

Mission Nombre de Dios

Midway and carnival with food and music.

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

### St Augustine Spanish Wine Festival

Experience a weekend of events featuring Spanish wine. This tasty event connects St. Augustine to our city's Spanish heritage through a series of special events that feature Spanish wine, cuisine, and culture. For more information visit <https://www.spanishwinefestival.com/>

### Fort Mose Jazz & Blues Series

Fort Mose State Park

15 Fort Mose Trail

Now an annual event, the Fort Mose Jazz & Blues Series honors "History and Community through Music."

## MARCH

### K9s for Warriors Golf Tournament

Sat March 1, 2025

St Augustine Shores Golf Club at 707 Shores Blvd

Sponsored by Coastal Realty, this 10th annual golf tournament benefits K9s for Warriors. The group provides service dogs for military veterans. Your registration fee includes 18 holes, range balls, lunch, and coffee. Link to register: [www.golfcoastalrealty.com](http://www.golfcoastalrealty.com)

### The PLAYERS Championship

TPC Sawgrass

Annual golf tournament in Ponte Vedra Beach. Watch the pros in action! This is the tournament's 50th year!

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

### Searle's Sack

Oldest House/Plaza de la Constitución

271 Charlotte St

Authentic reenactment of pirate Robert Searle's 1668 attack on St Augustine. Encampment at the Oldest House Museum Complex; attack begins near the Plaza de la Constitucion. [www.hfm.club](http://www.hfm.club)

### Celtic Music & Heritage Festival & St Patrick's Day Parade

Francis Field

Sounds and sights of Scotland and Ireland in conjunction with St Augustine St Patrick's Day Parade.

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

Raptor Run 3K at the Alligator Farm Zoological Park

All ages are invited to participate in this fun run/walk to help save native wildlife species in Florida. Run begins at the Alligator Farm at 999 Anastasia Blvd. Preregistration is required at <https://www.alligatorfarm.com/3k-raptor-run/>

Easter Parade

Watch the annual tradition down San Marco Avenue and Avenida Menendez. The 64<sup>th</sup> annual parade features marching bands, floats, drill teams, the Easter bunny and the city's carriage horses in their finest Easter garb.

## **APRIL**

St Augustine Race Week Regatta

Five days of multiple sailing events on the Matanzas River.

<http://www.staugustineraceweek.com>

Florida Birding & Photo Fest

Celebrate northeast Florida's abundant bird life and photogenic natural beauty at this outdoor festival. GTM Research Reserve in Ponte Vedra Beach.

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

Gamble Rogers Music Festival

St Johns County Fairgrounds

Celebrating American Folk Music on multiple stages, with food trucks, local artisans, and other vendors.

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

St Augustine Lions Seafood Festival

Francis Field

Food vendors, crafts, and music benefiting the Lions Club charities.

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

## **MAY**

St Augustine History Festival

The festival was created by the University of Florida Historic St Augustine, Inc, to showcase America's Oldest City from its founding in 1565 to present day. America began here and will be celebrated with several days of events, ranging from talks about modern advances to historic property tours to the reenactment of Drake's Raid of 1586. For more information, visit [staugustinehistoryfestival.com](http://staugustinehistoryfestival.com).

### Drake's Raid

Oldest House/Plaza de la Constitución

Reenactment of Sir Francis Drake's raid on St Augustine in 1586. Encampment at Oldest House Museum Complex. Raid on the plaza. More info at [www.hfm.club](http://www.hfm.club).

### St Augustine Food & Wine Festival

World Golf Village and surrounding sites

From their website: A showcase of culinary, beverage and culture that highlights celebrity guest chefs, celebrity winemakers/ proprietors, local chefs, artisans, and local craft spirits/beers.

<https://staugustinefoodandwinefestival.com>

### Palatka Blue Crab Festival

The festival takes place in downtown Palatka and along the waterfront. Multiple stages featuring regional bands, rides for the kids, food trucks, pony rides, a waterski show, a reptile encounter, and plenty of Blue Crabs!

**Want more? Check out [www.floridashistoriccoast.com](http://www.floridashistoriccoast.com) or [www.visitstaugustine.com](http://www.visitstaugustine.com)**

## **MUSEUMS**

ACCORD Museum of Civil Rights  
Classic Car Museum  
Florida Agricultural Museum  
Governor's House Cultural Center & Museum  
Lightner Museum  
Lincolnvillle Museum & Cultural Center  
Medieval Torture Museum  
Old Jail  
Oldest House Museum Complex  
Oldest Store Museum  
Oldest Wooden School House  
Potter's Wax Museum  
Ripley's Believe it or Not  
Spanish Military Hospital  
St Augustine History Museum  
St Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum  
St Augustine Pirate & Treasure Museum  
St Augustine Shipwreck Museum  
St Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine  
Surf Culture & History Museum  
Villa Zorayda  
Visitor's Center  
Ximenez-Fatio House

## ADVENTURES JUST FOR KIDS (AND KIDS AT HEART!)

### Marineland Dolphin Adventure

Ever wanted to swim with a dolphin? You can do that at nearby Marineland! It's great fun for the whole family. If you don't want to swim with a dolphin, you can still enjoy everything that Marineland has to offer, including a tour of the various animal habitats. You'll see Atlantic bottlenose dolphins, sea turtles, and red-footed tortoises. Marineland is located at 9600 Oceanshore Blvd. Just a few minutes south on A1A from the Coastal Realty main office. Check out their programs at [www.marineland.net](http://www.marineland.net).

### Whetstone Chocolate Factory Tours

See how fine chocolates are made and get a taste! Yummy tour for all ages.

139 King Street

904-217-0275

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

### Ponce de León's Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park

Site of the original landing of Pedro Menendez in 1565. Drink the water from the Fountain and see "Where Legend Meets History." Lots to do and see at Florida's oldest tourist attraction. Also, cannon firings every hour and historic weapons demonstrations.

11 Magnolia Avenue

904-829-3168

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

### Oldest Wooden School House

Dates back to the 1700s, when St Augustine was under Spanish rule. Features tour guides in period clothing, relating the history of the school house and those who attended.

14 St George Street

904-824-0192

### St Augustine Wild Reserve

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### Old Town Trolley Tours

Kids love this open-air trolley tour that travels throughout downtown. Entertaining tour guides make a great experience for both kids and adults. Park free at Old Town and take the trolley from there. Get your tickets at Creston House or online at [www.trolleytours.com/st-augustine](http://www.trolleytours.com/st-augustine)

167 San Marco Avenue

904-830-0151

### Ghosts & Gravestones

This haunted tour is rated PG-13, so older kids will love the well-researched stories about St Augustine's past. Includes a stop at Potter's Wax Museum and the Old Jail. Reservations are required. Get your tickets at Creston House or online at [www.ghostsandgravestones.com/st-augustine](http://www.ghostsandgravestones.com/st-augustine)

904-834-0045

### Potter's Wax Museum

Take your kids to the very first wax museum in America! It's an adventure in time. Museum has 160 famous wax figures that make great selfies! See figures sculpted in the workshop.

31 Orange Street

904-671-6866

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

### Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum

Oddities abound in this famous museum that's perfect for kids and adults of all ages. The "Odditorium" features several exhibits, including Space Oddities.

19 San Marco Avenue

904-824-1606

[www.ripleys.com/staugustine](http://www.ripleys.com/staugustine)

### St Augustine Pirate & Treasure Museum

Learn everything you wanted to know about pirates and see some real shipwreck treasures at this interactive adventure. Movie memorabilia includes an outfit from Captain Jack Sparrow!

12 S. Castillo Drive across from the Fort

877-GO-PLUNDER

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

### The Black Raven Pirate Ship

A pirate cruise for all ages, featuring live shows and interactive entertainment. The Black Raven does birthday parties, weddings, adult Rum Runner tours, and also features a full bar on every cruise.

City Marina next to the Bridge of Lions

877-578-5050

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

### St Augustine Alligator Farm & Zoological Park

See lots of alligators and other reptiles, including every recognized species of crocodile in the world. Also see albino alligators, birds of Africa, and lemurs. Check out Crocodile Crossing, a zipline adventure over live alligators (ages 10 and older).

999 Anastasia Boulevard

904-824-3337

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



## FREE THINGS TO DO

### St George Street

Walk the pedestrian mall and discover an array of artsy and souvenir shops, ice cream shops, restaurants, and museums. Don't forget to take a peek down the side streets for some hidden gems. It's also a great place to grab a bench and do some people watching.

### St Johns County Pier Park

Walking on the beach and sunbathing is always free! You can also visit the St Johns County Ocean and Fishing Pier. For a nominal fee of \$2, you can walk to the end of the pier for some great views of the ocean and the coastline. Also check out the Splash Park for kids. Open daily until dusk. Great for small children to stay cool! The pier is located at 350 A1A Beach Blvd.

### Fort Mose Historic Park

Fort Mose (pronounced mo-zay') is the first free African settlement in North America. The site and visitor's center tell the story of the slaves who fled the American colonies to find freedom in St Augustine. Park is free and a boardwalk takes you out to some great views of the salt marsh. The park is located at 15 Fort Mose Trail. Museum onsite has a nominal fee.

### Governor's House Cultural Center and Museum

This building served as a capitol in the new territory of Florida in 1821. It has also served as a courthouse and post office. Inside the building, you'll find rotating exhibits on the history of St Augustine and Florida, with many fascinating artifacts and archaeological finds. Governor's House is located on the west end of the Plaza de la Constitución at 48 King Street.

### ACCORD Civil Rights Museum

Housed in the former dentist office of Dr Robert Hayling, it was the headquarters of the Civil Rights Movement in St Augustine that led to the signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Learn about the demonstrations that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr led in the city. Museum is free but you must make an appointment. Call 904-347-1382.

### Church and Mission Tours

Mission Nombre de Dios has beautiful grounds, a cemetery, and an ivy-covered chapel. The Mission is located at 89 A1A, a section also known as San Marco Avenue. Memorial Presbyterian at 32 Sevilla St. offers tours on Fridays 11am-330pm. Suggested donation \$5. Also, the Cathedral Basilica is open (free) and they also have behind the scenes tours (for a fee).

### Winery and Distillery

San Sebastian Winery offers free tours and tastings. They also have a restaurant on the rooftop. They are located at 157 King Street. St Augustine Distillery also offers free tours and tastings and they also have a restaurant and a well-stocked gift shop so you can take home some award-winning spirits. The Distillery is located at 112 Riberia Street. Also City Gates Spirits lets you try a variety of spirits inspired by the flavors of Florida. Open 7 days a week. Located on St George St.

### Tolomato Cemetery and Huguenot Cemetery

The two historic cemeteries are only open one day per month for tours on the third Saturday. Huguenot is the oldest extant cemetery in the US with burials that date back to the early 1800s. The Tolomato has burials that date from the 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> century. The Huguenot is located on Avenida Menendez across from the Old City Gates. Tolomato is located at 14 Cordova Street.

### Fort Matanzas

Take the free ferry to the watchtower built in 1740 to protect St Augustine from the south. Admission and ferry are free to this National Park. Open Wednesday through Sunday. Located at 8635 A1A South.

### St Photios National Greek Orthodox Shrine

This shrine honors the arrival of the first Greek settlers to St Augustine in 1768. See the beautiful museum and chapel free of charge. There's also a gift shop with some unique items. Open every day and located on St George St.

### Father Miguel O'Reilly House Museum

Learn about the rich Catholic traditions that date back to St Augustine's founding in 1565. Open Wednesday through Saturday. Located at 32 Aviles St.

### A1A Scenic and Historic Coastal Byway

St Johns County features 42 miles of scenic highway, including many views of the Atlantic Ocean. Get in the car and take a ride up or down the coast from Ponte Vedra Beach to Flagler Beach.

### Concerts at Colonial Oak Music Park

Free live local music under the Colonial Oak! Food and drink available on-site. Located on St George St.

### Art Galleries

The great thing about art galleries is that they are free to look! Check out the galleries along King Street opposite the plaza and on Aviles St. Cutter & Cutter, Philip Anthony, and James Coleman galleries have some really unique works. Also visit the St Augustine Art Association. They've been promoting local arts for more than 100 years. Open 1-4pm Tuesday through Sunday and also during First Friday Art Walk. Located at 22 Marine St.

## **RAINY DAY ACTIVITIES**

Even though St Augustine Beach is an outdoors kind of place, there is still plenty to do indoors! Just make sure you grab your umbrella!

St Augustine is full of museums and art galleries. Check out these museums, located very close to each other just north of the Plaza de la Constitución: The Spanish Military Hospital Museum and the Ximenez-Fatio House, all located on Aviles Street, with easy parking in the area. Also might check out the Oldest House Museum Complex, farther down on Francis Street. Free parking! See a complete list of museums in this Visitor's Guide.

Art galleries are dotted up and down King and Aviles streets, so you can check those out as you work your way down the road.

Stop in to the Lightner Museum for a real treat. The collections here are primarily from the Gilded Age, and located in the former Alcazar Hotel, built by Henry Flagler in 1888.

About a block from the Lightner is Villa Zorayda, a scaled replica of the Alhambra Palace in Spain.

Feeling energetic? Stop by the St Augustine Lighthouse and climb the 219 stairs to the top for a spectacular view of the beaches and the Ancient City.

There's the Epic Theater on State Road 207. Lots of blockbuster films – great for a rainy day. There's also an IMAX theater at World Golf Village. They show some incredible documentaries.

St Augustine is home to an outlet mall at I-95 and State Road 16, about 20 minutes from St Augustine Beach.

Like antiques? Take your umbrella on a stroll through Uptown, on San Marco Avenue just north of the downtown parking garage. You'll find some great antique stores, art galleries, and a few restaurants. Don't miss Luli's Cupcakes!

On Orange Street near the fort, you'll find the famous Potter's Wax Museum. Feed your knowledge of St Augustine and history by taking a trip through the House of Wax.

## **DAY TRIPS FROM ST AUGUSTINE**

De León Springs State Park in Volusia County  
Daytona International Speedway  
Blue Springs State Park in Orange City  
Princess Place Preserve in Palm Coast  
Sunday Farmer's Market at European Village in Palm Coast  
Ravine Gardens State Park in Palatka  
World Equestrian Center in Ocala  
Dunns Creek State Park in Pomona Park  
Silver Springs State Park  
Kennedy Space Center in Titusville  
Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge  
Black Point Wildlife Drive in Merritt Island  
Orlando Science Center  
USS Orleck Naval Museum in Jacksonville  
Little Talbot and Big Talbot Islands in Jacksonville  
Fort Clinch State Park in Fernandina Beach  
Jumbo Shrimp minor league baseball in Jacksonville  
Big Cliff Canyon Ziplines in Ocala  
Tomoka State Park in Ormond Beach  
Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail  
Flagler County/Palm Coast 125 miles of hiking/biking trails  
Gamble Rogers Memorial State Recreation Area in Flagler Beach  
Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville  
Devil's Millhopper Geological State Park in Gainesville  
Museum of Arts & Sciences in Daytona Beach  
Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens  
Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens in Sanford  
Timucuan Ecological & Historical Preserve in Jacksonville  
Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park in Micanopy  
Riverside Arts Market in Jacksonville  
Cumberland Island National Seashore in St Marys, Georgia

## **ST AUGUSTINE AMPHITHEATER**

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

June 18 - Amphitheatre Night Market

July 20 - Buddy Guy

Aug 10 - UB40

Aug 11 - Slash SERPENT Festival

Aug 17 - 311

Aug 29 - Crowded House

Sept 27 - Jewel & Melissa Etheridge

Sept 29 - Violent Femmes

Oct 19 - Experience Hendrix

Nov 8-9 - Alabama

## **PONTE VEDRA CONCERT HALL**

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

## **LIMELIGHT THEATRE**

Community theatre always has a wonderful show featuring local actors. Call or go to their website for a calendar.

<https://limelight-theatre.org/>

904-825-1164

## LOCALS' FAVORITE WATERING HOLES

### Jack's BBQ

Corner of A Street and A1A Beach Blvd

Locally owned bar and restaurant with open-air dining & drinking. Features a swimming pool for use by customers during the summer months. Jack's also has a brewery and IPA reviews have been great.

### Boat Drinks

56 St George St

Two levels of seating right on St George St. Great place for people watching. They have some terrific appetizers on the menu and also feature slush drinks!

### Casa Reina Taqueria & Tequila

1 Anderson Circle, right across from the Bridge of Lions

Beautifully remodeled building across from the bayfront. Awesome Mexican, Latin American, and Florida Coastal cuisine. Full bar on two levels with balcony seating.

### Celestino's Wine & Tapas

113 Anastasia Blvd

New to Anastasia Island. Great wine list and full menu with some terrific desserts. Owner and chef very personable and make you feel at home.

### The Ice Plant

110 Riberia Street

Located upstairs at the Distillery in what used to be an ice manufacturing plant. Wide assortment of craft cocktails and a small but wonderful menu for lunch and dinner items. Try the French fries with truffle oil!

### Back 40 A1A in Treasure Beach (not affiliated with Back 40 on Dixie Hwy)

6101 A1A South

Open for lunch and dinner 7 days a week. Serves beer and wine. Features date night and trivia on Wednesdays. Great food and great service.

### River & Fort

12 Avenida Menendez

Newly opened upscale restaurant, downtown across from the Castillo de San Marcos. Has an awesome rooftop bar serving casual fare including flatbreads made in front of you in the open kitchen. Great specialty cocktail list and an amazing view of the Matanzas River and the Bridge of Lions.

Ann O'Malley's

23 Orange Street

Extensive selection of beers plus homemade sangria, excellent pub food, and the perfect location for people-watching from the porch.

Meehan's Irish Pub

20 Avenida Menendez

Fantastic food and drink, spectacular waterfront views from the front porch, and a wonderful backyard courtyard eating area.

Barley Republic

48 Spanish Street

Great food and huge selection of beer, along with a full bar, local musicians, and a cool owner named Red.

Prohibition Kitchen

119 St George St

Step back into the 1920s for some great craft cocktails, live music, and dinner.

The Cellar Upstairs

San Sebastian Winery

157 King St

At the top of the winery, enjoy great wine, sangria, and beer and a terrific menu of apps and sandwiches, along with live music.

## RESTAURANT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GUESTS & STAFF

### FAMILY STYLE

Gas Full Service Restaurant

9 Anastasia Blvd (A1A)

904-217-0326

Great salads and huge gourmet burgers in a family-friendly atmosphere. Featured on Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives. The jalapeño popper burger gets great reviews!

Oasis

4000 A1A South

904-471-3424

World Famous Oasis open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and features rooftop patio with a great happy hour and live music. They have 44 TVs so your game is definitely on.

Sunset Grille

421 A1A Beach Blvd

904-471-5555

Serving seafood and local fish, sandwiches, and steaks in a Key West style atmosphere right across from the beach. Extensive drinks menu. Try the St Augustine Mule!

Ned's Southside Kitchen

2450 US-1 South

904-794-2088

Local favorite. Ned's serves up homestyle breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Try the eggplant parmesan! Open every day except Sunday.



## **WHITE TABLECLOTH**

### **Columbia**

98 St George St  
904-824-3341

For more than 100 years, Columbia has been serving the finest in Spanish and Cuban cuisine. Still operated by the fourth and fifth generations of the same family.

### **The Reef**

4100 Coastal Highway  
904-824-8008

Spectacular oceanfront dining and award-winning seafood at this popular restaurant, just north of St Augustine in the Vilano Beach area.

### **Cap's on the Water**

4325 Myrtle St  
904-824-8794

Waterfront dining on the Intracoastal Waterway, featuring locally sourced seafood, prepared with both southern and Mediterranean flavors. Just north of Vilano Beach off Coastal Highway.

### **Terra & Acqua**

134 Seagrove Main St off A1A South  
904-429-9647

Authentic modern Italian cuisine from the Tuscany region. Land and sea specials plus spectacular pizza. Happy hour M-F 4-6pm features small plates and drink specials.

## **WATERFRONT**

### **St Augustine Fish Camp**

142 Riberia St  
904-827-7000

Casual atmosphere on the water - relaxing and fun. Outdoor seating is available. Menu appeals to everyone with local seafood to fantastic steaks. Gluten-free menu available. Reservations encouraged.

### **St Augustine Fish House & Oyster Bar**

160 Nix Boat Yard Rd (formerly Creekside Dinery)  
904-829-6113

Backyard charm of Old Florida. Located on the water with a Firepit in the center of the deck to have a cocktail before you are seated. Outdoor seating; live music; reservations encouraged.

### Saltwater Cowboys

299 Dondanville Rd

904-471-2332

Local and tourist spot overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway for more than 50 years, featuring seafood, steaks, bbq, as well as gator tail and frog legs. Great sunsets!

### Conch House

57 Comares Ave

904-829-8646

Caribbean cuisine served at this long-standing restaurant, which also features a resort and marina. Outdoor dining is a real treat at the Conch House, especially in the unique "crow's nest" tables overlooking the water.

### Commander's Shellfish Camp

7579 A1A South

904-615-1122

Great spot on the river, perfect for sunsets. Commander's grow their own clams so you know they are fresh! Terrific menu offerings. Open for lunch and dinner.

### Kingfish Grill

252 Yacht Club Dr in Camachee Harbor

904-824-2111

Tucked away at Camachee Cove near the Vilano Bridge, Kingfish offers a great variety of seafood as well as creative sushi plates from master sushi maker Chef Austin. Dinner seven nights a week and lunch on weekends.

## LUNCH

### Beachside Diner

451 A1A Beach Blvd

904-429-7756

Breakfast and lunch diner-style with a 50s theme including a jukebox! Great offerings and outdoor seating.

### La Taza

3915 A1A South

904-217-4428

Peruvian owned for breakfast and lunch. Features sandwiches and salads. A Coastal Realty favorite! Also features specialty desserts and coffee.

#### Obi's Fillin' Station

590 A1A Beach Blvd

904-217-7689

Favorite burgers featuring beef, black bean, bison, chicken, and lamb, served with famous Obi's sauce. Deli sandwiches too.

#### Playa Chac Mool

105 D St off A1A Beach Blvd

904-471-1131

Family-owned Mexican restaurant with great food, service, and atmosphere.

#### Ebb Tide Poolside Bar and Grill

4225 A1A South

904-347-2530

Located at Ocean Grove Campground. Open to the public! Features a full-service restaurant and bar and usage of the pool and lounges!

#### Osprey Tacos

300 Anastasia Blvd (A1A)

904-679-4191

Taqueria featuring freshly made tacos, bowls and sides. Located next to Old Coast Ales. Have a craft beer while you eat your tacos!

#### Marina Munch

509 S Ponce de Leon Blvd (US-1)

Indulge in a food truck experience on the water at English Landing Marina. Choose from any one of four or more trucks ranging from Mexican food to Cajun to African and everything in between.

#### Buena Onda

224 West King St

904-827-4499

Vegetarian and vegan breakfast and lunch spot on West King St (the former Present Moment Café location). Great reviews.

## TREATS & SWEETS

Mayday Ice Cream

Downtown at 100 St George St near the corner of Hypolita. Also at the beach at 461 A1A Beach Blvd

Parlor Doughnuts & Cousteau's Waffle & Milkshake Bar

3920 A1A South next to Coastal Realty main office

Sidecar on St George Dessert Bar

117 St George St

Rita's Italian Ice & Frozen Custard

380 A1A Beach Blvd

Les Petits Pleasures French Bakery and Patisserie

125 A1A Beach Blvd at the corner of SR 312

Claude's Chocolates

6 Granada St

Whetstone Chocolates

42 St George St

139 King St

13 Anastasia Blvd

Kilwins

140 and 6 St George St

Mimi's Famous Crepes

32-70 St George St

## **ATTRACTIONS RECOMMENDED BY GUESTS**

### **FOR FAMILIES**

Alligator Farm Zoological Park  
Beach  
Castillo de San Marcos  
Kayaking/Birding  
Fishing  
Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park  
Marineland Dolphin Adventure  
Oldest Wooden School House  
Old Town Trolley Tour  
Pirate & Treasure Museum  
Ripley's Believe It or Not  
St Augustine Aquarium  
St Augustine Eco Tours Boat Tours  
St Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum  
Florida Agricultural Museum  
St George Street  
Villa Zorayda

### **FOR COUPLES**

Alligator Farm Zoological Park  
Art Walk (First Friday Downtown)  
Beach  
Farmer's Markets Wednesdays (Pier) & Saturdays (Amphitheatre)  
Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park  
Old Town Trolley Tour  
San Sebastian Winery  
Spanish Military Hospital Museum  
St Augustine Distillery  
St Augustine Eco Tours Boat Tours  
St Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum  
St George Street

## BEACH, BIKE, & BOAT RENTALS

Big Bill's Beach Stuff

5731 A1A South

904-461-5755

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

Beach accessories, grills, bikes, baby stuff, kayaks, surfboards. They pick up and deliver!

Island Life

105 A1A Beach Blvd

904-436-5045

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

Bicycles, beach accessories, surfboards, kayaks, boogie boards, stand-up paddleboards, wetsuits

Surf Station

1020 Anastasia Blvd

904-471-9463

[www.surf-station.com](http://www.surf-station.com)

Surfboards, stand-up paddleboards, lessons

Solano Cycle

32 San Marco Ave

904-825-6766

Beach bikes, scooters, scoot coupe cars. Check them out at [solanocycle.com](http://solanocycle.com).

Genung's Fish Camp

291 Cubbedge Rd in Crescent Beach

904-907-5742

Kayak and paddleboard rentals, fishing rod rentals, bait shop, guided trips.

Fishin' Girl

Fishing guide Cathy Sanders offers shoreline/surf fishing tours from St Augustine to New Smyrna Beach.

Contact her at 386-264-1587 or visit <https://fishin-girl.com/>

Boat & Jet Ski Rentals

Rent a jet ski or a pontoon for a fun day on the Matanzas River. Call Beaches Marina at 904-429-9198 or visit online at [www.beachesmarina.com](http://www.beachesmarina.com)

Drifters Beach Services

They rent umbrellas, chairs, and other beach accessories. Call them at 904-315-6150. Service includes set-up at the beach.

## **HOUSES OF WORSHIP**

### **Baptist**

Anastasia Baptist Church, 1650 A1A South – (904) 471-2166  
Crescent Beach Baptist Church, 885 State Road 206 East – (904) 794-7777  
Saint Mary's Baptist Church, 69 Washington St – (904) 824-1314  
New Saint James Missionary, 135 N Rodriguez St – (904) 824-6500

### **Independent**

Community Bible Church, 3150 US 1 South – (904) 797-3875

### **Catholic**

Saint Anastasia Catholic Church, 5250 A1A South – (904) 471-5364  
Cathedral Basilica, 38 Cathedral Place – (904) 824-2806

### **Charismatic**

Destiny Church International, 1485 US 1 – (904) 824-6176

### **Church of Christ**

St Augustine Church of Christ, 2900 Lewis Speedway – (904) 824-1800

### **Greek Orthodox**

Holy Trinity Church, 2940 County Road 214 – (904) 829-0504

### **Islamic**

Islamic Center, 1760 State Road 207 – (904) 826-1991

### **Jewish**

Temple Bet Yam, 2055 Wildwood Dr – (904) 819-1875

### **Jehovah's Witness**

Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall, 735 Kings Estate Rd – (904) 797-7599

### **Latter-Day Saints**

Church of Jesus Christ, 500 Deltona Blvd – (904) 797-4412

### **Meditation & Spirituality**

Center for Spiritual Living, 1795 Old Moultrie Rd – (904) 825-3600

### **Methodist**

Grace United Methodist Church, 8 Carrera St – (904) 829-8272

### **Unitarian**

Unitarian-Universalist, 2487 A1A South – (904) 471-2047