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Welcome

A letter from the Founder and President of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty



Relocating to a new community can be one of the most exciting chapters in your life. The Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty family welcomes you to Florida's First Coast.

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty was founded in 1988 with one clear goal in mind: to raise the level of professionalism in real estate in Northeast Florida. We knew two key elements were necessary to achieve our goal:

1. A well-known brand that commands respect and trust.
2. A select team of REALTORS® and employees with a shared vision and passion for serving client needs.

Our commitment to our clients and the community has remained strong throughout our 31-year history. We've been fortunate to be at the forefront in providing relocation services to many renowned corporations that chose to make Northeast Florida their home. Whether you are an individual moving with your family or looking for a second home, or an entire company relocating to our area, we can provide customized programs and resources to assist you in making this a smooth transition.

This guide provides:

- An overview of the many services we offer individuals and companies relocating to Florida's First Coast
- The various First Coast communities, educational, recreational and cultural opportunities
- And so much more

Your personal Relocation professional will assist you with every facet of your move. Your REALTOR® will arrange an area tour to acquaint you with Northeast Florida and the surrounding communities and guide you through each step along the way to purchasing your next home.

We hope this guide is something you find beneficial. We are honored by this opportunity to help you during this transition to your new home and we are grateful for your trust!

Ann King
President

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Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty is the most dynamic and respected real estate company in Northeast Florida. Founded in 1988 by Chairperson Linda Sherrer and featuring the leadership of President Ann King, the company has a team of more than 500 real estate professionals in nine offices throughout Northeast Florida. The company operates a corporate relocation division, a builder sales division, a commercial division, Florida Network Property Management, Gibraltar Title Services, LLC, Prosperity Home Mortgage, LLC, and HomeServices Insurance.

In 2022, they achieved more than \$1.6 billion in closed sales. The company ranks as one of the Top 25 companies in the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices network. Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty is a wholly owned subsidiary of HomeServices of America, a Berkshire Hathaway affiliate and the nation's largest homeownership services company.



At Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty, we know that making a move is a big life decision. When it comes to services, we've got you covered from mortgage, title, insurance, commercial real estate and everything in between! That's why our middle name is "HomeServices."

Working With Your Relocation Specialist

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Staying with one agent has many advantages. The greatest is the trust and understanding that grows between you and your sales associate.

Your Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty Relocation Specialist will do everything possible to ensure your home buying experience is successful.

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Commercial Division

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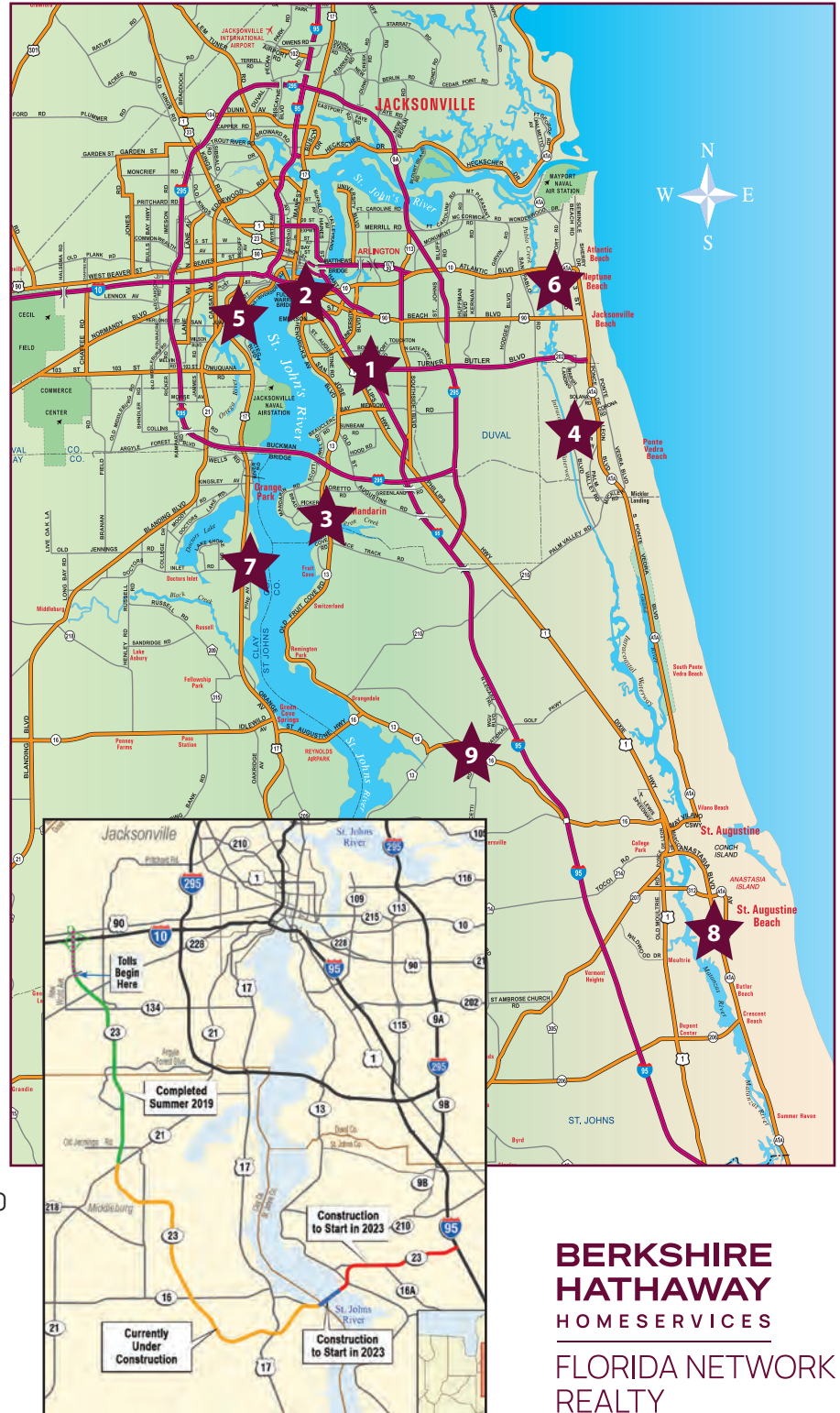
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Community

We share a deep bond with the communities in which we live and work.

We believe it is both a privilege and our responsibility to give back and we are fortunate to do so through Dreams Come True of Northeast Florida, the First Coast's only locally based nonprofit organization dedicated to using the power of a dream to bring hope and joy to local children battling life threatening illness. In addition to Dreams Come True, our team of Realtors and employees generously donate their time and finances to the following local charities:

- American Red Cross Disaster Services
- Angelwood
- Beach Church Jax
- BEAM
- Blessings in a Backpack
- Boys & Girls Clubs of America
- Boy Scout Troop 15
- Breast Cancer at Mayo Clinic
- Catholic Charities
- Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center
- Dreams Come True
- Family Support Services North Florida
- Feeding Northeast Florida
- Foster Closet
- Global Business Council
- Habitat for Humanity
- Jacksonville Humane Society
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- Jacksonville Semper Fidelis Society
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
- Lucky Cat Adoptions
- MaliVai Washington Kids Foundation
- Matanzas Riverkeeper
- Matthew 25: Ministries
- Mayport Elementary Holiday Gift Giving
- Meals on Wheels
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- North Florida School of Special Education
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- Salvation Army
- Shoulder to Shoulder Ministries
- St. Johns Humane Society
- St. Johns River Keeper
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- The Bridge of Northeast Florida Inc.
- The DONNA Foundation
- The First Tee of North Florida
- The Mitzvah Project
- Tom Coughlin Jay Fund Foundation
- Veterans Association of St. Johns
- WGA - Women's Giving Alliance (Jacksonville Chapter)
- Wolfson Children's Hospital
- Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital
- Wounded Warrior Project
- Wreaths Across America



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REASONS WHY WE LOVE THE FIRST COAST!

The First Coast is the best place for new residents to Live, Work and Play! As the largest city by area in the nation, our community has a friendly, small-town feel. The area continues to attract young professionals, families and retirees alike. Here are some of the reasons why we love the First Coast and are proud to call it home!

Photo by Stephanie Marty

1. Beautiful Beaches

Did you know that the First Coast has more than 1,100 miles of shoreline and 22 miles of beaches? The First Coast gives beach lovers the opportunity to get into the water to surf, swim or kayak. With more than 60 species of fish, the waterways are a fisherman's dream come true. Our beaches are the perfect spot for a relaxing day and fun in the sun. To find the perfect beach near you, visit our Beaches and Waterway section on page 92.



2. Outstanding Dining

The First Coast food scene is a diverse array of flavors. With a selection of food ranging from seafood to food trucks and upscale restaurants to quiet coffee shops, the dining options are endless. Sample dishes from all over the world and enjoy the perfect meal. Go to page 119 to find our list of restaurants.

3. Exclusive Entertainment

We love to have a good time on the First Coast! Visit one of the many concert venues and performing arts centers such as the Jacksonville Center for the Performing Arts, Daily's Place, St. Augustine Amphitheatre and VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena. Go to page 105 for more entertainment options on the First Coast.



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4. Year-Round Sports

The amazing climate on the First Coast helps give us practically unlimited access to sports. Head over to EverBank Stadium for an NFL game to cheer on the Jacksonville Jaguars and enjoy some unusual amenities such as pools with a gridiron view. At the VyStar Veterans Memorial, you can catch a Jacksonville Icemen hockey game and maybe even get to meet their mascot, “Fang!” Grab some popcorn and enjoy a Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp baseball game. Other annual sports events on the First Coast include THE PLAYERS Championship, the Florida-Georgia game and the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl. If you love being a participant you can sign up for races like the Gate River Run, the nation’s largest 15K. See our Sports section on page 110 for all of the great teams in our area.



Photo by Alex Baker

6. Excellent Education

Parents on the First Coast can find a variety of education options for their children with award-winning schools. The First Coast offers public, private, charter and magnet schools, as well as schools for learning differences. Jacksonville University, Florida State College at Jacksonville, University of North Florida and Flagler College are several institutions of higher education. On page 39, you’ll find information on First Coast education.

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7. Cutting-Edge Healthcare

The First Coast is one of the top destinations in the nation for healthcare in Florida with some of the best providers and hospitals here in our own backyard. One of three Mayo Clinics, an MD Anderson Cancer Center, as well as Ascension St. Vincent’s, Baptist Health and UF Health call the First Coast home. Residents also have access to children’s healthcare with Nemours Children’s Health and Wolfson Children’s Hospital. For more information on healthcare, visit page 54.



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8. Impactful Military

The strong military presence on the First Coast has a significant impact on the region by employing active-duty, reserve and civilian men and women. The First Coast is home to Naval Air Station Jacksonville, the largest Navy base in the Southeast. Naval Station Mayport is north of Atlantic Beach and home to the Navy's Fourth Fleet. In Southeast Georgia, Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base is about 45 minutes from Jacksonville. Camp Blanding Joint Training Center and Marine Corps Blount Island Command are also on the First Coast. Turn to page 79 for more information on our military.



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10. Niche Shopping

The First Coast has a wide variety of shopping. As a premier shopping destination, the St. Johns Town Center has more than 150 retailers. For unique, upscale and trendy boutiques check out our historic neighborhoods and beaches. Our shopping section starts on page 117 and will give you options for First Coast shopping.

We believe this publication will be your go-to guide for learning about the First Coast. We love living here and are excited for you to discover your new home and city. The First Coast truly is the best place to Live, Work and Play!



Photo by Nathan Hafner

9. Bustling Business

The First Coast is home to four Fortune 500 companies and headquarters for more than 100 companies. Whether you are interested in a career in information technology, finance, government, healthcare or the military, the First Coast is a great place to do business. Go to page 66 to find out more about First Coast business.



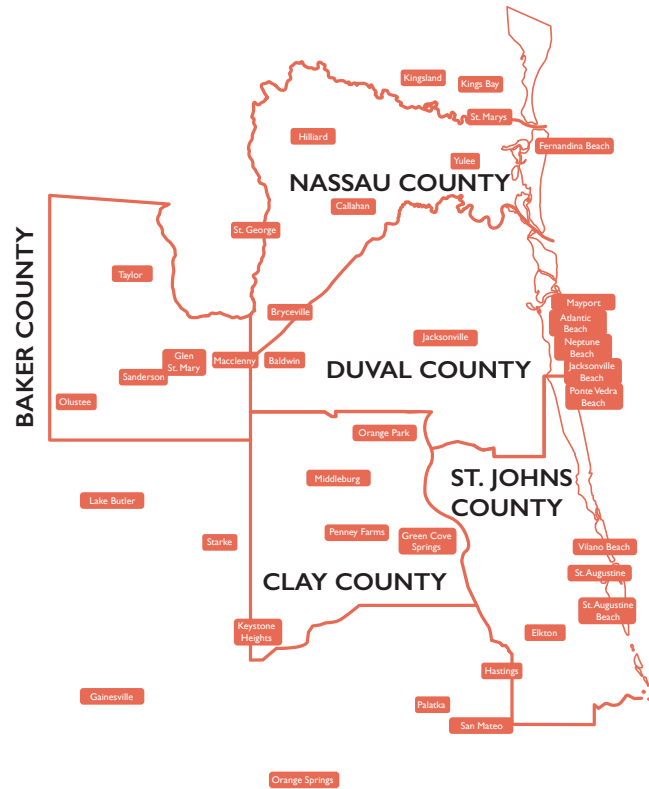
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*In the Live Section, you'll
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information for day-to-day
living on the First Coast.*

Home Sweet Home: Finding Your Perfect Neighborhood

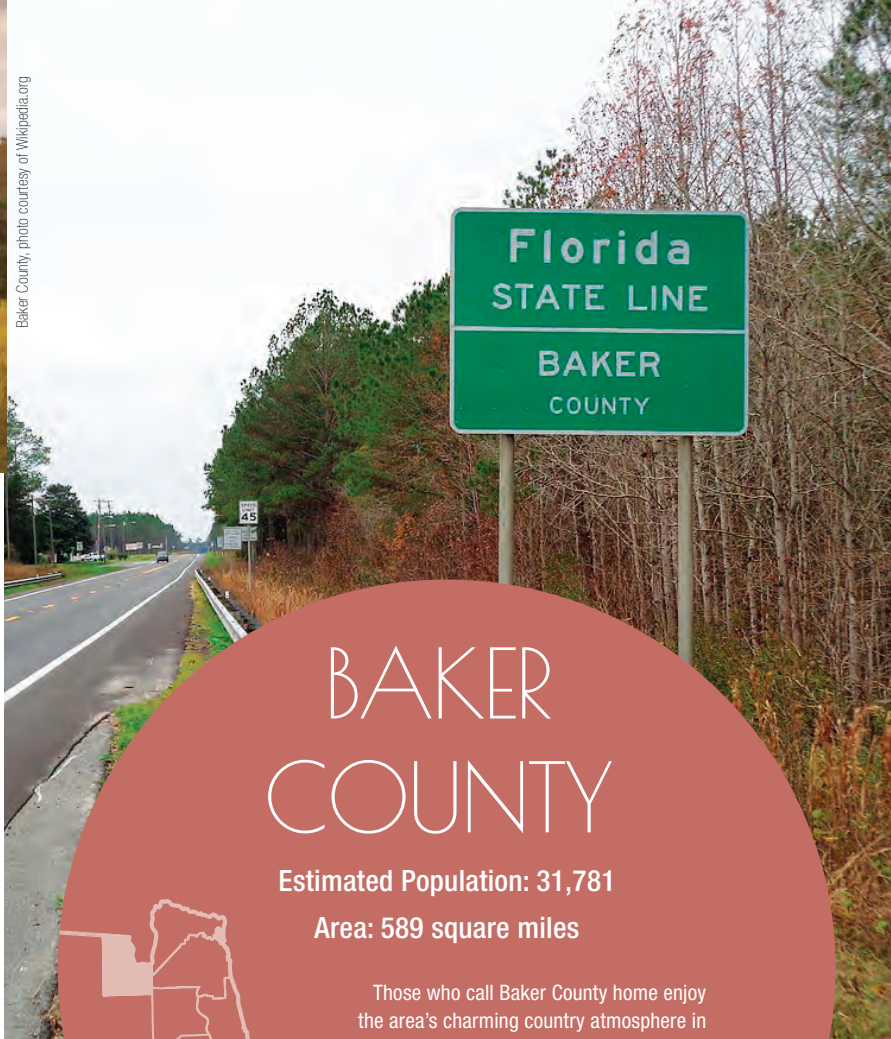
The First Coast is fortunate to have a wide variety of neighborhoods and communities for newcomers to choose from. To help you navigate this vast region, we have put together descriptions of each neighborhood within the five First Coast counties, including Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns.

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, photo courtesy of Wikipedia.org



GLEN ST. MARY/MACCLENNY

If country life is calling your name, **Glen St. Mary** and **Maccleenny** 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 Maccleenny 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.

BAKER COUNTY

Estimated Population: 31,781

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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CLAY COUNTY

Estimated Population: 229,284

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. **Fleming Island** 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.

Cross Creek in Green Cove Springs, photo by Annaleasa Winter



Photo courtesy of Town of Orange Park



DR Applegate House in Green Cove Springs, photo courtesy of Clay County Government

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 290-acre master-planned community in Green Cove Springs that will consist of 770 single-family homesites upon completion. 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 developing a new master-planned community in the area known as **Governor's Park**.



The community will span more than 3,000 acres and will include about 4,000 homes as well as a mix of retail stores and offices.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

The lakeside community of **Keystone Heights** is full of old-town charm. Located in the southwest 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.

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.

GreyHawk is an 800-acre, master-planned community near Branan Field Wildlife Area in the Oakleaf area. The community boasts many 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 the beautiful Jennings State Forest. It has a variety of new home styles ranging from traditional to contemporary with an abundance of amenities.



1890 Courthouse, photo courtesy of Clay County



Carrie Clarke House, photo courtesy of Clay County Government

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.



DUVAL COUNTY

Estimated Population: 1,021,827

Area: 918 square miles

From a bustling downtown to quiet suburbs, Duval County will have a neighborhood perfect for you. Since Jacksonville is the largest city in the nation land-mass wise, we divided the county into four sections: Beaches, North, South and West. This way it'll be much easier to navigate around each section of Duval County.

Atlantic Beach homes, photo by Josh Moore on Unsplash

DUVAL-BEACHES

If you're looking for an area full of life, yet laid back, the Beaches area is a popular spot for newcomers. This area encompasses Atlantic Beach, Neptune Beach, Jacksonville Beach and Mayport. These coastal neighborhoods offer beachfront properties among a range of properties. **Atlantic Beach** is mainly a residential area filled with single-family homes. This town has many walking and biking trails, as well as community parks and many outdoor events throughout the year. **Neptune Beach** is the smallest at 2.5 square miles and youngest. It has a tranquil



Jacksonville Beach, photo by ksama on Unsplash

feel with quiet subdivisions full of charming bungalows. Downtown Neptune Beach is known for its dining and shopping, with many boutiques showcasing the local art community. **Jacksonville Beach** is a trendy area filled with shops, restaurants and lively nightlife and entertainment. Known for its delicious shrimp, the fishing village of Mayport is one of the oldest in the nation. **Mayport** is located just north of Atlantic Beach and has a variety of single-family homes and apartments.

DUVAL-NORTH ARLINGTON/FORT CAROLINE

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

NORTHSIDE/OCEANWAY

The **Northside** consists of neighborhoods north of downtown Jacksonville as well as undeveloped land above the St. Johns River. This area offers quick access to the Jacksonville International Airport, the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens and the River City Marketplace—a bustling retail area with various stores and restaurants. **Oceanway** stretches from U.S. 1 to the Atlantic Ocean and then moves to the Duval/Nassau County line to the Trout River and St. Johns River. These neighborhoods offer townhomes, apartment complexes and many housing developments.

DUVAL-SOUTH INTRACOASTAL WEST

The **Intracoastal West** neighborhoods are located west of the Intracoastal Waterway and north of John Turner Butler Boulevard (JTB), along Kernan Boulevard. Choose from apartments, condominiums, subdivisions and retirement communities all nestled along the Intracoastal. The area has shopping and restaurants close by, and also offers the relaxation of nature with the beauty of the Intracoastal. Residents have easy access to the Town Center areas and Jacksonville Beach.

A master-planned community, **Tamaya**, is nestled between the city and the sea. It offers homes with Tuscan, Mediterranean and Spanish architectural styles. To learn more about Tamaya, please see page 17.

MANDARIN

Mandarin is a historic neighborhood located in the southern part of Jacksonville. Once the home of famous author Harriet Beecher Stowe, this area was named in 1830 for the major crop of the area: Mandarin oranges. This small farming village was also known for its grapefruit, lemons and other fruits

and vegetables. In present day, many of these fruit trees are gone, but the area is still known for its ancient oak trees that are draped in Spanish moss. Mandarin also has some beautiful parks and stunning water views.

The two smaller neighborhoods of **Beauclerc** and **San Jose** border Mandarin. Beauclerc has a variety of brick and rambler homes with some two-story contemporary floorplans. For those looking for a historic home, San Jose has many homes built in the 1950s and 1960s, but also has some recent developments.

SAN MARCO

Just south of downtown Jacksonville's Southbank lies the popular historic neighborhood of **San Marco**. This area has unique boutiques, coffee shops, restaurants, cafés and art galleries, as well as trendy cocktail bars and breweries. In the center of San Marco is the beautiful tree-lined San Marco Square, home to the Three Lions Fountain sculpture. The neighborhood offers apartments, townhouses, small bungalows, riverfront mansions and condos.

SOUTHSIDE/BAYMEADOWS

Those looking for the largest variety of housing choices will want to look into the **Southside/Baymeadows** area which has single-family homes, luxury apartments, condominiums, townhomes and gated communities. There are many options for shopping and dining, including the Avenues Mall, located in the heart of the area. There are also corporate office parks, retail centers and various residential communities.

The master-planned community, **eTown**, is located off of 9B in southern Duval County. This community offers single-family homes, apartments and many retail areas. The area is very eco-friendly and homes are designed with energy efficiency and sustainability in mind. The community's five-acre amenity center includes a resort-style pool with zero entry, a lap pool, fitness center with an outdoor yoga lawn, playground, event lawn, dog park and rooftop patio.



Photo by Stephanie Marty



Mandarin Park Dock, photo courtesy of COJ

Seven Pines, a 1,000-acre master-planned community near I-295 and Butler Boulevard will have approximately 1,600 single-family homes, apartments and commercial and retail space. Residents will have exclusive access to a 34-acre park with a beautiful lake. Outdoor lovers will enjoy two miles of multi-purpose trails circling the lake. Some amenities include the Seven Pines Residents Club with a resort-style pool, lap-lane pool and a children's water park.

TOWN CENTER

The ever-expanding area around the **St. Johns Town Center** is home to luxury apartments, townhouses and condominiums stocked with the most up-to-date features. Residents in this area can walk to some of the best shopping and dining options in Jacksonville. The Town Center is home to more than 175 stores ranging from electronics to clothing. Many college students choose to call this area home with the University of North Florida a quick drive down the road.

DUVAL-WEST DOWNTOWN

Downtown Jacksonville is full of many living options including riverfront condominiums, townhomes, lofts and more. Many apartments are found in renovated buildings dating back to the 1920s. Residents are within walking distance to restaurants, nightclubs and bars, as well as access to museums, festivals, concerts and sporting events.



RIVERSIDE/ AVONDALE

The **Riverside** and **Avondale** neighborhoods are full of vibrant culture and historic charm. Strolling through the neighborhoods, residents will find a mix of restaurants, cafes, boutiques, antique shops, art galleries, nightclubs and bars.

Many of the homes on the area's tree-lined streets have been restored to keep original architecture, continuing to preserve the area's historic character. Riverside/

Avondale has brick quadruplexes and duplexes as well as large historic homes and small bungalows. The **Brooklyn Riverside** apartments offer modern comforts and urban living located off of I-95 in the heart of Jacksonville. A variety of amenities are available to residents including granite and quartz countertops, in-unit washer/dryer combinations and gorgeous downtown skyline views.

SPRINGFIELD

Founded in 1869, **Springfield** is the city's oldest neighborhood. This diverse neighborhood has been undergoing much revitalization with many mansions and bungalows being restored to their former glory. The streets are lined with majestic oaks, which provide a welcoming shade along the bright streets. The area has many locally owned stores, coffee shops, restaurants, public art, beautiful murals and even some craft breweries.



Photos by Alex Baker



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WESTSIDE

Tudor-style homes, wooden-framed houses and waterfront mansions can be found on Jacksonville's **Westside**. This area is made up of smaller communities including Baldwin, Maxville, Marietta, Whitehouse and Normandy. The historic **Ortega** neighborhood is south of Riverside and north of Naval Air Station Jacksonville, filled with historic homes, peaceful parks and ancient live oak trees. The Westside is well known for its marinas and boating facilities with access to both the St. Johns and Ortega rivers.

TAMAYA:

Vibrant Life Between the City and the Sea



Courthouse at Tamaya, photo courtesy of Ponte Vedra Recorder



Tamaya, photo courtesy of Tamayaall.com



The Point at Tamaya, photo courtesy of forrent.com

The master-planned community of Tamaya, from ICI homes, is in the perfect location between the city and the sea. Located on Beach Boulevard between Kernan and Hodges Boulevards, the community offers a variety of properties from conservation homes to lakefront living.

In the area, there are a vast number of options for shopping, entertainment, dining and more. Tamaya gives residents access to many opportunities in the area including a quick six-mile drive to the beach, access to a multitude of businesses and a quick drive to Mayo Clinic. It is within close proximity of JTB and I-295, making commuting a breeze.

Many state-of-the-art amenities and opportunities are available for residents to enjoy both the indoors

and outdoors. The community has immaculate landscaping, including gorgeous woods, serene lakes and walking and hiking paths. Tamaya is located a few miles from the University of North Florida, where more hiking and biking paths are available. Residents of Tamaya have access to a 10,000-square-foot Residents Club with a cabana, lounge chairs, a zero-entry pool and competition-style pool complete with lap lanes.

The community also has a 5,000-square-foot fitness center that offers residents exercise options from treadmills to ellipticals to weight machines. For those looking for some outdoor sports, head outside to the Har-Tru tennis courts, playground, baseball court and event lawn. Some additional amenities include a cigar club that boasts sculptured wooden

ceiling beams, luxury seating, windows that provide a breathtaking view of the community and top-of-the-line furnishings.

The homes available in Tamaya range from 1,600 to 4,000-plus square feet. As the builder of this community, ICI Homes brings the perfect twist of Tuscan, Mediterranean and Spanish architectural styles together for a unique, exclusive community. Recently, The Point, a luxury apartment complex within Tamaya, opened offering one-, two-, and three-bedroom options. Grand Living at Tamaya is a senior living community that has independent living, assisted living and memory care.

Residents enjoy the ease of access to stores with the Tamaya Market right outside the neighborhood. This 500,000-square-foot shopping

center has Sprouts, an organic and health food grocery store, Shipley Do-nuts, the DRIPBaR health spa and Green Papaya Thai and Sushi. Tamaya Market also has a bank, nail salon and plans to grow with more businesses in the future.

Tamaya offers so much when looking to choose a new neighborhood. Whether you are looking for entertainment, shopping, a trip to the beach or excellent schools, Tamaya is the perfect place for you to call home. These custom-built homes and state-of-the-art amenities make Tamaya a great place for families to grow on the First Coast. When you discover Tamaya, you will see that this piece of paradise is a true gem nestled between the city and the sea.



NASSAU COUNTY

Estimated Population: 96,692

Area: 726 square miles

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.

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 spacious properties, single-family homes or a home in a subdivision. With numerous outdoor activities available for residents, many spend time hiking, fishing, biking or enjoying local golf courses.

HILLIARD

Hilliard is a quaint town in northwestern Nassau County known for its aviation, timber and agricultural industries. Housing options include single-family homes and apartments. Purchasing undeveloped land is also an option for those looking to build a custom home.

YULEE

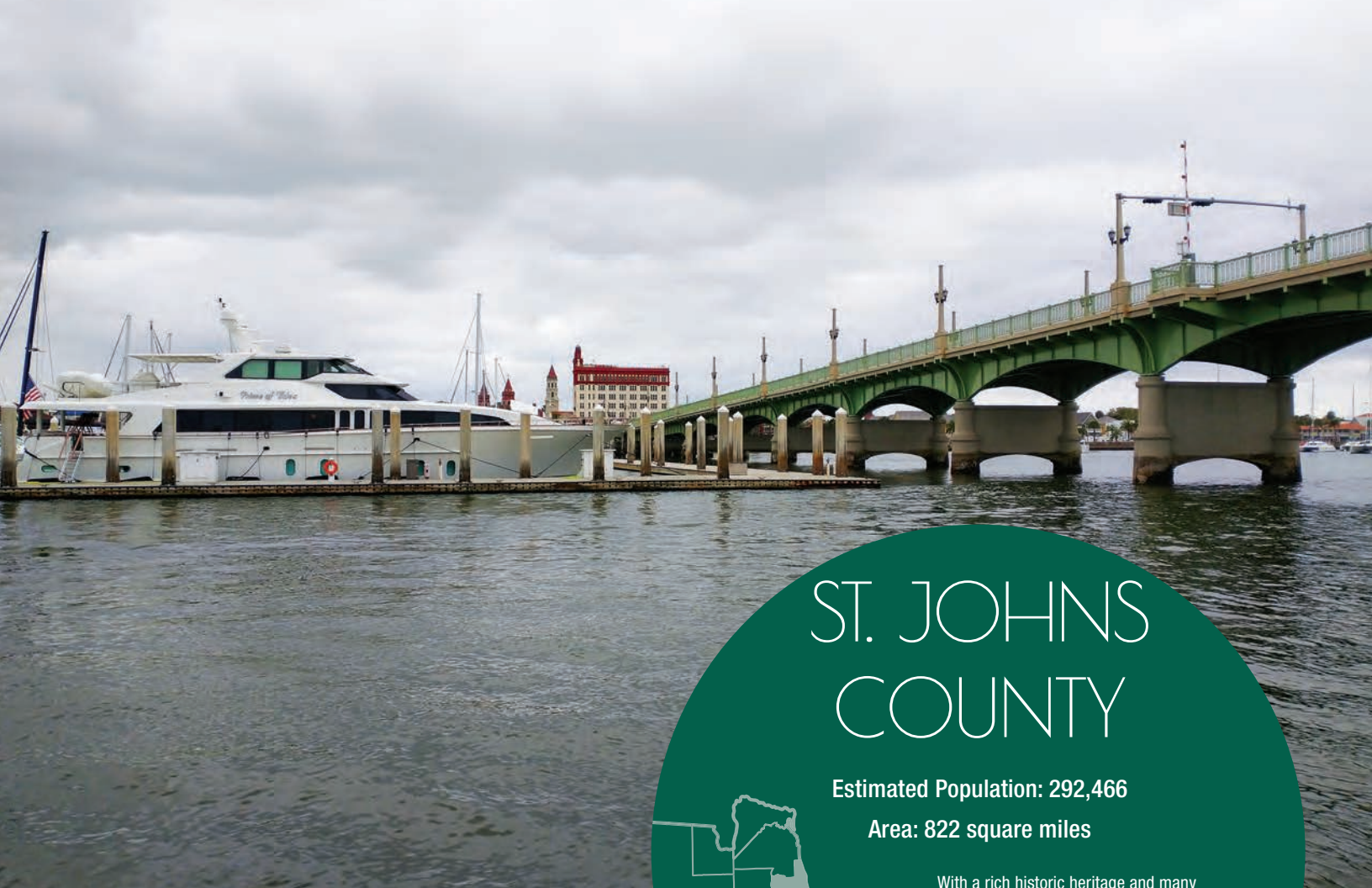
The growing community of **Yulee** is west of Amelia Island and the Intracoastal Waterway in the largest unincorporated area of Nassau County. It consists primarily of residential options with planned communities, waterfront properties, apartments and condominiums. Development of the communities, such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

Crossing, continue to bring growth to the area.

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 in one of the four neighborhoods: Del Webb Wildlight, Forest Park, Founder's Park and Hawthorn Park. Those who wish to rent can choose from apartments in The Lofts and The Exchange or single-family home rentals in The Hamlet. 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.



Downtown Fernandina Beach, photo by Sonya Tyler on Unsplash



ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Estimated Population: 292,466

Area: 822 square miles



With a rich historic heritage and many diverse communities, St. Johns County is one of the first two counties in the state. The area has developed greatly over the years with many people moving to the area due to the excellent schools, gorgeous beaches, golf and shopping.

NOCATEE

See an in-depth description of everything the community of **Nocatee** offers on page 22.

NORTHWEST ST. JOHNS

St. Johns County is known for the new neighborhoods and developments that are popping up. The economy is growing with top-ranked schools and businesses. Both **Switzerland** and **Fruit Cove** are located east of the St. Johns River and south of Mandarin. This area is perfect for those wishing to enjoy a country setting with the convenience of having amenities around the corner. There are a variety of parks, historical sites and trails for both hiking and biking in the area. **Julington Creek** in northwestern St. Johns County has many residential communities with luxury estates, single-family homes, townhouses and condominiums and covers approximately 4,120 acres. One favorite recreational amenity in the area is the Julington Creek Golf Club, a popular destination with challenging holes weaving through wooded areas and neighborhoods.

The **Shearwater** in St. Augustine is a quick drive to St. Augustine Beach, historic St. Augustine and the Southeast Intracoastal Waterway Park. Some benefits of the community include nature trails, a waterslide tower, resort-style lagoon, tennis courts and an exclusive fitness center.

Durbin Crossing is a community in St. Johns County that is full of sprawling residential homes covering more than 2,000 acres. Single-family homes, as well as multi-family homes, are available. The schools are top-rated and some of the best parks and golf courses are in the area. Residents can enjoy events and gatherings at the amenity centers, enjoy hiking at nature preserves and other various activities.



Durbin Crossing, photo by Monica Fields

The **Pavilion at Durbin Park** is a large mixed-use development covering more than 1,600 acres at the intersection of Race Track Road and Bartram Park Boulevard. A variety of homes are available, including single-family homes, townhouses and condominiums. The area is developing and plans on having more than 2.4 million square feet of retail space and more than 44,000 homes. Nearby is the Julington-Durbin Creek Preserve that has more than 2,000 acres of protected land.

The master-planned community of **Silverleaf** is located between County Road 210 and State Road 16. Comprised of 8,500 acres, the community has more than 10,000 homes and 2.6 million square feet of commercial space. Amenities in the area include dog parks, tennis and pickleball courts, pools and more than 3,500 acres of conversation land.

RiverTown is a waterfront community on the shores of the St. Johns River. This quaint area has six neighborhoods with many different floorplans, including a neighborhood for residents 55 and over. A variety of neighborhood amenities are available, including a boardwalk, waterfront dining, a playground, waterfront amphitheater, kayak launch and hiking trails.



Ponte Vedra Beach, photo by Josh Moore on Unsplash

Aberdeen is a community nestled around a wetland conservation area. The 1,316-acre community has 68 acres specially dedicated to lakes as well as 1,623 single-family homes and 168 multi-family units. D.R. Horton, Rosewood Homes, Watson Custom Home Builders and Woodside Communities of North Florida are several of the builders found in the community. Amenities available include a health and fitness center, walking trails, a playground, sports park, aquatic facility, community picnic area and more.

BEACHWALK

Comprised of five neighborhoods, the community of **Beachwalk** in northern St. Johns County gives residents the resort lifestyle with many top-of-the-line amenities. The architecture is inspired by the West Indies and has a 14-acre lagoon complete with a white sandy beach. Residents are able to swim, paddleboard, kayak, fish and more. Additional amenities include a 24-hour fitness center, dog splash park, swim-up bar, beach club, dining, putting course and tennis courts. Retail centers, restaurants and entertainment options are popping up as the community continues to expand.



St. Augustine, photo by the Rodriguez Group

PONTE VEDRA BEACH

Ponte Vedra Beach is located in the northeast corner of St. Johns County between the Intracoastal Waterway and the Atlantic Ocean. This gorgeous area has many neighborhoods and communities to choose from with much of the area full of gated communities, oceanfront estates, exclusive neighborhoods, condominiums and apartments. There are many restaurants in the area, as well as upscale shopping. Some of the best golf courses in the nation are in Ponte Vedra Beach, including TPC Sawgrass Stadium Course where THE PLAYERS Golf Championship is held every year. Ponte Vedra Beach is also the headquarters of the PGA TOUR, the Association of Tennis Professionals and the Champions Tour.

ST. AUGUSTINE

The nation's oldest city, **St. Augustine**, is an hour drive from Jacksonville. The city was founded in 1565 by Ponce De León and is full of rich history. Residents can explore the area by visiting different historic sites like the Castillo De San Marcos National Monument, the Lightner Museum, the Old Jail and St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum. During the year many events take place such as historical reenactments and the Nights of Lights during the holiday season. In the area there are planned communities, oceanfront homes, historic homes, condominiums and apartments.

ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH

Known for its beautiful beaches and ocean views, **St. Augustine Beach**

is the perfect place to beach comb and look for shells. There are many options for outdoor lovers. Residents can peruse the white beaches or enjoy the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail at Anastasia State Park. Ocean Hammock Park is another popular spot with nature trails. You may spot a sea turtle nest in the sand while exploring. There are many residential communities, townhouses and condominium options in this area.

THE NEIGHBORHOODS OF WORLD GOLF VILLAGE

The community of the **Neighborhoods of World Golf Village** is a quick drive from the beaches. This community has an array of living options throughout the neighborhoods including master-planned communities, estates, condominiums and townhomes.

VILANO BEACH

Northeast of St. Augustine is the pleasant seaside community of **Vilano Beach**. This residential community is nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and Tolomato River and offers many activities including fishing, beachcombing for shark's teeth and birdwatching. There are several local restaurants and small businesses that residents frequent in the area. Many anglers will enjoy time at the Vilano Beach Fishing Pier where more than 60 species of fish can be spotted. Surfside Park provides beach access with picnic areas and restrooms, as well as outdoor showers.

“Nicknames for St. Augustine include Old City and Ancient City.”



St. Augustine



The Communities of NOCATEE

Nocatee is a coastal community nestled between Jacksonville and St. Augustine in Ponte Vedra. It has many village-like neighborhoods that include condominiums, townhouses, luxury estate homes, single-family homes and neighborhoods for residents 55 and older. The community is minutes from gorgeous beaches, golf courses, restaurants, shopping and some of the top-rated schools in the state. Ranked as one of the best-selling communities in America, Nocatee is the perfect place to call home.

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. 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.

Seabrook Village

Seabrook Village is a new community that will feature approximately 327 homesites in its first phase. The neighborhood will have a variety of floorplans that range from 1,450 to 2,900 square feet. Seabrook Village surrounds Seabrook Park amenity center which has a pool, dog park and playground.

West End at Town Center



Located just a short walk from Nocatee's shops, restaurants and Splash Water Park, is West End at

Town Center. Townhomes by ICI Homes range from approximately 1,635 to 1,846 square feet of living space. West End also offers attached villas by Dostie Homes and Toll Brothers. Builders are offering one- and two-story homes ranging from approximately 1,502 to 2,450 square feet.

Franklin Square at Crosswater

Franklin Square at Crosswater is a gated townhome community that includes 76 townhomes ranging from 2,035 to 2,490 square feet. The exclusive Toll Brothers community is located adjacent to Crosswater Park, which features a pool with lap lanes, a large playground, an event lawn, a dog park and an open-air pavilion. Franklin Square at Crosswater is located south of Nocatee Splash Waterpark and the Nocatee Spray Park.

Palm Crest at Seabrook

Palm Crest at Seabrook is a community that features 100 homesites in the heart of the Seabrook Village neighborhood. Homes by Dostie Homes, ICI Homes and Providence Homes range from 2,469 to 3,196 square feet. Palm Crest is walking distance from the Seabrook Park amenity center, which features a pool, dog park and playground.

Settler's Landing at Nocatee



With a Tom Sawyer Island theme incorporated into the neighborhood's design, residents at Settler's Landing at Nocatee will want to grab their fishing poles and kayaks for some fun on the water. The homes by David Weekley Homes, Providence Homes and Riverside Homes include one- and two-story single-family homes. Multiple innovative floorplans ranging from 2,204 to 3,106 square feet are available. The community is also connected to Settler's Pond by a multipurpose trail, perfect for an outdoor adventure.

Palmetto Cove

Palmetto Cove is an intimate neighborhood located on the northeast corner of Crosswater Parkway and Nocatee Landing Trail. This new neighborhood features homes by Dostie Homes and Toll Brothers, ranging from 2,850 to 4,200 square feet. Home builders are offering one- and two-story single-family homes ranging from 2,850 to 4,200 square feet.

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, a dog park, a playground and an event area. With native flora and fauna found throughout the park and neighborhoods, this beautiful section of Nocatee is a gem. The 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 Vista at Twenty Mile is a gated neighborhood with 44 contemporary estates. These homes feature Mission-style and Spanish architecture by the Pineapple Corporation. Floorplans range from 3,490 to 5,800 square feet. River Landing at Twenty Mile is a new luxury community with preserve homesites and waterfront homes. The neighborhood is placed within tranquil parks, featuring large oak trees and rustic-style architecture with views of the Intracoastal Waterway.

Woodland Park at Nocatee

Woodland Park is an intimate neighborhood located on CR 210, directly west of the Austin Park neighborhood. It features 65 townhomes by Providence Homes that range from approximately 1,300 to 1,900 square feet.

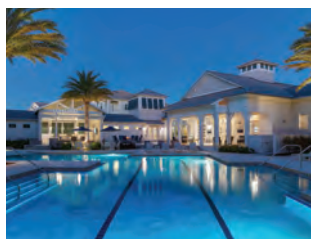
Coral Ridge at Seabrook

Coral Ridge at Seabrook in the Seabrook collection of communities at Nocatee features approximately 182 estate-sized homesites. Home sizes will range from 2,600 to 4,400 square feet. Coral Ridge at Seabrook is a short golf cart or bike ride away from Seabrook Park, a new amenity center.

Crosswinds at Nocatee

Crosswinds at Nocatee includes 215 single-family homes and villas, ranging from approximately 1,500 to 2,300 square feet. Crosswinds will be located at the northeast intersection of Pine Island Road and Crosswater Parkway.

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.

Atwater at Nocatee

Atwater 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.

Cadence at Nocatee

Cadence at Nocatee is a 291-unit apartment community that delivers hospitality-level service to residents through onsite concierge services, event programming and resort-style amenities. Residents have access to a luxurious zero-entry pool, an outdoor social kitchen, pet spa, large clubhouse, business center, library and over 1,500 square feet of fitness space including a yoga studio and weight training equipment. The community also features a variety of green spaces, including a fitness and outdoor movie lawn, outdoor game area for ping pong and cornhole and a dog park. Each apartment features nine-foot ceilings, vinyl plank flooring, carpet in bedrooms and closets, granite countertops in the kitchen and bathrooms and stainless-steel appliances.

Starling at Nocatee



For seniors looking for an energetic lifestyle, Starling at Nocatee is 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.



Revitalize Your Home with Interior Design

On the First Coast, many of us love spending time outdoors enjoying the weather, but our homes are also where we spend most of our time. This is why creating the perfect interior is on the top of many to-do lists. While picking out paint colors and finding the perfect piece of art for your living room can be overwhelming, interior design is an option to help create a smooth, streamlined space.

It's important to look at your home as a blank slate and come up with a plan before attempting any projects on your own. With the help of an interior designer, many First Coast residents are designing the interior they will love for years to come. "Designers are trained professionals who devise stunning spaces that will meet your everyday needs, while also creating a haven for you to escape the everyday hustle and bustle," says HGTV.

The First Coast is home to many top interior design consultants, remodelers and custom organization system builders who create the most efficient layout to make the most of a room's potential for both use and aesthetics. Designers can assist in creating a mood or feeling, which helps show off the personality of the people who live in the home. "Share your ideas, vision and goals with your designer. To offer this information, you can collage images, descriptions, a list of must-haves and your likes and dislikes. If you're not sure exactly

what you like, that's OK too, but there are steps you can take to learn more about your preferences," says HOUZZ, which gives home design, remodeling and decorating ideas. Designers can help with space planning and furniture layouts to help choose fabric and new cabinet designs. "Designers inherently have the ability to envision a project and understand how to bring it to fruition," says Florida interior designer, Linda Coin. Interior designers are skilled at every phase of a project from the early planning stages to identify a client's needs and wants, developing a budget and bringing a workable design to life as well as delivery and installation.

While decorating should be a fun activity, it can be very daunting, but décor is an important part of the home. The First Coast is full of inspiration for those looking to redecorate. Homeowners looking for rare and unique pieces can visit local art events or art galleries where local art for home décor can be found.

Each year there are different design trends that are found in many homes on the First Coast from the city to the beach. Classic floral and tropical patterns are still at the forefront of décor and interior design. "You may assume tropical accents are loud and flashy but they are quite the opposite. Florida homes, especially those by the ocean, can embrace tropical décor and beachy furniture to create a 'chic coastal' style. This style is popular to incorporate across the whole house, but especially in living rooms, bedrooms, and bathrooms in Florida," says The Staging Co., a Florida home staging company. "Background walls (statement walls) are an ultra-modern design and a prevalent trend in 2023. They are especially popular in rooms you often use, like a living room, kitchen, or home office," continues the Staging Co.

Besides décor choices, many homes on the First Coast even add organizational aspects to a space to keep it minimal and uncluttered. While it's important to remember

that decluttering before tackling organizing can save some time, it can help to have the proper organizational systems in place so that your space is clutter free. Many simple items can be used around the home to help with some of the home organization you may want to tackle while designing your new space. "Fabric-covered bins are better than wicker or rattan for holding delicate easily snagged items. The ideal bins are made from durable canvas and are slightly wider at the top so you can nest extras when not in use to save space," says Houzz. "Use them in the hall closet to corral gloves or hats, in your clothes closet for workout gear and in the pantry to wrangle snacks." Another idea for minimizing clutter is to use trays in different rooms throughout your home. For example, in your living room you can easily get rid of clutter with the use of a tray on an object like your coffee table. "Placing items on a tray lends the group a feeling of intentionality: It's not just a random pile of magazines and envelopes now, it's a mail tray," says Houzz.

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Home Sales Comparison

In today's market, moving to a new city can be very stressful with the cost of homes varying from place to place. The National Association of Realtors has reported that Jacksonville is on the list of most affordable cities in the country.

Source: www.nar.realtor

Affordable First Coast

With a set budget in mind, picking the perfect neighborhood can be a walk in the park! Below you can find median prices of homes on the First Coast to help find your new home.

Source: www.zillow.com

Ponte Vedra Beach	\$881,664
Fernandina Beach	\$652,177
Jacksonville Beach	\$649,013
San Marco	\$495,249
St. Augustine	\$480,095
Green Cove Springs	\$374,320
Orange Park	\$353,328
Macclenny	\$310,120

Getting Settled: The 411 on the First Coast

We are so thrilled you decided to make the First Coast home! It truly is the perfect place to Live, Work and Play. To help you settle in, we've compiled a list of utility providers and other important resources for each county. Depending on your neighborhood, you may have different providers than those in neighboring towns and counties, so it's important to determine which company provides what you need for your new home.

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Baker County

www.bakercountyfl.org

Glen St. Mary

www.glenstmary.govoffice.com

Macclenny

www.cityofmacclenny.com

Fire/Rescue

Baker County (Volunteer)

www.bakercountyfl.org

Macclenny

www.cityofmacclenny.com

Police/Sheriff

Baker County Sheriff's Office

www.bakersheriff.org

UTILITY SERVICES

Electricity

Clay Electric Cooperative (CEC)

www.clayelectric.com

Florida Power & Light

www.fpl.com

Okefenoke Rural Electric

www.oremc.com

Garbage

City of Macclenny

www.cityofmacclenny.com/departments.html



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Natural Gas

TECO Peoples Gas

www.peoplesgas.com

Water & Sewer

City of Macclenny

www.cityofmacclenny.com/departments.html

CLAY COUNTY

Clay County

www.claycountygov.com

Green Cove Springs

www.greencovesprings.com

Keystone Heights

www.keystoneheights.us

Orange Park

www.townoforangepark.com



Fire/Rescue

Clay County Fire Rescue

www.claycountygov.com/community/public-safety

Police/Sheriff

Clay County Sheriff's Office

www.claysheriff.com

Green Cove Springs Police Department

www.greencovesprings.com/gcspd

Orange Park Police Department

www.townoforangepark.com/departments/police-department/

UTILITY SERVICES

Electricity

City of Green Cove Springs

www.greencovesprings.com/departments/Electric

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

www.clayelectric.com

Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) (Green Cove Springs, Orange Park)

www.jea.com

Garbage & Recycling

City of Green Cove Springs

www.greencovesprings.com/departments/PublicWorks

Republic Services (Keystone Heights)

www.republicservices.com

WM (Fleming Island, Middleburg, Orange Park)

www.wm.com

Natural Gas

TECO Peoples Gas (Middleburg, Orange Park)

www.peoplesgas.com

Water & Sewer

Clay County Utility Authority (Fleming Island, Keystone Heights, Middleburg)

www.clayutility.org

City of Green Cove Springs

www.greencovesprings.com/waterwastewater-division

Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) (Green Cove Springs, Orange Park)

www.jea.com

Town of Orange Park

www.townoforangepark.com/departments/public-works-department/utility-services/



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www.coab.us

Jacksonville Beach

www.jacksonvillebeach.org

Neptune Beach

www.ci.neptune-beach.fl.us

Fire/Rescue

Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department

www.myjfrd.com

Jacksonville Beach Fire Department

www.jacksonvillebeach.org/214/fire-marshals-office

Police/Sheriff

Atlantic Beach Police Department

www.coab.us/25/Police

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office

www.jaxsheriff.org

Jacksonville Beach Police Department

www.jacksonvillebeach.org/436/police-department

Neptune Beach Police Department

www.ci.neptune-beach.fl.us/police-department

UTILITY SERVICES

Electricity

Beaches Energy Services (Neptune Beach)

www.beachesenergy.com

Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) (Atlantic Beach)

www.jea.com

Electricity, Water & Sewer

Beaches Energy Services (Jacksonville Beach)

www.beachesenergy.com

Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) (Baldwin, Jacksonville)

www.jea.com

Garbage & Recycling

City of Atlantic Beach

www.coab.us/15/Public-Works

City of Jacksonville

www.coj.net/departments/public-works

City of Jacksonville Beach

www.jacksonvillebeach.org/297/public-works

Waste Pro of Florida, Inc. (Neptune Beach)

www.ci.neptune-beach.fl.us/waste-recycling

Natural Gas

TECO Peoples Gas (Atlantic Beach, Jacksonville, Jacksonville Beach, Neptune Beach)

www.peoplesgas.com

Water & Sewer

City of Atlantic Beach

www.coab.us/14/Public-Utilities

City of Neptune Beach

www.ci.neptune-beach.fl.us/finance-utilities/pages/utilities

NASSAU COUNTY

Nassau County

www.nassaucountyfl.com

Callahan

www.townofcallahan-fl.gov

Fernandina Beach

www.fbfl.us

Fire/Rescue

Nassau County Fire Rescue

www.nassaucountyfl.com/122/Fire-Rescue

Police/Sheriff

Fernandina Beach Police Department

www.fbfl.us/109/Police

Nassau County Sheriff's Office

<http://nassauso.com>

UTILITY SERVICES

Electricity

Florida Power & Light (Callahan, Hilliard, Yulee)

www.fpl.com

Florida Public Utilities (Amelia Island, Fernandina Beach)

www.fpuc.com





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www.jea.com

Okefenoke Rural Electric (Callahan, Hilliard)
www.oremc.com

Garbage & Recycling

Meridian Waste (Callahan)
www.meridianwaste.com

WM (Amelia Island, Fernandina Beach,
Hilliard, Yulee)
www.wm.com

Water & Sewer

City of Fernandina Beach
www.fbfl.us/114/Utilities

Florida Power & Light (Yulee)
www.fpl.com

Hilliard Water Department
www.townofhilliard.com/publicworks/page/water-sewer

Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) (Yulee)
www.jea.com

Town of Callahan
www.townofcallahan-fl.gov/water-wastewater-sanitation

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

St. Johns County
www.co.st-johns.fl.us

Ponte Vedra Beach
www.pvmsd.org

St. Augustine
www.citystaug.com

St. Augustine Beach
www.staugbch.com

Fire/Rescue

St. Johns County Fire Rescue
www.sjcfl.us/FireRescue/index.aspx

St. Augustine Fire Department
www.citystaug.com/797/Fire-Department

Police/Sheriff

St. Augustine Beach Police
www.sabpd.org

St. Augustine Police Department
www.citystaug.com/241/Police-Department

St. Johns County Sheriff's Office
www.sjso.org

UTILITY SERVICES

Electricity

Beaches Energy Services (Ponte Vedra Beach)

www.beachesenergy.com

Florida Power & Light (Hastings, St. Augustine, St. Augustine Beach)

www.fpl.com

Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) (Julington Creek, Ponte Vedra Beach, St. Augustine)

www.jea.com

Garbage & Recycling

City of St. Augustine

www.citystaug.com/518/Trash-Recycling

City of St. Augustine Beach

www.staugbch.com/publicworks/page/sanitation

Republic Services (Julington Creek, Ponte Vedra Beach)

www.republicservices.com

WM (Hastings)

www.wm.com

Natural Gas

TECO Peoples Gas (Hastings, Julington Creek, St. Augustine, St.

www.peoplesgas.com

Water & Sewer

City of St. Augustine

www.citystaug.com/529/Utilities

Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) (Julington Creek, Ponte Vedra Beach)

www.jea.com

St. Johns Utility Department (Ponte Vedra Beach, St. Augustine Beach)

www.sjcfl.us/Utilities

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Windstream Communications (Nassau, St. Johns)

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www.xfinity.com

HughesNet (Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, St. Johns)

www.hughesnet.com

NEFCOM Internet (Baker)

www.nefcom.net

Windstream Communications (Nassau, Hastings)

www.windstream.com



Jacksonville Public Library, photo courtesy of COJ

Looking for Your Spiritual Home?

To help you find a religious community in your new hometown, 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.diocesefl.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.mymission.com/lds-missions/florida-jacksonville-mission

Hindu Society of North East Florida

www.hsnef.org

Islamic Center of Northeast Florida

www.icnef.org

Jacksonville Quaker Worship Group

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

Good-to-Know Info

If you're not only new to the First Coast but the state of Florida as well, check out this list of good-to-know information for car owners 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 a 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. Legal Florida residents who own and reside on property are eligible for a homestead exemption up to \$50,000. The first \$25,000 applies to all property taxes, including school district taxes. The additional exemption up to \$25,000 applies to the assessed value between \$50,000 and \$75,000 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. See our list of tax collector's offices on this page.

Termite Protection

First Coast homeowners need to be aware of the potential damage caused by termites, which are common throughout the state of Florida. Since your homeowners insurance does not cover damage caused by termites, hiring a licensed pest control company to inspect and treat your home is recommended. To receive proper treatment, it's important to properly identify the type of termite that could possibly be infesting your home.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) regulates and licenses Florida's pest control industry. FDACS is authorized by law to conduct investigations to determine if any documented violations of the Florida Structural Pest Control Act (Chapter 482, Florida Statutes) or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act have occurred. 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
www.claycountygov.com/community/library

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 36.

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

Driving Stats

Miles from Downtown Jacksonville to Other Major Florida Cities

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

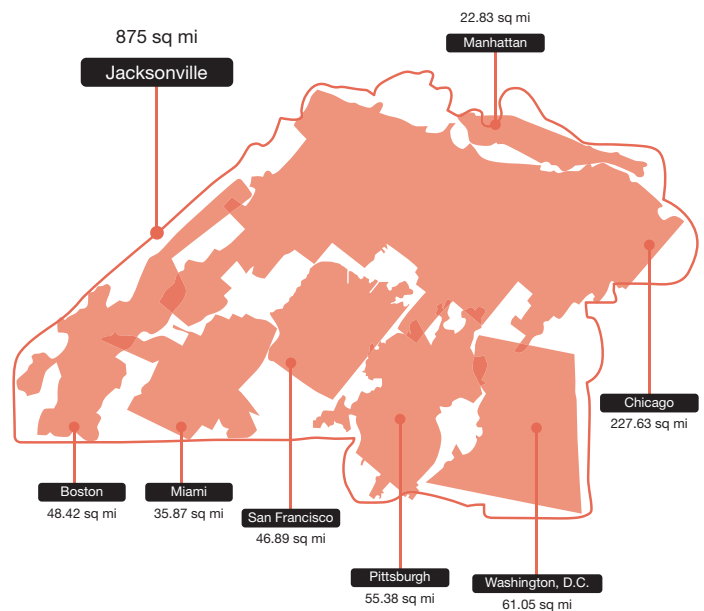
Miles from Downtown Jacksonville to Other Major Cities in the Southeast

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

Commute Times to Downtown Jacksonville in Minutes

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

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



First Coast Area Codes

In addition to 904, the First Coast will soon have a new 324 area code. The new area code will serve the same areas as 904, including Jacksonville, Jacksonville Beach, Fernandina Beach, Orange Park and more. Customers with 904 area codes will keep their current telephone numbers. However, new customers or those needing additional lines may be assigned the new 324 area code. To make local calls, callers will need to dial the area code first. According to the Florida Public Service Commission, no date has been set for when customers will be assigned the new area code.

PLAYING RUFF

It's time to hit the beach to spend some time with your new furry friend! Check out one of the First Coast's local pet-friendly beaches.

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Dog Parks

Atlantic Beach Dog Park

Atlantic Beach

www.coab.us/463/Atlantic-Beach-Dog-Park

Deleon Shores Park

Ponte Vedra

www.co.st-johns.fl.us/recreation/parks/index.aspx

Ed Austin Regional Dog Park

Arlington

www.coj.net/departments/parks-and-recreation

John Gorrie Dog Park of Riverside Park

Riverside

<https://riversideavondale.org/john-gorrie-dog-park>

OceanWay Park

Oceanway

www.bringfido.com/attraction/13182

Springfield Park Dog Park

Springfield

www.coj.net/departments/parks-and-recreation

Veterans Park Dog Park

St. Johns

www.co.st-johns.fl.us/Recreation/Parks/Veterans.aspx

Pet-Friendly Beaches

American Beach

Must be leashed

Atlantic Beach

Must be leashed unless both pet and owner are in the water

Crescent Beach

Must be leashed

Fernandina Beach

Must be leashed

Jacksonville Beach

Must be leashed

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

Oct. 1 to March 31 - dogs permitted any time

Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park

Must be leashed

Permitted in designated areas

Mayport Beach

Must be leashed

Dogs permitted daily until dusk

Mickler's Beachfront Park

Must be leashed

Neptune Beach

Must be leashed

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

Oct. 1 to March 31 - dogs permitted any time

Peters Point Beachfront Park

Must be leashed

Ponte Vedra Beach

Must be leashed

St. Augustine Beach

Must be leashed

Usina Beach

Must be leashed

Vilano Beach

Must be leashed



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PET ADOPTION LOCATIONS AND EVENTS

The First Coast is a great place to find the perfect pet! With pet adoption events, local shelters and veterinary services throughout the area, you're bound to find your new furry best friend!

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.froggyscatrescue.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

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Photo by Catherine Wysoczanski

Wildlife Rehabilitation Programs

Local wildlife is an important part of our area, especially with the parks and preserves in the area. For those looking for a unique opportunity, consider volunteering at a wildlife rehabilitation center to help native wildlife such as opossums, squirrels, raccoons and foxes. There are several places on the First Coast where people are able to volunteer and even foster orphaned and injured wildlife. Remember not to interact with wildlife without guidance from a local wildlife rehabilitation center. These rehabilitations are run by licensed professionals who have extensive experience handling wildlife.

Ark Wildlife Care and Sanctuary, Inc., The
www.thearkwildlifecareandsanctuary.com

Ark Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation, Inc., The
www.thearkrescue.org

Wildlife Rescue Coalition of Northeast Florida
www.wildlifecoalition.com

Adoption Events

First Coast No More Homeless
Pets MEGA Adoption Event
Three times a year
www.fcnmhp.org

PetSmart National Adoption Week
March
www.petsmartcharities.org/adopt-a-pet/adoption-events

Many shelters are full and are looking for fosters. This is a great way to test out the waters and provide temporary care for pets in need while they wait to be placed in their forever home.

GRAB YOUR SUNGLASSES! FIRST COAST WEATHER

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. No matter the weather, there is always something fun to do on the First Coast!



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Suit Up! Ways to Cool Down This Summer

- The First Coast's 60-plus miles of beaches and waterways include 50 public boat ramps.
- There are more than 30 public pools located throughout the First Coast, including the Cecil Aquatic Center.
- Kayak on the St. Johns River, at Hanna Park or on Amelia Island.
- Visit splash parks at Sunshine Playground, Hanna Park, Wiley Road Playground, Losco Regional Park, Abess Park, the Jacksonville Zoo and the St. Johns County Pier.

Rain, Rain, Go Away!

- Bounce the day away at an indoor trampoline park. Check out our list on page 109.
- Shop for the latest trends at our indoor malls, including the Avenues Mall and Orange Park Mall.
- With 38 libraries throughout the First Coast, check out some books from your local branch.
- Visit museums like the Museum of Science & History, Museum of Contemporary Art and the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens.
- Catch a movie at the Sun-Ray Cinema or a movie theater near you.

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

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. 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.

Weather Terms to Know:

Hurricane: winds 74 mph and above.

Hurricane Watch:

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

Hurricane Warning:

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

Tropical Depression: maximum sustained wind speed of 38 mph.

Tropical Disturbance:

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

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

Hurricane 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

Baker County: www.bakercountysheriffsoffice.com/emergency-management

Clay County: www.claycountygov.com/community/emergency-management

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

Nassau County: www.onenassau.com

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 Warning: tornado sighted or indicated on radar.

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

Waterspout: tornado that forms over warm water.



EDUCATION

On the First Coast, we're proud of our school districts and their ability to teach our children how to communicate well, think critically and work as a team. For education, three of five counties on the First Coast have placed in the top 10 counties in the state of Florida. Below you can find out more about each school district throughout our area.

Total Number of Students

239,578

BAKER
COUNTY
4,943

CLAY
COUNTY
38,268

DUVAL
COUNTY
129,084

NASSAU
COUNTY
11,898

ST. JOHNS
COUNTY
55,385

Total Number of Public Schools

318

BAKER
COUNTY
6

CLAY
COUNTY
51

DUVAL
COUNTY
197

NASSAU
COUNTY
16

ST. JOHNS
COUNTY
48

BAKER COUNTY

www.bakerk12.org

Baker County prides itself on "building champions inside and outside of the classroom." The school district consists of one Pre-K/ kindergarten center, two elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school. The district's students compete at many state, national and international athletic and academic competitions annually. For those looking to further their education, Baker County also has a fully accredited adult education program.

CLAY COUNTY

www.oneclay.net

Clay County Schools have an important vision to prepare lifelong learners for success in a global and competitive workplace and in acquiring applicable life skills. The school district is known for their students having excellent academic accomplishments and is one of the highest ranked public school districts in the state of Florida. This school year, 51 public schools served more than 41,000 students. Many of the proficiency scores for various academic subjects among the schools have a higher average than the general Florida public school average.

DUVAL COUNTY

<https://dcps.duvalschools.org>

Duval County consists of more than 129,000 students, 197 schools and more than 12,000 employees. Students are able to customize their learning needs with choices of virtual, charter, magnet and neighborhood schools. They offer Advanced International Certificate of Education

(AICE), International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP) courses. As the 6th largest school district in the state of Florida, educators work tirelessly each day to make sure "that every student is inspired and prepared for success in college or a career, and life."

NASSAU COUNTY

www.nassau.k12.fl.us

With 16 fully accredited schools covering the areas of Bryceville, Callahan, Hilliard, Yulee and Fernandina Beach, Nassau County School District helps build a strong educational foundation throughout each level of school from elementary to high school. The district also has the Nassau Adult High School, which allows adults to receive a high school diploma. This program is available at four satellite locations throughout the county. Students within the school district are able to participate in a variety of extracurricular activities, AP courses and athletic teams. The school continues to rank as an A level and works to develop skills students can use in the future including communication, trust and respect.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

www.stjohns.k12.fl.us

St. Johns County is one of the fastest-growing counties in Florida as well as the United States. In the last 10 years the population has increased by 44 percent. The school district strives to develop a passion for learning in all students as well as building a good character. Students can participate in AP, IB, AICE and Advanced Via Individual Determination programs as well as a multitude of extracurricular activities.

Private Schools

BAKER COUNTY

United Christian Academy 904-259-1199
www.unitedchristianmacclenny.com/academy.html

CLAY COUNTY

Annunciation Catholic School 904-282-0504
www.annunciationcatholic.org

Berean Christian Academy 904-773-8404
www.bccanes.org

Broach School, The 904-637-0300
www.broachschool.com

Calvary Christian Academy 904-282-2068
www.calvarycares.net

Christian Home Academy 904-276-3339
www.christianhomeacademy.info

Citizens' High School 800-736-4723
www.citizenshighschool.com

Congregational Holiness Church School 904-529-1798

E.V. Turner Preparatory Academy 904-990-3423
www.turnerprepacademy.com

Faith Christian Academy 904-276-1300
www.fcaflorida.com

Grace Episcopal Day School 904-269-3718
www.geds.net

Haile Academy of Higher Learning 904-505-0484
www.haileacademy.com

Heritage Christian Academy 904-343-1561

HighPoint Christian Academy 904-272-7949

Lighthouse Christian School 904-406-4866
www.lighthousechristianschool.net

Madeira Christian Academy 904-291-1875

Morningstar Christian School 352-473-3159

Pinewood Christian Academy 904-272-6408
www.pcaknights.org

Seamark Ranch School, Inc. 904-531-7080
www.seamarkranch.com/the-school

Seven Bridges School 904-269-7377
www.sevenbridgesschool.org

St. Johns Country Day School 904-264-9572
www.sjcds.net

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www.beacheschapelschool.com

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www.beacheseπισcopalschool.org

Discovery School 904-247-4577
www.dmsonline.org

E.V. Turner Preparatory Academy 904-990-3423
www.turnerprepacademy.com

Foundation Academy, The 904-493-7300
www.foundationacademy.com

Montessori Tides School 904-241-1139
www.montessoritides.com

New Leaf, School for Change 904-246-9100
www.newleafschool.com

St. Paul's Catholic School - Jacksonville Beach 904-249-5934
www.stpaulscatholicsschool.com

DUVAL-NORTH

Arlington Kindergarten 904-743-4034
www.arlingtonkindergarten.com

Bethel Holiness Academy 904-781-5400

Chatman's Early Learning Christian Academy 904-751-9803

Christ The King Catholic School 904-724-2954
www.ctkcatholic.com

E.V. Turner Preparatory Academy 904-990-3423
www.turnerprepacademy.com

Faith Academy 904-714-0040

Grace Lutheran School 904-928-9136
www.gracelutheraneagles.org

Holy Spirit Catholic School 904-642-9165
www.hscatholicsschool.com

Little Country School, The 904-757-8200
www.littlecountryschool.com

Parsons Christian Academy 904-745-4588
www.pclions.org

Promise Land Academy 904-268-2422
www.promiselandschools.org

Resurrection Catholic School	904-744-1266	Holy Family Catholic School.....	904-645-9875
www.resurrectionschooljax.com		www.hfcatholicsschool.com	
St. Patrick's Catholic School	904-768-6323	Impact Christian Academy.....	904-652-1441
www.stpatrickjacksonville.org		www.icajax.com	
Victory Christian Academy	904-764-7781	Jacksonville Country Day School	904-641-6644
www.vcasoldiers.com		www.jclds.com	

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www.achildsplace.info		www.lpajax.org	
Academie de Montessori	904-398-3830	Martin J. Gottlieb Day School.....	904-268-4200
www.academie-de-montessori.org		www.mjgds.org	
Al-Furqan Academy.....	904-645-0810	New Dimensions Learning Center.....	904-736-7962
www.afa.icnef.org		www.ndlcjax.com	
Assumption Catholic School.....	904-398-1774	Pablo Academy	904-412-3362
www.assumptionjax.org		www.pabloacademy.org	
Baymeadows Christian Academy	904-733-3400	Providence School	904-223-5270
www.bbcjx.org		www.prov.org	
Bishop Kenny High School	904-398-7545	San Jose Catholic School.....	904-733-2313
www.bishopkenny.org		www.sanjosecatholicsschool.com	
Blessed Trinity Catholic School	904-641-6458	San Jose Episcopal Day School	904-733-0352
www.blessedtrinitycatholicsschool.org		www.sjeds.org	

Bolles School, The..... 904-733-9292
www.bolles.org

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Broach School, The - Southside	904-637-0300	Seacoast Christian Academy	904-722-1738
www.broachschool.com		www.scajax.org	
Christ's Church Academy	904-268-8667	St. Joseph Catholic School	904-268-6688
www.ccajax.org		www.stjosephcs.org	
Christian Heritage Academy	904-733-4722	Torah Academy of Jacksonville.....	904-268-7719
www.chajax.org		www.torah-academy.com	
Cornerstone Christian School.....	904-730-5500	University Christian School.....	904-737-6330
www.csjax.org		www.ucsjax.com	
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www.wearecovenant.org		America's Little Leaders	904-240-1864
Episcopal School of Jacksonville.....	904-396-5751	www.america-cloud.com	
www.esj.org		Argyle Christian Preschool & Kindergarten	904-778-4838
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www.turnerprepacademy.com		Austin Christian Vocational Academy	904-647-5065
Father's Harbor Academy	904-306-9579	www.austinwarriors.org	
www.fathersharboracademy.com		Bible Baptist Academy	904-765-5111
Harvest Community School	904-997-1882	Bishop John J. Snyder High School	904-771-1029
www.hcsjax.org		www.bishopsnyder.org	
		Broach School, The - Westside	904-637-0300
		www.broachschool.com	

THE BOLLES SCHOOL

Bolles students understand that pursuing excellence through courage, integrity and compassion is not only the school motto but the foundation for a successful life.

These themes help cultivate empathetic students with an *All Things Possible* approach to life, a passion for service and an awareness of global community.

The Bolles School is an independent, coeducational day and boarding school founded in 1933. One of the region's most diverse institutions of learning, Bolles is home to more than 1,750 students in Pre-K through Grade 12 and postgraduates on four campuses.

The Resident Life program can accommodate more than 90 male and female students from around the globe. This year, boarding students represent 25 countries and 13 states. These students add their unique experiences to the day student body's culturally robust environment.

Academically, Bolles offers courses in six languages (including Chinese, Japanese and Arabic) and 29 Advanced Placement courses. The school recently established a new academic partnership with Global Online Academy, an online course offering that complements Bolles' existing curriculum in an international setting. Bolles also has educational



partnerships with Mayo Clinic and Zimmer Biomet, as well as its own Anatomage virtual dissection table. Bolles offers

a comprehensive fine and performing arts program with courses in drama, dance, visual arts, chorus, music and band. Among middle and upper school students, 80 percent enrolled in fine and performing arts classes this year, while 100 percent of lower school students are involved in art, music and theater instruction.

A global context is paramount to the Bolles experience. In addition to on-campus activities and language study, Bolles offers exchange programs with schools in England, Spain, Japan, China and France, and academic and service travel opportunities to Italy, Peru and Zion/Grand Canyon National Parks.

The school's athletic successes are known worldwide with 61 sports teams at the middle, JV and varsity levels. Most students, 90 percent, participate in one or more sports at Bolles. A total of 63 Bolles students, former students and Bolles Sharks have participated in the Olympics over the years, and 14 Olympic athletes from Bolles have won 29 medals. Bolles students play by the school's athletic motto, "Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat."

Students from the Class of 2022 were offered or qualified for more than \$15 million for their four-year college careers. Of the 214 graduates, 209 are attending 109 different colleges, universities and military prep schools and were accepted to 267 different colleges.

The school has a bold vision for the future, which includes a 47,000-square-foot Center for Innovation now under construction. The facility will feature numerous cutting-edge classrooms and 12 sophisticated specialty labs, including spaces for anatomy, biology and chemistry lab instruction. It will also highlight the campus' greatest natural asset—the St. Johns River.

At Bolles, students experience an *All Things Possible* approach to education that champions innovation, global awareness and service. With a foundation in courage, integrity and compassion, students know how to be successful on the global scene as they progress into college and life.



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Huanying, Welcome.**



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AND ACCEPTING
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Broader Perspective.**



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Pre-K through Grade 12, Day & Boarding School.



JACKSONVILLE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

Jacksonville Country Day School (JCDS) located in Jacksonville, Florida, has provided exceptional private school education to Pre-K 3 through 6th grade students in a nurturing and academically challenging environment since 1960. We strive to instill strong character in our students and to create an inclusive environment for our school community, all while providing opportunities and resources to expand cultural awareness and foster inherent respect for all.



Rooted in tradition but focused on the future, JCDS provides a strong academic foundation that prepares students for success. We offer small class sizes and a dynamic curriculum that provides students the opportunity to learn in an environment where they can explore new ideas and meet challenges head-on. In addition to classroom teachers, all students work with specialists who play

a crucial role in expanding the thinking, perspective, skills, and knowledge base of students. Every JCDS student attends specialist classes every day and these include art, music, PE, Spanish, science, tech, social-emotional learning, and library.

At Jacksonville Country Day School, character is cultivated. We foster values such as integrity, compassion, and responsibility. JCDS students learn by being actively involved in our community. One hundred percent of our students in all grades participate in service learning projects throughout the school year.

At JCDS, students use technology as “power tools” to encourage creativity in a modern context.

We recently became the first school in Northeast Florida to be fully integrated with Apple technology and earned the distinction as the first Apple Certified School in our region. Our Kindergarten through 3rd grade students have access to class sets of iPads to ensure multiple learning modalities. Beginning in 4th grade, students are assigned personal iPads that they

use in class (and at home) to work on projects while developing proficiency in important new technologies.

We are committed to providing our students a rich and diverse educational experience. Whether discovering a new hobby, honing existing skills, or simply having fun with friends, our after-school enrichment programs foster creativity, teamwork, and personal growth. JCDS offers over fifty after-school activities each semester, from Art Sharks to STEM exploration, sports, and language immersion programs, and much more. Our JCDS students have the opportunity to explore their interests and passions and find new ones!

But, Jacksonville Country Day School is more than just a great faculty, staff, and curriculum. To achieve our mission and provide students with the full JCDS experience, we rely on the active participation and support of our volunteers—parents, grandparents, and more! There are many meaningful ways to support our school and become involved.

We invite you to take a closer look at Jacksonville Country Day School through our website, but we also want to extend a personal invitation for you to visit our 19-acre campus. There’s nothing quite like experiencing the energy of our school firsthand. Visit our website www.jcbs.com to schedule a tour with us today.





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www.cccsjax.org		Elementary	904-786-0028
Cedar Hills Baptist Christian School	904-772-0812	High School	904-695-2837
www.chbcs.org		www.phcalions.org	
Changing Lives Christian Academy	904-425-4494	Riverside Presbyterian Day School	904-353-5511
Crossroads Schools	904-254-6428	www.rpds.com	
www.crossroadsschools.com		Sacred Heart Catholic School.....	904-771-5800
Eagle's View Academy.....	904-786-1411	www.sacredheartcatholicjax.org	
www.evajax.com		St. Mark's Episcopal Day School.....	904-388-2632
Ephesus Junior Academy	904-765-3225	www.stmarksdayschool.org	
www.ephesusjunioracademy.org		St. Matthew's Catholic School.....	904-387-4401
Esprit de Corps Center for Learning	904-924-2000	www.stmatthewscs.com	
www.edccenterforlearning.com		St. Paul's Catholic School - Riverside.....	904-387-2841
E.V. Turner Preparatory Academy	904-990-3423	www.spsjax.org	
www.turnerprepacademy.com		Temple Christian Academy	904-778-8655
Fields of Art Christian Academy	904-713-8260	www.templechristian.net	
www.fieldsofartchristianacademy.com		Trinity Christian Academy	904-596-2460
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www.fccsjax.org		West Meadows Baptist Academy	904-786-2711
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www.gscaonline.org		Zarephath Academy	904-632-1330
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www.gbcwaldwin.org/grace-christian-academy			
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www.guardiancatholicschools.org			
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www.h2hacademy.com			
Jacksonville Christian Academy	904-783-2818		
www.jcajacksonville.org			
Joshua Christian Academy	904-388-2227		
www.jcacademy.org			
KidsPark.....	904-683-4554		
www.kidspark.com			
Millennial Christian School	904-772-6400		
www.millcs.org			
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www.nbccjax.org			
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North Campus.....	904-764-0084		
West Campus.....	904-574-8059		
www.nfei.org			
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www.oldplankca.com			

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www.ameliaislandmontessori.com	
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www.earlyimpressionsfl.com	
Faith Christian Academy.....	904-321-2137
www.fcaangels.com	
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www.fernandinachristianacademy.com	
Lighthouse Christian School Callahan	904-507-6683
www.lighthousechristianschool.net/callahan-campus	
Ogburn School, The	904-491-6233
www.ogburn.org	
Sonshine Christian Academy	904-879-1260
www.sonshinechristian.com	
St. Michael's Academy	904-321-2102
www.smacad.org	

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Apex Christian Academy	904-824-8114
www.apexchristian.com	

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www.arkchristianacademystaug.org		www.pcapvb.org	
Beacon of Hope Christian School.....	904-797-6996	Pioneer School, The	904-209-5891
www.beaconeagles.net		www.staugustinepioneer.com	
Bolles School, The.....	904-733-9292	San Juan Del Rio Catholic School	904-287-8081
www.bolles.org		www.sjdrparish.org	
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Broach School, The - Ponte Vedra.....	904-637-0300	www.stjohnsacademy.com	
www.broachschool.com		St. Johns Grammar School.....	904-287-8760
Cathedral Parish School.....	904-824-2861	St. Joseph Academy Catholic High School.....	904-824-0431
www.thecathedralparishschool.org		www.sjaweb.org	
Collage Day School.....	904-900-1439	Turning Point Christian Academy.....	904-824-0744
www.collagedayschool.org		www.tpchristianacademy.com	
Island Prep	904-547-2996	Veritas Classical School	904-810-1050
www.islandprep.com		www.veritasclassicalschool.com	
Matanzas Christian Academy	904-794-1623	Victory Preparatory School.....	904-810-0535
www.matanzasacademy.com		www.victoryprep.net	
Moultrie Montessori School.....	904-826-0216		
www.moultriemontessori.com			



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CLAY COUNTY

Clay Charter Academy 904-406-1607
www.claycharter.org

St. Johns Classical Academy 904-458-8240
www.stjca.org

DUVAL COUNTY DUVAL-BEACHES

Florida Cyber Charter Academy@Duval 855-748-4737
<https://flcca.k12.com/>

San Jose Cyber Academy 904-750-5355
www.sanjosecyber.org

Seaside Charter Beaches 844-973-2743
www.seasidecharter.org

DUVAL-NORTH

Biscayne High School 904-301-4367
www.biscaynehs.com

Florida Cyber Charter Academy@Duval 855-748-4737
<https://flcca.k12.com/>



Global Outreach Charter Academy 904-551-7104
www.goca.us

Lone Star High School..... 904-725-5998
www.jaxlonestarhs.com

San Jose Cyber Academy 904-750-5355
www.sanjosecyber.org

Seacoast Charter Academy 904-562-4780
www.seacoastcharteracademy.org

Seaside Charter North..... 844-973-2743
www.seasidecharter.org

Somerset Academy Eagle Campus..... 904-503-0661
www.somersetacademy-jacksonville.org

DUVAL-SOUTH

BridgePrep Academy of Duval..... 904-694-2660
<https://baduval.bridgeprepacademy.com>

Cornerstone Classical Academy 904-481-8163
www.cornerstoneclassicalacademy.org

Duval Charter Scholars Academy 904-724-1536
www.duvalcharter.org

Duval Charter School at Baymeadows..... 904-271-4127
www.baymeadowscharter.org

Duval Charter School at Coastal..... 904-512-6757
www.coastalcharter.org

Duval Charter School at Flagler Center..... 904-899-1010
www.flaglercharter.org

Duval Charter School at Mandarin 904-440-2901
www.mandarincharter.org

Duval Charter School at Southside 904-423-5348
www.southsidecharter.org

Florida Cyber Charter Academy@Duval 855-748-4737
<https://flcca.k12.com/>

IDEA River Bluff 904-821-7580
www.ideapublicschools.org/our-schools/idea-river-bluff/

River City Science Academy..... 904-855-8010
www.rivercityscience.org

San Jose Academy..... 904-425-1725
www.sanjoseprep.org

San Jose Cyber Academy	904-750-5355	Tiger Academy	904-309-6840
www.sanjosocyber.org		https://ymcatigeracademy.org/	
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www.seasidecharter.org		www.waverlyacademy.org	

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www.westsidecharter.org		www.waymanacademy.org	
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https://flcca.k12.com/		St. Augustine Public Montessori School	904-342-5350
Jacksonville Classical Academy	904-288-7732	www.staugustinemontessori.com	
www.jaxclassical.org		St. Johns Community Campus	
KIPP Public Charter School.....	904-683-6643	Charter School, The	904-824-7249
www.kippjax.org		www.arcsj.org/services/community-campus/	
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www.mycroschooljax.org		www.arcsj.org/tlc/	
IDEA Bassett	904-821-7717		
www.ideapublicschools.org/our-schools/idea-bassett/			
San Jose Cyber Academy	904-750-5355		
www.sanjosocyber.org			
School of Success Academy			
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www.schoolofsuccessacademy.org			

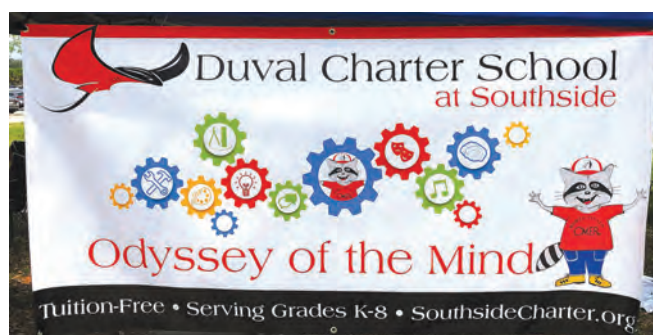


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First Coast Childcare Resources

Finding the right childcare for your children doesn't need to be stressful. The First Coast has plenty of state-funded and private childcare options with stimulating curriculums, trained staff and safe facilities.

Child Care Aware of America www.childcareaware.org/state/florida	Early Learning Coalition of North Florida www.elcnorthflorida.org	Florida Association for Child Care Management www.faccm.org	Florida Department of Children and Families www.myflfamilies.com
Division of Early Learning www.floridaeearlylearning.com	Episcopal Children's Services www.ecs4kids.org	Florida Association for the Education of Young Children www.flaeYC.org	Florida Head Start Association www.flheadstart.org
Early Learning Coalition of Duval www.elcduval.org			

Programs for Learning Differences

CLAY COUNTY

Lighthouse Christian School

Middleburg, Orange Park

www.lighthousechristianschool.net

This private school provides students with smaller class sizes and individualized instruction to help them learn better. Many of their students go on to higher learning institutions.

Seven Bridges School

www.sevenbridgesschool.org

With a large range of classes and clubs, this private school in Orange Park caters to students with average to above-average intelligence who have differences in learning styles.

DUVAL COUNTY

DUVAL-NORTH

Greenwood School

www.greenwoodjax.org

Greenwood School provides a challenging and supportive education to middle and high school students with learning differences. Through adaptive, multisensory instruction and a positive environment, students develop the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve their highest potential in the classroom and beyond.

Jericho School, The

www.thejerichoschool.org

This private nonprofit school offers a variety of individual and classroom programs for students with autism and other developmental disabilities to help them reach their full potential.

Lighthouse Christian School

Arlington, Northside

www.lighthousechristianschool.net

This private school provides students with smaller class sizes and individualized instruction to help them learn better. Many of their students go on to higher learning institutions.

DUVAL-SOUTH

Alden Road Exceptional Student Center

<https://dcps.duvalschools.org/ar>

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

Center Academy

St. Johns Bluff

www.centeracademy.com

This private school offers a multitude of specialized programs for students grades four through 12 with learning differences. The school's small class sizes allow teachers to accommodate each student's individual learning style.

Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech

www.clarkschools.org/florida/

Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech offers listening and spoken language programs and services for deaf or hard-of-hearing children. They have a hardworking team of hearing professionals who are trained to teach children to listen and speak.

DePaul School of Northeast Florida

www.depaulschool.com

The DePaul School has developed specialized curriculums for students between 2nd and 8th grade with dyslexia and related learning differences. Using a multisensory, Orton-Gillingham approach, students can learn in a positive and encouraging manner.

Great Strides School

www.greatstridesrehab.com

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

Jacksonville School for Autism

www.jsakids.org

Employing an "outside of the desk" way of educating, this not-for-profit school prepares students with autism for adulthood through early childhood development, vocational and enrichment programs.

Lighthouse Christian School

Mandarin

www.lighthousechristianschool.net

This private school provides students with smaller class sizes and individualized instruction to help them learn better. Many of their students go on to higher learning institutions.

Little Star Center

<https://littlestarjax.com>

This private school and behavior therapy center offers part- and full-time programs that focus on the needs of children ages 2 to 12 who are on the autism spectrum or have other developmental differences.

Mainspring Academy

www.mainspringacademy.org

Mainspring Academy provides quality, individualized education in a safe environment for students aged 5 through 22 with intellectual and developmental differences.

Morning Star School

www.morningstar-jax.org

Morning Star serves children with learning differences from kindergarten to 12th grade and offers several services including academic instruction, religious courses, physical education and classes in the arts, among others.

North Florida School of Special Education

www.northfloridaschool.org

The North Florida School of Special Education serves children and adults from ages 6 to 22 who have intellectual and developmental differences. The school offers an innovative academic and therapeutic environment for students, as well as postgraduate programs including vocation training, internships and more.

DUVAL-WEST

Lighthouse Christian School

Dinsmore, Westside

www.lighthousechristianschool.net

This private school provides students with smaller class sizes and individualized instruction to help them learn better. Many of their students go on to higher learning institutions.

Mount Herman Exceptional Student Center

<https://dcps.duvalschools.org/mhesc>

The Mount Herman Exceptional Student Center works with those who have intellectual disabilities from ages 3 to 21. The school focuses on the student's abilities, which helps foster growth in academics, communication, independent functioning and social skills.



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Palm Avenue Exceptional Student Center

<https://dcps.duvalschools.org/palmavenue>

Palm Avenue challenges their students and helps them obtain the skills necessary to lead independent and active lives using enriching and educational real-life experiences within a safe environment.

NASSAU COUNTY

Lighthouse Christian School

Callahan

www.lighthousechristianschool.net

This private school provides students with smaller class sizes and individualized instruction to help them learn better. Many of their students go on to higher learning institutions.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Center Academy

St. Johns

www.centeracademy.com

This private school offers a multitude of specialized programs for students grades four through 12 with learning differences. The school's small class sizes allow teachers to accommodate each student's learning style.

Florida School for the

Deaf & the Blind904-827-2200

www.fsdbk12.org

The only school of its kind in the state of Florida, this school serves students with hearing and visual impairments. Fully accredited and tuition-free, it offers K-12th grade classes on campus, as well as a Pre-K early learning center.

Resources for Stay-at-Home Parents

The First Coast is full of resources for stay-at-home parents, whether it's a support group or early learning tools so you can prepare your little ones for school.

Circle of Parents

www.circleofparents.org

Division of Early Learning

www.floridaeearlylearning.com/parents/family-resources

Healthy Families Florida

www.healthyfamiliesfla.org

Parent Academy

<https://dcps.duvalschools.org/parentacademy>

www.heritagepublishinginc.com

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Adult Education

Why stop learning after graduating high school when you can continue on with college, university or a technical school? The First Coast has a vast array of options for further education with a variety of resources available.

Flagler College, photo courtesy of Pexels

Conservative Theological University

www.conservative.edu

Established in 1982, Conservative Theological University is a certified member of the Florida Council of Private Colleges of America. The university focuses on Biblical education and offers undergraduate to graduate programs that can be completed on a part- or full-time basis. Remote options are available for students as well.

Edward Waters University

www.ewc.edu

Founded in 1866 Edward Waters University (EWU) is the first Historically Black College in the State of Florida. The university is an independent institution of higher learning and offers a

Christian curriculum. There are eight bachelor's degree programs to choose from including Science and Mathematics, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Business Administration, Communications and Criminal Justice.

First Coast Technical College

www.fctc.edu

First Coast Technical College (FCTC) aims to provide career, technical and adult education to meet the changing needs of students and businesses as well as the workforce. With two locations in St. Augustine, the college allows a variety of programs including agriculture, health sciences, hospitality and tourism, human services, law and early childhood education.

Flagler College

www.flagler.edu

For more than 50 years, Flagler College has offered an exceptional education "through a challenging, inclusive, and supportive academic community" in the oldest city in the nation, St. Augustine. The college was once Hotel Ponce de León, and the campus and buildings are rich in this institution's history. Students can choose from 70 programs within the School of Humanities and Science, School of Creative Arts and Letters and School of Business, Education and Mathematics.

Florida Aviation Career Training, Inc.

www.florida-aviation.com

The Florida Aviation Career Training, Inc. (FACT) is the perfect choice

for those new to aviation as well as seasoned pilots. FACT even offers aircraft rental and will assist in additional ratings. Experienced instructors work with students to provide one-on-one personalized training to focus on an individual's needs. The school prepares students to pass the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) exams.

Florida State College at Jacksonville

www.fscj.edu

Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) has eight campuses throughout Duval and Nassau counties to cater to a larger area and give students an opportunity to learn from various places on the First Coast. The campuses have administrative offices, an Urban

Resource Center and Advanced Technology Center and offer associate degrees, bachelor's degrees, technical certificates and more. Degrees include human services, behavioral sciences, engineering and mathematics, technology, science, manufacturing and construction, public safety, health sciences, education, business, arts and communication and design.

Jacksonville Theological Seminary

www.jts.edu

Jacksonville Theological Seminary offers graduate degrees in religious studies for both education and training in ministry work. The seminary has been on the First Coast for more than 30 years and offers graduate degrees. Several areas of study include Theology, Religious Education, Biblical Studies, Divinity and more.

Jacksonville University **www.ju.edu**

Located on the banks of the St. Johns River, Jacksonville University (JU) is a small private college that has been named one of "America's Best Colleges" in the South by *U.S. News and World Report* for more than 10 years. The university has more than 100 majors and minors and many extracurricular activities. With a small student to teacher ratio, students can have more of an intimate learning experience.

Logos University **www.logos.edu**

Logos University is an online and distance learning institution that promotes their students to develop leaders in the community and churches. The university offers associate degrees, bachelor's degrees and certificates in a variety of religious studies.



Edward Waters University, photo courtesy of COJ

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

Founded in 1958, St. Johns River State College has locations in three areas of the First Coast: Orange Park, Palatka and St. Augustine. The college provides education for those 16 and older and allows high school students to receive college credit with the early college program. The college is also accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). In addition to in-person classes, online learning is also available.

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

Trinity Baptist College has provided students with a Christian-based education for more than 40 years. The main focus of the college is to prepare students for ministry, but also offers general and professional studies, liberal arts and graduate studies. The college partners with Trinity Christian Academy and Trinity Baptist Church to give students local community opportunities.

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

For 50 years, the University of North Florida (UNF) has created success for more than 4,000 students each year. The college offers a variety of degrees within six colleges, including the College of Education and Human Services, the College of Computing, Engineering and Construction, the College of Arts and Science, the Coggin College of Business, the Brooks College of Health and the Hicks Honor College. The university also has a variety of clubs, groups and athletic opportunities.

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

The University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences has graduate programs in the College of Health Sciences and Administration, the School of Nursing and the College of Rehabilitation Science. Students are able to experience an excellent education with cutting-edge technology through hands-on learning. Within the last few years, the university also added a Ninja Obstacle Course that was designed by a two-time American Ninja Warrior contestant.

FSCJ, Kent Campus, photo by Stephanie Marty



UNF



UF Health North hospital,
photo courtesy of UF Health

FIRST COAST MEDICINE: A HEALTHCARE DESTINATION

The First Coast is home to some of the best healthcare facilities in the country, including top-rated hospitals and a variety of high-caliber medical professionals. Access to world-class healthcare and the most up-to-date, cutting-edge technology serve First Coast residents and draw patients from all over the country because of the incomparable services available.

UF Health

UF Health Jacksonville, affiliated with the University of Florida College of Medicine – Jacksonville, is proud to serve Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia residents as the region's premier academic health center. The hospital boasts six medical campuses and has more than 60 practices throughout the First Coast, offering both specialty care and primary care services. In 2023, UF Health opened three 24/7 emergency and urgent care centers across Jacksonville.

UF Health Jacksonville, located near downtown Jacksonville, is a full-service hospital and home to the only Level I adult and pediatric trauma center in the area. It also has a Level III neonatal intensive care unit and a 24/7 emergency department. On-site services include rehabilitation services, orthopaedics, neurosurgery, obstetrics and gynecology and cardiology. The UF colleges of medicine, nursing and pharmacy are located on the Jacksonville campus, along with schools of medical laboratory science and radiologic technology.

UF Health North is a full-service medical campus in North Jacksonville featuring an inpatient hospital, 24/7 adult and pediatric emergency room, and state-of-the-art labor and delivery suites. This campus includes more than 30 specialty services.

UF Health has four additional multispecialty medical campuses in Northeast Florida to meet the health care needs of even more residents close to where they live.

UF Health Emerson specializes in rehabilitation, imaging and obstetrics and gynecology. Rehabilitation services include physical, occupational and speech therapy.

The two newest campuses are UF Health East and UF Health Deerwood Park, recently opened to serve Jacksonville's Southside and Beaches areas.

UF Health East is on Kernan Boulevard at J. Turner Butler Boulevard, and offers an outpatient surgery center, a comprehensive spine and neurosurgery program, and full-service orthopaedics, to name a few.

UF Health Deerwood Park, located in the CenterOne Building near the Town Center, offers cardiology, internal medicine and many other specialties.

UF Health Wildlight is the official medical provider for the Wildlight community in the Yulee area.

A multitude of services are available, including dentistry, family medicine, pediatrics, mental health services, urgent care, obstetrics and gynecology, imaging and laboratory services. There is also a UF

Health rehabilitation facility in Wildlight that offers physical, occupational and speech therapy for adults and children.

UF Health Flagler Hospital is a 335-bed hospital in St. Augustine that has been recognized for their excellent level of care. The Leapfrog Group and *Money Magazine* partnered together to compile a list of the Best Hospitals in America for the first time in 2022. This inaugural list included UF Health Flagler Hospital and aims at helping patients make educated decisions about which institutions are best for their money. They have also earned the Gold Seal of Approval from the Joint Commission for primary stroke care centers and a national accreditation for its total hip and total knee replacement programs. They also received an accreditation from the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer and a Center of Excellence designation for its bariatric surgery center.

Other area hospitals:

BAKER COUNTY

Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital

Located in Baker County, Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital in Macclenny is the only hospital in the area. Their team of more than 20 physicians uses state-of-the-art technology to provide the best care

possible. The hospital campus is also home to the Baker Rural Health Clinic and the Dopson Family Medical Center for those looking for sick visits, routine checkups and family-based primary care.

CLAY COUNTY

Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County Hospital

This full-service 134-bed hospital is located in Middleburg and offers 24/7 emergency care, surgical care, heart and vascular care, lung health, cancer services and more. The Family Birth Place gives new parents a personalized birthing experience with pediatricians on staff. Various procedures, imaging and labs can also be found at this campus location.

Baptist Clay Medical Campus

Located on Fleming Island, this Baptist location provides a variety of services for children and adults including behavioral health, cardiology, ENT, children's specialty care and rehabilitation, gastroenterology, imaging and labs, primary care and pediatrics, surgery and an ER for kids and adults.

HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital

Previously known as Orange Park Hospital, HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital is one of the top healthcare providers on the First Coast. The hospital has been nominated as a top five facility in critical care in Florida by Healthgrades, a top 100 hospital

in the country for stroke, pulmonary and critical care by Healthgrades and a top 20 hospital in Florida for America's Best Physical Rehabilitation Centers by *Newsweek*. The hospital has 365 inpatient beds, 28 intensive care unit beds, nine labor, delivery and recovery room suites and a Level II and III neonatal intensive care unit.

Kindred Hospital North Florida

This 80-bed long-term care hospital is located in Green Cove Springs and offers specialized care to patients who need a longer-term stay than at a traditional hospital. The hospital offers pulmonary care, critical care, wound services and rehabilitation services. A 14-bed acute rehabilitation unit is also available for those who may have experienced effects of an impairment, illness or acute injury.

DUVAL-BEACHES

Baptist Medical Center Beaches

As the only hospital-based 24/7 emergency service in the Beaches Community, this location provides comprehensive, advanced medical and surgical care for the area. This location has a state-of-the-art surgical pavilion which provides high-tech medical equipment in a modern setting. The hospital also has a Labor and Delivery Center that has spa-like suites to give new parents a calm atmosphere.

Mayo Clinic

Found right here on the First Coast, Mayo Clinic's Florida location is one of three in the United States.

Mayo Clinic treats more than 120,000 patients each year across more than 40 specialties. This campus in Jacksonville has a hospital, three patient care buildings, multiple free-standing primary care centers and two research buildings.

DUVAL-SOUTH

Ascension St. Vincent's Southside Hospital

As the oldest private hospital in Florida, Ascension St. Vincent's Southside has been a staple on the First Coast since 1873. This is the only community-based hospital in Jacksonville to receive the "baby-friendly" designation from the World Health Organization and UNICEF. The hospital has also been named as one of the top five in the nation for knee replacements and the first hospital in the nation to receive the Center of Excellence status from the Joint Commission for spine, knee, hip and shoulder surgeries.

Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville

As the central hub of the Baptist Health System, Baptist Jacksonville uses the highest level of medical and surgical care for patients with the latest technologies and top-rated doctors. As one of the largest hospitals on the First Coast, the campus is home to the Baptist Heart Hospital, which is the only freestanding hospital for heart and vascular care, as well as the Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center, which provides clinical trials, targeted therapies



Photo by Stephanie Marry

and top technology for cancer patients. Recently, *U.S. News & World Report* named Baptist as the Best Hospital National Ranking for patient care and specialty treatment.

Baptist Medical Center South

When it first opened, Baptist Medical Center South also covered southern Duval and northern St. Johns counties. The hospital is ranked as one of the top five hospitals in Florida by *U.S. News & World Report*. The hospital has a pediatric Wolfson Children's emergency room, surgery center, imaging, an adult emergency room and more. The hospital also focuses on hyperbaric medicine in Baptist South's Wound Center where technology can help patients heal both external and internal wounds.

Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital

The Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital - University Campus is a 160-bed hospital that provides top rehabilitation care for patients needing different types of therapy, including physical, occupational and cognitive rehabilitation. *Newsweek* has ranked Brooks as America's Best Physical Rehabilitation Center for 2022. The hospital is also CARF-accredited in stroke, spinal cord injury, pediatrics, pain, general rehabilitation and brain injury. The newest Brooks facility is the Bartram Campus, which opened in 2022 and has 60 beds. Rehabilitation services at this campus include orthopaedic conditions, brain injuries, non-traumatic spinal cord injuries, stroke and medically complex conditions.

HCA Florida Memorial Hospital

This 464-bed acute care hospital has called the First Coast home for more than 45 years. It has a certified Stroke Center, Heart Center, Bone and Joint Center, Chest Pain Center and a maternity center.

Nemours Children's Health

Working with Wolfson Children's Hospital, UF Health and Mayo Clinic, Nemours Children's Health in Jacksonville provides top healthcare to children with various medical conditions. World-renowned treatments are available on the First Coast with a strong medical, academic and research program. Doctors from Nemours Children's Health have been selected as some of the Best Doctors in America. The pediatric programs are recognized among the best in the country for neurology, neurosurgery and cancer according to the *U.S. News and World Report*.

PAM Health Specialty Hospital of Jacksonville

Previously known as Curahealth, this long-term acute care hospital provides specialized care for patients who require more recovery time than traditional hospitals offer. They focus on using a holistic approach and provide personalized care plans for the best possible chance of recovery.

River Point Behavioral Health

River Point Behavioral Health treats patients for mental health and substance abuse with inpatient, outpatient and partial hospitalization programs. They have been a staple of the First Coast for more than 30 years.

Wekiva Springs Center

Wekiva Springs Center offers both outpatient and inpatient services for mental health and substance abuse programs for adults and seniors. By utilizing personalized care plans, a patient's conditions can be treated properly, and action plans can be put in place.

Wolfson Children's Hospital

Wolfson Children's Hospital is the only full-service tertiary hospital for children in the area. The hospital works closely with Nemours Children's Health, University of Florida College of Medicine Jacksonville and the Mayo Clinic to provide top-notch resources and care to all patients.

The hospital has been named as one of the best children's hospitals and also ranked for the advanced treatment options and patient safety and quality by *U.S. News & World Report*.

DUVAL-WEST

Ascension St. Vincent's Riverside Hospital

Ascension St. Vincent's Riverside Hospital is home to the largest cardiovascular program on the First Coast. The hospital works to advocate for just and compassionate care and has launched a justice-focused framework called ABIDE, which is built on the hallmarks of appreciation, belongingness, inclusivity, diversity and equity.



Nemours, photo by Stephanie Marty



Naval Hospital Jacksonville

Serving active-duty military personnel, veterans, their families and retired military members with TRICARE benefits, this military hospital provides a variety of services including primary care, urgent and emergency care, dental care, lab tests and radiology and more. It has received The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for Hospital Accreditation. Its Medical Home Port teams have also earned Primary Care Medical Home Certification from The Joint Commission. This is the first hospital in the area to receive a Baby Friendly certification from Baby Friendly USA.

NASSAU COUNTY

Baptist Medical Center Nassau

Baptist Medical Center Nassau is located in the quaint town of Fernandina Beach. Known for their advanced technology and range of inpatient and outpatient services, Baptist Nassau is a highly equipped community hospital that brings care to residents in Northeast Florida as well as Southeast Georgia. Physicians practice in 26 different specialties to offer patients a variety of doctors within Baptist. The hospital has received the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade award for patient safety and quality care as well as the Get with the Guidelines® Stroke Gold Plus, which is the Target Stroke Honor Roll and Target Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Ascension St. Vincent's St. Johns County Hospital

This location in St. Johns County boasts top-notch care that is compassionate, personalized care close to home. The hospital boasts the national network of care and expertise of a wide range of doctors and specialists and a variety of services.

VA Healthcare of the First Coast

Veterans on the First Coast have more access to medical services and healthcare at the new VA medical center located on the Northside of Jacksonville near the River City Marketplace. Currently, there are two smaller outpatient VA centers in the area with one on University Boulevard and one on Southpoint Drive. The center has more than 160,000 square feet and offers services such as audiology, optometry, imaging, mental health services and primary care. Programs will also be available for homeless veterans, substance abuse and PTSD.



Wolfson Children's Hospital Critical Care Tower, photo courtesy of Baptist Health

First Coast Hospitals

HCA Florida Memorial Hospital

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

Nemours Children's Health

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

PAM Health Specialty Hospital of Jacksonville

4901 Richard St., Jacksonville
www.pamhealth.com

River Point Behavioral Health

6300 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville
www.riverpointbehavioral.com

Wekiva Springs Center

3947 Salisbury Rd., Jacksonville
www.wekivacenter.com

Wolfson Children's Hospital

800 Prudential Dr., Jacksonville
www.wolfsonchildrens.com

DUVAL-WEST

Ascension St. Vincent's Riverside Hospital

1 Shircliff Way, Jacksonville
<https://healthcare.ascension.org>

Naval Hospital Jacksonville

2080 Child St., Jacksonville
<https://jacksonville.tricare.mil>

NASSAU COUNTY

Baptist Medical Center Nassau

1250 S. 18th St., Fernandina Beach
www.baptistjax.com

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Ascension St. Vincent's St. Johns County Hospital

205 Trinity Way, St. Johns
www.healthcare.ascension.org

UF Health Flagler Hospital

400 Health Park Blvd., St. Augustine
www.ufhealth.org

BAKER COUNTY

Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital

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

CLAY COUNTY

Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County Hospital

1670 St. Vincent's Way, Middleburg
<https://healthcare.ascension.org>

Baptist Medical Center Clay

1771 Baptist Clay Dr., Fleming Island
www.baptistjax.com

Kindred Hospital North Florida

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

HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital

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

DUVAL-BEACHES

Baptist Medical Center Beaches

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

Mayo Clinic

4500 San Pablo Rd. S., Jacksonville
www.mayoclinic.org/patient-visitor-guide/florida

DUVAL-NORTH

UF Health Jacksonville

655 W. 8th St., Jacksonville
www.ufhealthjax.org

UF Health North

15255 Max Leggett Pkwy., Jacksonville
<https://north.ufhealthjax.org>

DUVAL-SOUTH

Ascension St. Vincent's Southside Hospital

4201 Belfort Rd., Jacksonville
<https://healthcare.ascension.org>

Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville

800 Prudential Dr., Jacksonville
www.baptistjax.com

Baptist Medical Center South

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

Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital

- Bartram Campus

6400 Brooks Bartram Dr., Jacksonville
www.brooksrehab.org

Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital

- University Campus

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

Freestanding Emergency Rooms



Ambulance, photo by Stephanie Marty

CLAY COUNTY

Baptist & Wolfson Clay Emergency Room

1771 Baptist Clay Dr., Fleming Island
904-516-1000

DUVAL-NORTH

Ascension St. Vincent's Emergency Room Arlington

9820 Hutchinson Park Dr., Jacksonville
904-450-6740

Baptist & Wolfson North Emergency Room

11250 Baptist Health Dr., Jacksonville
904-202-6900

HCA Florida Atlantic Emergency

11850 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville
904-998-5000

UF Health Emergency & Urgent Care Center - New Kings

11277 New Kings Rd., Jacksonville
904-427-7252

DUVAL-SOUTH

Baptist & Wolfson Town Center Emergency Room

4085 Town Center Pkwy., Jacksonville
904-202-6800

HCA Florida Mandarin Emergency

10910 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville
904-407-8500

UF Health Emergency & Urgent Care Center - Baymeadows

11251 Lamb Tail Ln., Jacksonville
904-427-7254

DUVAL-WEST

Ascension St. Vincent's Emergency Room Westside

8083 Parramore Rd., Jacksonville
904-450-6760

Baptist & Wolfson Oakleaf Emergency Room

9868 Family Pl., Jacksonville
904-516-1600

HCA Florida Normandy Park Emergency

5773 Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville
904-378-7300

HCA Florida Park West Emergency

6477 103rd St., Jacksonville
904-772-3300

UF Health Emergency & Urgent Care Center - Lane Avenue

888 Lane Ave. S., Jacksonville
904-427-7252

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

HCA Florida Julington Creek Emergency

42 Doctors Village Dr., St. Johns
904-230-5000

Healthcare on the First Coast is Thriving!

The First Coast is experiencing a growth in economic and job opportunities that is unprecedented. 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.



Baptist Health, photo courtesy of COJ

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. In July 2022, Ascension St. Vincent's opened its fourth Northeast Florida hospital in St. Johns County. The new 150,000-square-foot hospital cost approximately \$175 million to build and has 56 beds and eight ICU beds. The new hospital has also created 600 jobs. Services include emergency services, inpatient hospitalization, cardiovascular care, orthopaedics and musculoskeletal care, general surgical services, laboratory and imaging services.

Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital – Bartram Campus

In April 2022, Brooks Rehabilitation opened a new 60-bed, state-of-the-art rehabilitation hospital on its 115-acre Bartram Campus. The new hospital continues the growth of Brooks' expansive inpatient rehabilitation services that feature cutting-edge technology, a variety of clinical experts and effective treatment plans. The campus' new addition provides rehabilitation services for stroke, non-traumatic spinal cord injuries and brain injuries, orthopaedic conditions and medically complex patients. The hospital has also added 150 jobs to the region.

Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Jacksonville

To provide the First Coast community with comprehensive physical rehabilitative services, Encompass Health opened a state-of-the-art, 50-bed inpatient rehabilitation hospital on Jacksonville's southside in June 2022. The hospital provides speech, occupational and physical therapy services and provides 24-hour care by registered nurses. It also cares for patients recovering from illnesses and injuries, including strokes and other neurological disorders, brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, amputations and complex orthopaedic conditions.

UF Health St. Johns - Durbin Park

Conveniently located in northern St. Johns County just off State Road 9B at Peyton Parkway, the 42-acre UF Health St. Johns - Durbin Park campus will feature a state-of-the-art hospital, an outpatient surgery center, as well as family medicine, specialty care, urgent care, imaging, laboratory services, one of the largest YMCAs in Northeast Florida, community engagement space and more.

Mayo Clinic

Site work has begun on a \$233 million integrated oncology building at Mayo Clinic's Jacksonville campus that will include proton beam and carbon ion therapy. The building is expected to be completed in early 2025.

Once completed, the three-story, 225,000-square-foot building will include two proton beam treatment rooms, one carbon ion treatment room, two linear accelerators, CT and MRI patient imaging, patient exam areas and treatment planning spaces for clinical staff. The facility will also include a two-gantry proton radiotherapy system. The new building will be located near the Mangurian Building, which is home to Mayo Clinic's hematology and oncology care.



Mayo Clinic, photo by Stephanie Marty

“ Mayo Clinic was named the No. 1 hospital in Florida by the 2022-2023 U.S. News & World Report. ”

Medical Tourism is Booming on the First Coast

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 Jacksonville and Northeast Florida for exceptional medical care. It is estimated that medical tourism contributes \$23 million a year to the local economy.

There are a multitude of medical services available here, including organ transplants, dialysis, pediatrics, bariatric surgery, cancer treatment, cardiac health and advanced rehabilitation services. As home to one of six MD Anderson Cancer

Centers at Baptist Health, one of only three Mayo Clinic campuses, UF Health Proton Therapy Institute, Nemours Children's Health and Wolfson Children's Hospital, the area offers many top healthcare options that aren't readily available in other regions.

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.

Since opening in 2006, the UF Health Proton Therapy Institute has treated more than 10,000 patients from across the state of Florida, the U.S. and 33 countries. Patients from more than 140 countries travel to Mayo Clinic for care each year.

Mayo Clinic's Mangurian Building, home to the Oncology Infusion Center, was built as a destination medical facility to boost medical tourism in the area and draw patients from around the U.S. and world. The building was partially funded by a \$20 million grant from the Harry T. Mangurian Jr. Foundation in South Florida.

Mayo Clinic offers travel services to help patients plan their trip. Agents can assist in changing flights if appointments change, arranging hotel accommodations near the Mayo Clinic campus, booking ground transportation and making any other special accommodations based upon the patient's health needs.

Since Mayo Clinic has so many international patients, interpreters are available at no cost to help healthcare

“ The First Coast is home to one of six MD Anderson Cancer Centers and one of only three Mayo Clinic campuses. ”

providers communicate with patients whose primary language is not English. Their experienced medical interpreters can attend appointments, translate patient education materials and offer other assistance as needed.

JUST FOR SENIORS

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 allow seniors to enjoy the outdoors no matter the time of year.

2. 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 Northeast Florida is also below the national average.

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

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. 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 63.

6. 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.

7. 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 80,000 acres to visit and explore. There are also many beautiful state parks in the area to explore.

8. 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).

9. 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 world-famous 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. The Jacksonville 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 904-255-5667.

Fall Fling

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

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.

Walk for Senior Wellness

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

First Coast Senior Centers

BAKER COUNTY

Baker County Council on Aging 904-259-9315

CLAY COUNTY

Clayton & Mildred Revels
Senior Center 904-284-3134
Keystone Heights Senior Center 352-473-7121
Middleburg Senior Center 904-291-3520
Orange Park Senior Center 904-269-4731

DUVAL COUNTY DUVAL-BEACHES

Bennie Furlong Beaches
Senior Center 904-255-6730
Neptune Beach Senior
Activity Center 904-749-0068

DUVAL-NORTH

Frances Padgett Arlington
Senior Center 904-255-6733
Jim Fortuna Senior Center 904-255-6844
Leroy D. Clemons Senior Center 904-255-6737
Oceanway Senior Center 904-255-6855

DUVAL-SOUTH

Southside Community Center 904-255-6940
Mandarin Senior Center 904-255-6750

DUVAL-WEST

Carvill Senior Center 904-255-6650
Charlie T. Joseph Senior Center 904-255-6822
Clanzel T. Brown Senior Center 904-764-8752
Hammond Senior Center 904-255-6787
J.S. Johnson Senior Center 904-255-6755



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Lane Wiley Senior Center 904-255-6644
Lincoln Villa Senior Center 904-255-6737
Longbranch Senior Center 904-255-6790
Louis Dinah Senior Center 904-255-6800
Mary L. Singleton Senior Center 904-255-6666
Maxville Senior Center 904-255-6744
Riverview Senior Center 904-255-6797
Wallace Small Senior Center 904-255-6825

NASSAU COUNTY

Nassau County Council on Aging
Janice Ancrum Senior Life Center ... 904-261-0701
Westside Senior Life Center 904-845-3331

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Coastal Community Center 904-209-3636
Council on Aging Center at Flagler Health+
Village at Nocatee 904-819-3234
Hastings Senior Center 904-209-3694
PLAYERS Community
Senior Center, THE 904-280-3233
River House 904-209-3655
Trout Creek Senior Center 904-209-3658

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.

Jax Pickleball Store
www.jaxpickleballstore.com
North Florida Pickleball
www.northfloridapickleball.com

Pickle Garden at the Yards, The
www.playtheyards.com/pickleball

USA Pickleball Association
www.usapa.org

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.



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Work

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



Photos by
Stephanie Marty

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, the First Coast 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 do business in Northeast Florida.

“Jacksonville MSA is listed as one of the top 20 large metros for employment growth.
– U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics”

Jacksonville ranks as one of the best places for both careers and businesses while boasting four Fortune 500 companies, five Fortune 1000 companies and a labor force of more than 845,000. The city ranks No. 7 as the best large city to start a business according to WalletHub, while MoneyGeek ranked Jacksonville No. 3 as the best city for job seekers. Jacksonville also ranked in the top 5 best job markets according to *The Wall Street Journal*.

The Jacksonville International Airport offers more than 85 non-stop daily flights and connections to every major city in the world.

The tech industry in the area has boomed to the point that LinkedIn listed Jacksonville as a top city for tech workers. ZipRecruiter named Jacksonville as the No. 9 hottest city for tech jobs. Jacksonville also ranks among the top 10 cities for women in tech according to SmartAsset.

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's tax environment is favorable for both businesses and individuals alike.

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

Florida does not have:

- State-level property tax assessed
- State personal income tax
- Sales and 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 tax on manufacturing machinery and equipment
- 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

Businesses are Growing on the First Coast!

Surrounded by deep-water ports and a vibrant and skilled workforce in many verticals, it is easy to see how each year more businesses begin to call the First Coast home. Many companies expand their reach here and even relocate. Below are a few businesses that have experienced significant growth in the area.



Boeing Groundbreaking at Cecil Commerce Center, photo by Steven Sanulz

Addix Sportswear

Addix Sportswear is now calling the First Coast home after moving its new corporate headquarters and production facility to Jacksonville. Addix Sportswear acquired Great Atlantic Outfitters, a Jacksonville-based company. This new facility will add 40 new jobs and invest \$679,000 into the company.

Boeing

Boeing recently announced a \$26 million investment to expand its maintenance, repair and operations (MRO) at the Cecil Field campus. This investment will contribute to the construction of a 146,645-square-foot facility with access drives, roads, parking and stormwater control facilities. Boeing will lease 18.3 acres of land from the Jacksonville Aviation Authority.

Shore Manufacturing

Known as a producer of clean wiping products for janitorial, food service and industrial markets, Shore Manufacturing has moved its headquarters from Freehold, NJ to Jacksonville. This company works to customize products for businesses to create the best sanitation processes available. The relocation of Shore Manufacturing's headquarters creates an additional \$2.5 million of capital for the First Coast.

Spida USA LLC

Spida USA LLC, a New Zealand-based machinery company, has purchased eight acres of land near JAXPORT with an existing 30,000-square-foot building to be the second facility in the United States. They assemble and distribute high-quality, precision



machinery that manufactures roofing trusses. The new location for Spida will create 60 new jobs for the First Coast.

Thybar Corporation

The manufacturer of custom sheet metal products for HVAC recently announced the opening of a 15,000-square-foot warehouse facility in downtown Jacksonville. This location will provide seismic and wind roof curb services to the Southeast market.

U.S. Chrome

U.S. Chrome, an industrial hard chrome plating service company, is opening its sixth production facility on the south side of Jacksonville. The new industrial plant will cover 16,300-square-feet and invest \$1.6 million in private capital to the company.



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First Coast U.S. Headquarters of Foreign Corporations



Adecco Group North America
Staffing/Recruiting

Association of Tennis Professionals
Professional Sports

Buffet Crampon USA
Musical Instruments

City Facilities Management
Refrigeration Facilities Management

Høegh Autoliners
Shipping

KLS Martin
Manufacturing

Saft Batteries
Manufacturing



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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

Chambers of Commerce in the 5-County Region



McKesson, photo by Monica Fields

HOMEGROWN COMPANIES

Home to four Fortune 500 and five 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!



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

Availity
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

City Facilities Management Holdings
Facilities Management

Community First Credit Union
Banking Services

Craig/is Ltd.
Insurance Services

Crowley Maritime
Transportation

CSX Corporation
Transportation

D.R. Horton
Home Builders

David Dobbs Enterprises
Manufacturing

Dream Finders Homes
Home Builders

Duos Technologies
IT Services

Dun & Bradstreet
IT Services

Duval Motor Company
Auto Sales

Elkins Construction
Construction

ERC
Collections Agency

EverBank
Banking and Mortgage

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

Forcura
Software

Formativ Health
Healthcare Management

Fortegra Financial
Insurance

Gate Petroleum
Conglomerate

Gee Group
Staffing Solutions

Genplant
Energy Services

Greenshades Software
Software Development

Guidewell
Medicare Administration

Haskell
Construction

HC Brands
Manufacturing

Healogics
Wound Care Services

Home Depot Pro, The
Wholesale Distribution

iDeal Aluminum Products
Manufacturing

Iluka Resource
Manufacturing

International Baler Corporation
Manufacturing

ISF
IT Services

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

Nateen
Manufacturing

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

PGA Tour
Professional Sports

PNC Financial Services Group
Banking

RailPros
Training Services

Rayonier, Inc.
Real Estate

Redwire
Space Conglomerate

Regency Centers
Real Estate

Reynolds, Smith & Hills
Construction

RF-Smart
Software Development

Ring Power
Construction Equipment

Rogers Towers, PA
Law Firm

Rulon International
Manufacturing

RYAM
Chemical Products

Safariland
Manufacturing

Sally Dark Rides
Manufacturing

SEMCO Southeastern Metals
Manufacturing

Southeastern Grocers
Retail

Stellar
Construction

Suddath
Relocation Services

Swisher International Group, Inc.
Manufacturing

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

W.W. Gay Mechanical Contractor
Mechanical Contracting

Wells Fargo
Banking and Financial Services

Wounded Warrior Project
Veteran Rehabilitation

Zimmer Biomet CMF and Thoracic
Manufacturing



Photo courtesy of Rayonier, Inc.



Florida Blue, photo courtesy of COJ

Businesses by County

Large Employers by County

BAKER COUNTY

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

CLAY COUNTY

Advanced Micro Targeting
Applied Business Solutions
Ascension St. Vincent's Clay
Bestbet Orange Park
Calavo Growers

Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc.
HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital
Niagara Bottling
Parallon
Vac-Con, Inc.
Vallencourt Construction

DUVAL COUNTY

Aetna
Allegis Group
Ally Financial
Amazon
Ascension St. Vincent's
AT&T
Bank of America
Baptist Health
Black Knight, Inc.
Brooks Rehabilitation
Citi
Citizens Property Insurance
Comcast
Crowley
CSX
Deutsche Bank
EverBank
Fanatics
Fidelity Investments
Fidelity National Financial
FIS
Flightstar
Florida Blue
GATE Petroleum
GuideWell
HCA Florida Memorial Hospital
JEA
Johnson & Johnson Vision
JPMorgan Chase & Co.
Landstar
Mayo Clinic
McKesson
Medtronic
Miller Electric Company
Newfold Digital
One Call
Prudential Financial
Publix Jacksonville Warehouse
Southeastern Grocers
Suddath
UF Health
UPS
VyStar Credit Union

NASSAU COUNTY

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

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

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



Niagara Bottling Company, photo courtesy of Clay County

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 ever-changing job markets, it's important to know the average salary in the area, which could help with choosing the perfect career.



FINANCIAL MANAGERS
3,330 | Total Employees
\$134,660 | Jacksonville Mean
\$153,460 | U.S. Mean



GENERAL AND OPERATIONS MANAGERS
12,450 | Total Employees
\$100,640 | Jacksonville Mean
\$115,250 | U.S. Mean



LAWYERS
3,180 | Total Employees
\$122,150 | Jacksonville Mean
\$148,030 | U.S. Mean



MANAGEMENT OCCUPATIONS
38,750 | Total Employees
\$109,270 | Jacksonville Mean
\$123,370 | U.S. Mean



SOFTWARE DEVELOPERS, APPLICATIONS
4,740 | Total Employees
\$108,260 | Jacksonville Mean
\$120,990 | U.S. Mean



LEGAL OCCUPATIONS
6,120 | Total Employees
\$92,570 | Jacksonville Mean
\$113,100 | U.S. Mean



MANAGEMENT ANALYSTS
5,880 | Total Employees
\$84,470 | Jacksonville Mean
\$100,530 | U.S. Mean



COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYSTS
2,260 | Total Employees
\$93,340 | Jacksonville Mean
\$102,210 | U.S. Mean



SECURITIES, COMMODITIES AND FINANCIAL SERVICES SALES AGENTS
3,870 | Total Employees
\$80,900 | Jacksonville Mean
\$93,260 | U.S. Mean



LOAN OFFICERS
2,750 | Total Employees
\$75,140 | Jacksonville Mean
\$80,570 | U.S. Mean



HEALTHCARE PRACTITIONERS AND TECHNICAL OCCUPATIONS
47,480 | Total Employees
\$86,400 | Jacksonville Mean
\$91,100 | U.S. Mean



COMPUTER AND MATHEMATICAL OCCUPATIONS
18,720 | Total Employees
\$86,460 | Jacksonville Mean
\$99,860 | U.S. Mean



SALES REPRESENTATIVES, WHOLESALE AND MANUFACTURING, TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTS
870 | Total Employees
\$96,580 | Jacksonville Mean
\$102,750 | U.S. Mean



ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING OCCUPATIONS
9,210 | Total Employees
\$80,790 | Jacksonville Mean
\$91,740 | U.S. Mean



ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS
5,930 | Total Employees
\$72,160 | Jacksonville Mean
\$83,980 | U.S. Mean



MARKET RESEARCH ANALYSTS AND MARKETING SPECIALISTS
3,160 | Total Employees
\$67,380 | Jacksonville Mean
\$76,080 | U.S. Mean



INSURANCE SALES AGENTS
2,540 | Total Employees
\$52,570 | Jacksonville Mean
\$69,340 | U.S. Mean



BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS OCCUPATIONS
53,270 | Total Employees
\$73,000 | Jacksonville Mean
\$82,610 | U.S. Mean



PROJECT MANAGEMENT SPECIALISTS
4,150 | Total Employees
\$90,270 | Jacksonville Mean
\$98,420 | U.S. Mean



REGISTERED NURSES
16,970 | Total Employees
\$70,450 | Jacksonville Mean
\$82,750 | U.S. Mean

TOP 50 EMPLOYERS ON THE FIRST COAST

1. Naval Air Station

Jacksonville

21,000 employees
6801 Roosevelt Blvd.,
Jacksonville
www.cnmc.navy.mil/Jacksonville

2. Amazon

16,000 employees
12900 Pecan Park Rd.,
Jacksonville
www.amazon.com

3. Naval Station Mayport

14,000 employees
Box 280032, Mayport
www.cnmc.navy.mil/mayport

4. Baptist Health

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

5. Bank of America

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

6. Mayo Clinic

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

7. Florida Blue

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

8. Southeastern Grocers

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

9. Ascension St. Vincent's

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

10. Fleet Readiness Center Southeast

4,200 employees
101 Wasp St., Jacksonville
<https://frcse.navair.navy.mil/>

11. UF Health

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

12. Citi

4,000 employees
1400 Citicards Way, Jacksonville
www.citi.com

13. JPMorgan Chase & Co.

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. HCA Florida Memorial Hospital

2,370 employees
3625 University Blvd. S.,
Jacksonville
www.hcafloridahealthcare.com/locations/memorial-hospital

18. UPS

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

19. Brooks Rehabilitation

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

20. Deutsche Bank

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

21. JEA

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

22. Black Knight, Inc.

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

23. Newfold Digital

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

24. One Call

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

25. UF Health St. Johns

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



CSX, photo by
Stephanie Marty

26. Johnson & Johnson

Vision

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

27. Parallon Business Solutions

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

28. Aetna, Inc.

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

29. Fanatics, Inc.

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

30. HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital

1,520 employees
2001 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park
www.hcafloridahealthcare.com/locations/orange-park-hospital

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. EverBank

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

35. Crowley Maritime

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



OneCall, photo by Stephanie Marty

36. Flightstar Aircraft Services

1,300 employees
6025 Flightline Dr., Jacksonville
<https://mroholdings.com/facilities/flightstar>

37. GuideWell

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

38. Miller Electric Company

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

39. Comcast

1,200 employees
4600 Touchton Rd., Bldg. 200,
Jacksonville
www.xfinity.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, Inc.

1,170 employees
601 Riverside Ave., 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. Georgia-Pacific Corporation

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

46. McKesson

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

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

50. Landstar

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

*Information gathered from JAXUSA.org as of November 2022



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Banking Industry

The First Coast's strong financial reputation has allowed major employers to call the area home, with both local and major banking providers in our own backyard. The area has up to 20 major banks, with insurance and investment services found on Fortune's Global 500 list. Known as a financial hot spot with a high growth rate, there are 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.

Ameris Bank

Originally branded as Ameris Bancorp, this financial institution has been in the industry since 1971. The bank serves customers across the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic and has several locations on the First Coast. 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 and auto loans.

Capital City Bank

Operating since 1895, Capital City Bank is one of the largest publicly traded financial holding institutions in the country. With a location in Keystone Heights, the bank offers trusts, merchant services, bank cards and many banking services. Capital City Bank also donates thousands of volunteer hours to local community service organizations and nonprofit groups.

Chase Bank

This multinational investment bank and financial services company is one of the world's oldest and largest financial institutions. The bank provides credit cards, savings and checking accounts,

commercial banking, auto loans and more to its members. Chase Bank is even part of the Jacksonville skyline, with the downtown branch located in the former Barnett National Bank building.

Citi

For more than 25 years, Citi 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, Citi 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.

EverBank

EverBank provides banking, investment advice and retirement services. EverBank also serves multiple verticals such as government, medical, academic and nonprofits with their retirement system to continue building secure financial futures.

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.



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Right price.
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Kathy Scott CLU, Agent
6026 San Jose Blvd
www.kathycarebiz
Bus: 904-730-3665 Fax: 904-730-3668

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Like a good neighbor,
State Farm is there.®

State Farm
Bloomington, IL
2001290



PNC Bank

PNC Bank offers a wide range of personal banking services including checking and savings accounts, credit cards, auto loans and more. With the bank's acquisition of BBVA in 2021, it is now the fourth-largest branch network in the region and has several locations throughout the First Coast.

Regions Bank

As a member of the S&P 500 Index and one of the largest full-service banking providers in the country, Regions Bank is focused on both economic and community development. It provides a full range of services such as personal deposits, loans and credit lines, business banking services, insurance, investment products and more.

State Farm

In addition to focusing on auto insurance, State Farm offers 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.

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.

VyStar Credit Union

Headquartered in Jacksonville, VyStar Credit Union was founded 69 years ago at Naval Air Station Jacksonville. They offer a comprehensive selection of products including banking and loan services, investment insurance and retirement planning. The company services more than 830,000 members and provides special service to military personnel and civil service workers.

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.

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

First Federal Bank 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.

Florida Capital Bank

As a leader in the banking industry, Florida Capital Bank focuses on solutions for the financial well-being of businesses and their owners. It is a full-service retail and commercial bank specializing in SBA loans, small business checking, savings and treasury management services. Florida Capital Bank is a nationally chartered bank headquartered right here in Jacksonville.



VyStar, photo by Stephanie Marty



FIS, photo by Stephanie Marty

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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. According to LinkedIn, Jacksonville has the fourth largest increase in tech workers on a per capita basis. The Jacksonville region is also ranked by Forbes as one of the fastest-growing regions for tech jobs.

The First Coast is also becoming a global powerhouse for finance technology, or fintech. Our area has attracted many fintech giants, including Black Knight, Deutsche Bank, FIS, 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, has recently moved its corporate headquarters to downtown Jacksonville as well.

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. Over 350 global organizations currently rely on Beeline, including 30 percent of the Fortune 500.

Black Knight, Inc.

Headquartered in Jacksonville, 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.

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. Headquartered in Jacksonville, FIS employs more than 55,000 people across 50-plus countries, manages over half the world's overall wealth and processes \$10 trillion annually.

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 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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Forcura, photo courtesy of Forcura

Optimum Healthcare IT

Based in Jacksonville Beach, Optimum Healthcare IT is a staffing and consulting services firm that works with healthcare providers, payers, software and life sciences organizations.

SS&C Technologies

SS&C Technologies is the world's largest hedge fund and private equity administrator, as well as the largest mutual fund transfer agency. SS&C combines end-to-end expertise

across financial services operations with software and solutions to serve its customers in the financial services and healthcare industries.

Synergy Technologies

Synergy is a leading global consulting and professional services firm that offers a wide range of IT and outsourcing solutions to its clients. The company also designs and develops software for a variety of businesses.

More Industries Making an Impact on the First Coast



Boeing, photo courtesy of COJ

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. UF Health St. Johns 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, Redwire Space, Collins Aerospace, Embraer, Carlisle

Interconnect Technologies, avMax and Boeing. Jacksonville International Airport (JAX) has a major economic impact on the First Coast, providing 85-plus nonstop daily flights and serving 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.



Bravery and Dedication: Our Military

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 thousands of 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. Our strong military presence has a significant economic impact on the region which provides stability and diversity in the community. 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.



NAS Jacksonville, photo by MC3 Alana Langdon



Photo by Stephanie Marty



Naval Station Mayport
Box 280032, Mayport
<https://cnrse.cnic.navy.mil/Installations/NS-Mayport/>

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 is also home to the Navy's 4th Fleet. The naval station's harbor and facility cover more than 3,409 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.



Naval Air Station Jacksonville
6801 Roosevelt Blvd., Jacksonville
<https://cnrse.cnic.navy.mil/Installations/NAS-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 is an operational headquarters for more than 120 tenant commands. The base is a recipient of a 2012 Presidential Excellence Award and 2013 Commander, Navy Installations Command Excellence Award, and is home to Naval Hospital Jacksonville.



Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay
1063 USS Tennessee Ave., Kings Bay, GA <https://cnrse.cnic.navy.mil/Installations/SUBASE-Kings-Bay/>

Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay is located approximately 38 miles away from Jacksonville, adjacent to St. Marys, GA. 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 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. Sector Jacksonville spans 190 miles of coastline starting at Kings Bay, GA to Port Malabar, FL. Station Port Canaveral, Station Ponce de Leon Inlet and Multi-Mission Mayport and Security Detachment Mayport are used on base.



NS Mayport, photo by MC3 Aaron Lau



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

Blount Island Command Center falls under the command of the Marine Corps Logistics Command located at Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany, GA and is one of the largest U.S. bases built for the Marines. Located in Jacksonville, the base was created as a logistics base for the maintenance operations of maritime ships. The base plans, organizes and executes logistics techniques of ships that are used for both philanthropic and military purposes.



Camp Blanding Joint Training Center
5629 FL-16 W., Starke
<https://fl.ng.mil/commands/Pages/Camp-Blanding-Joint-Training-Center.aspx>

Located in Starke, FL, Camp Blanding Joint Training Center 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 and 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.



NS Mayport, photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Juel Foster

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 98 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 by volume 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 dozens of 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. In May 2022, the Jacksonville Harbor Deepening Project was completed through Blount Island. The project deepened the Jacksonville shipping channel from 40 feet to 47 feet. The project included the construction of a vessel turning basin that now allows larger ships to turn around at Blount Island berths.

The **Blount Island Marine Terminal** is JAXPORT's largest marine facility, as well as one of the largest vehicle import/export centers in the U.S.

The **Dames Point Marine Terminal** 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 its 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



Photos courtesy of JAXPORT

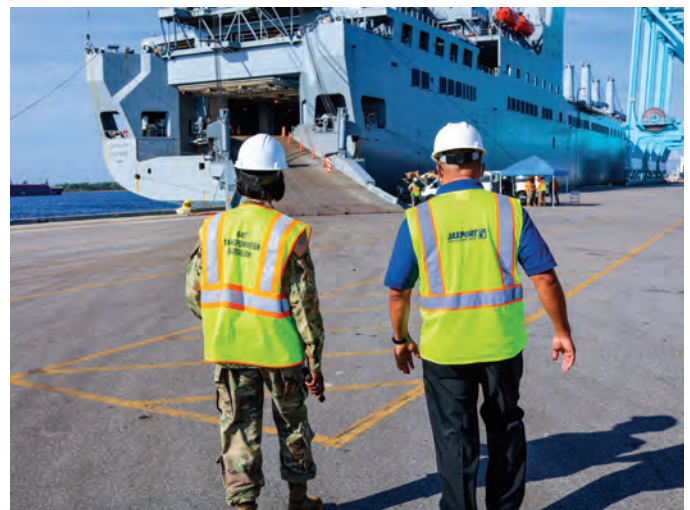
tandem with improving efficiency. The Jacksonville location was designed with this type of innovation in mind.

Headquartered in Jacksonville, **Crowley Maritime Corporation** is known for its speed and efficiency in shipping and distribution. 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 520 ports along 260-plus trade routes. MSC focuses on the evolution of the shipping industry and prides itself on "delivering global service with local knowledge."





Photos by Stephanie Marty



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!

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 ...
State Road 212 and 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 ...
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 the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). SunPasses can be purchased online, over the phone or at several convenient retailers such as Publix, Walgreens and CVS.

E-PASS

<https://epass.cfxway.com>

E-PASS is The Central Florida Expressway Authority's electronic toll collection system. Each time you pass through a toll, the fee is deducted from your prepaid E-PASS account. Funds can be added to an E-PASS account using cash or a debit or credit card. E-PASS is available to purchase online, over the phone or at the E-PASS Service Center in Orlando.

First Coast Expressway (State Road 23)

<http://firstcoastexpressway.com>

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

The segments on the First Coast Expressway are:

- I-10 to N. Argyle Forest Blvd.
- North of 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

I-295 Express Lanes

www.northfloridaexpress.com

The express toll lanes on I-295 West stretch over four miles starting at I-95 to the Buckman Bridge. Express lanes along I-295 East stretch from JTB to SR 9B. Future projects include I-95 from International Golf Parkway to I-95/I-295 South Interchange and I-95 from JTB to Atlantic Boulevard.

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.

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. Connexion Plus is for eligible customers who want private, same-day, door-to-door service anywhere in Duval County.



Downtown Jacksonville, photo courtesy of COJ

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.

ReadiRide – Offered by JTA through Owl Inc., ReadiRide is an on-call service that provides affordable transportation to customers in 15 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
www.jtafla.com/ride-jta/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:

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

Clay Regional Express:

JTA operates the Clay Regional Express (Route 201) from the Black Creek Park-n-Ride and Route 5 from the Orange Park Mall.

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.

St. Johns Express Select

Operated by JTA, St. Johns Express Select offers commuters an executive-style, affordable ride between the St. Johns County Government Center and the Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center at LaVilla in 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.



Photo courtesy of JTA



Skyway, photo courtesy of JTA

AERONAUTICAL

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/66/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)

<https://keystoneairport.com>

This airport serves travelers in Clay and Bradford counties and is located 50 miles southwest of Jacksonville.

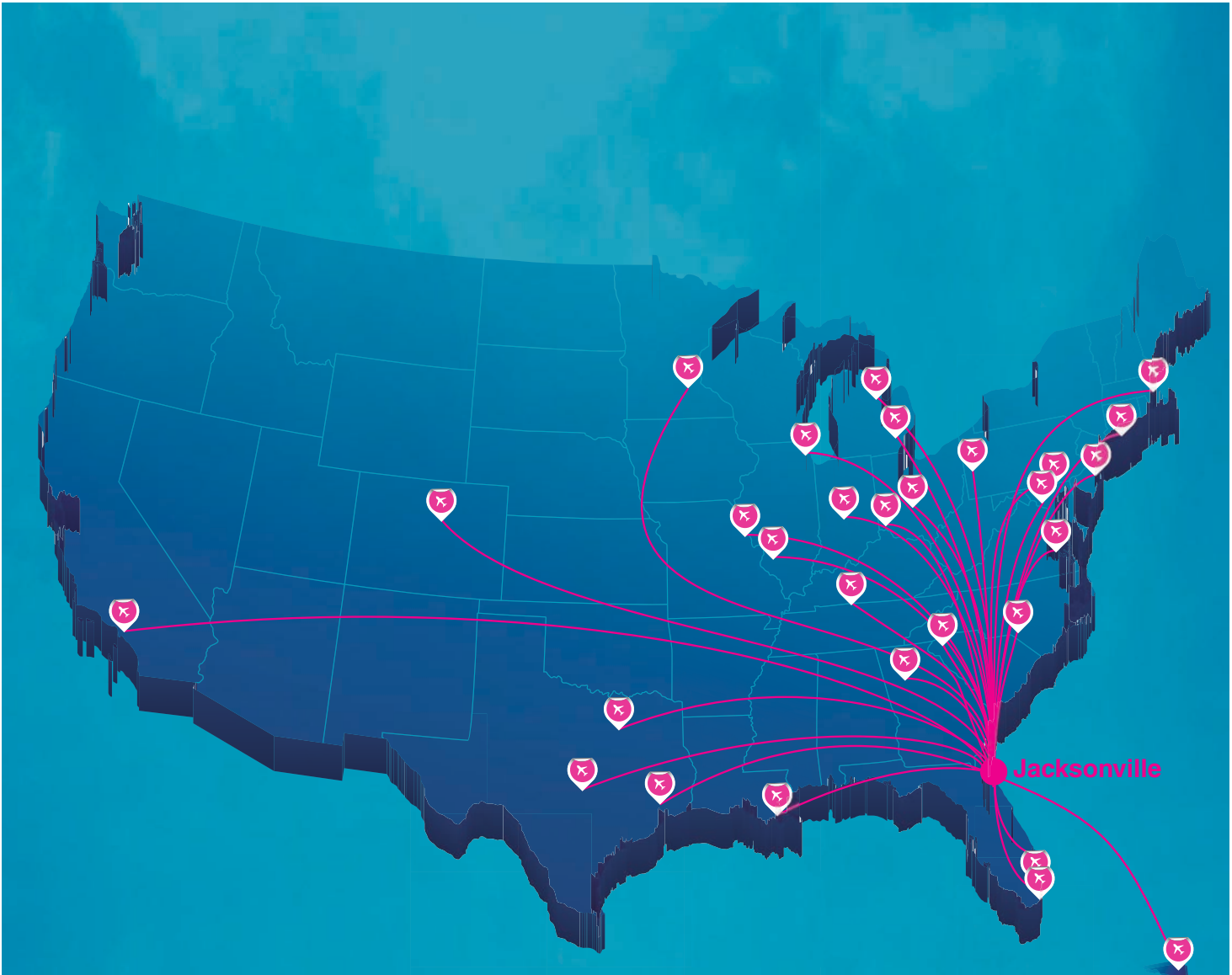
Northeast Florida Regional Airport (KSGJ or UST)

www.flynf.com

This St. Johns County airport 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.



Additional direct flights are being added regularly. Go to flyjax.com for the latest list.



JAX
Jacksonville
International
Airport

flyjax.com

Atlanta
Austin
Baltimore
Belleville
Boston
Charlotte
Chicago
(Midway, O'Hare)
Cincinnati

Columbus
Dallas
(Love Field, Ft. Worth)
Denver
Detroit
Flint
Ft. Lauderdale
Greenville-Spartanburg
Houston
(Hobby, George Bush Intercontinental)

Indianapolis
Los Angeles
Miami
Minneapolis
Nashville
New Orleans
New York
(LaGuardia, JFK)
Newark
Norfolk

Philadelphia
Pittsburg
San Juan, PR
St. Louis
Washington, D.C.
(Reagan, Dulles)



St. Johns River Ferry, photo courtesy of JTA

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 6:15 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. daily and provides rail service throughout the U.S.

NAUTICAL

JAXPORT Cruise Service

www.jaxport.com/cruise

If you're looking for a tropical getaway, Carnival Cruise Line's 2,190-passenger Carnival Elation departs from the JAXPORT Cruise Terminal and will sail through 2024.

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.



Carnival Spirit, photo courtesy of JAXPORT

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.

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Acosta Bridge

Connects the Southbank to
Downtown/Riverside

Bridges of Northeast Florida

With the St. Johns River and Intracoastal Waterway winding through the First Coast, our many bridges serve as the links that connect Northeast Florida together.



Acosta Bridge, photo courtesy of JTA

Bridge of Lions

Connects Historic St. Augustine to Anastasia Island



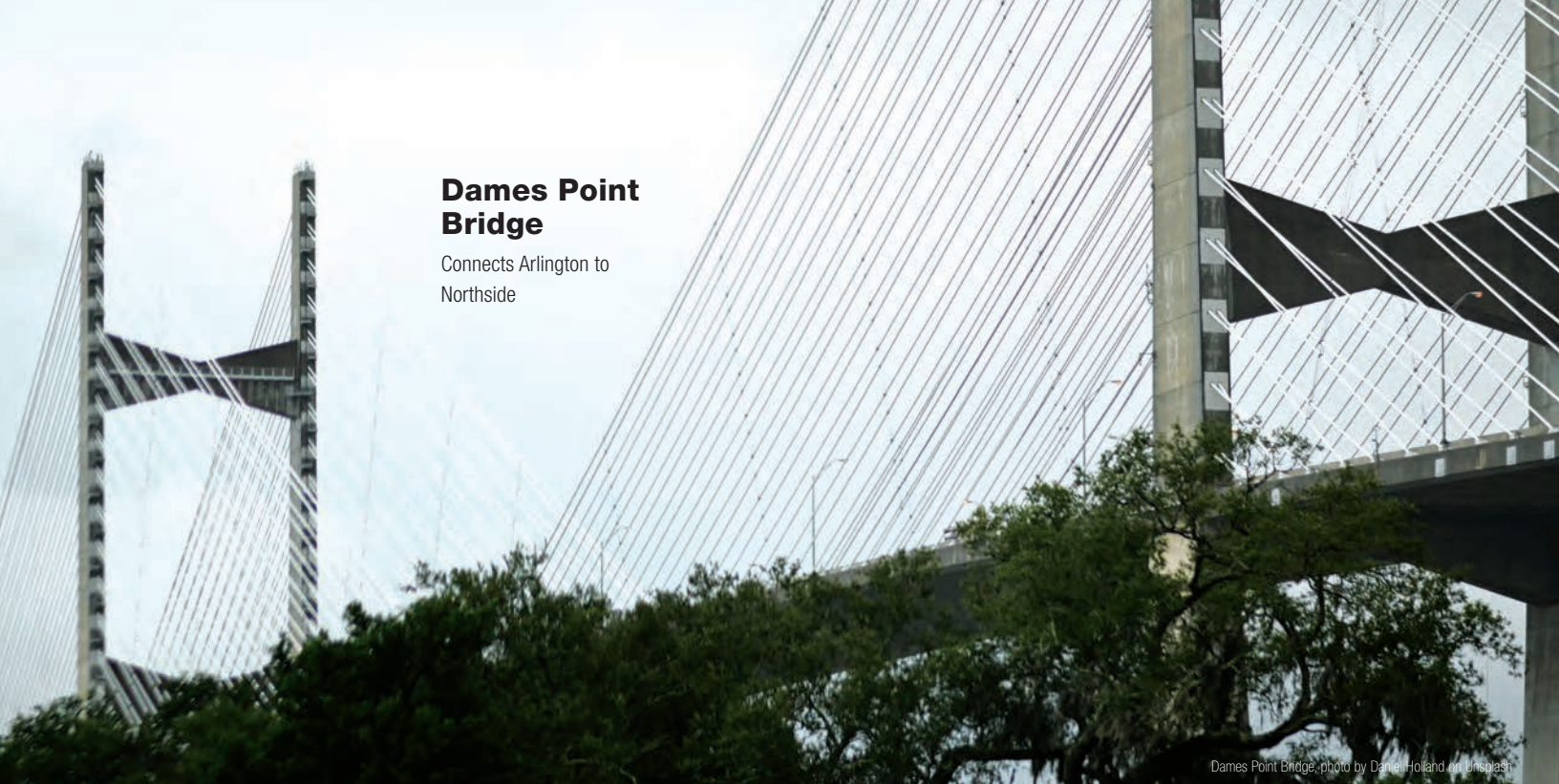
Bridge of Lions, photo by Kenji Cruz on Unsplash

Buckman Bridge, photo by Joe Shlabotnik

Buckman Bridge

Connects Mandarin to Orange Park





Dames Point Bridge

Connects Arlington to
Northside

Dames Point Bridge, photo by Daniel Holland on Unsplash



Fuller Warren Bridge (I-95)

Connects Riverside to San Marco

Fuller Warren Bridge, photo courtesy of COJ

St. Johns River Bridge

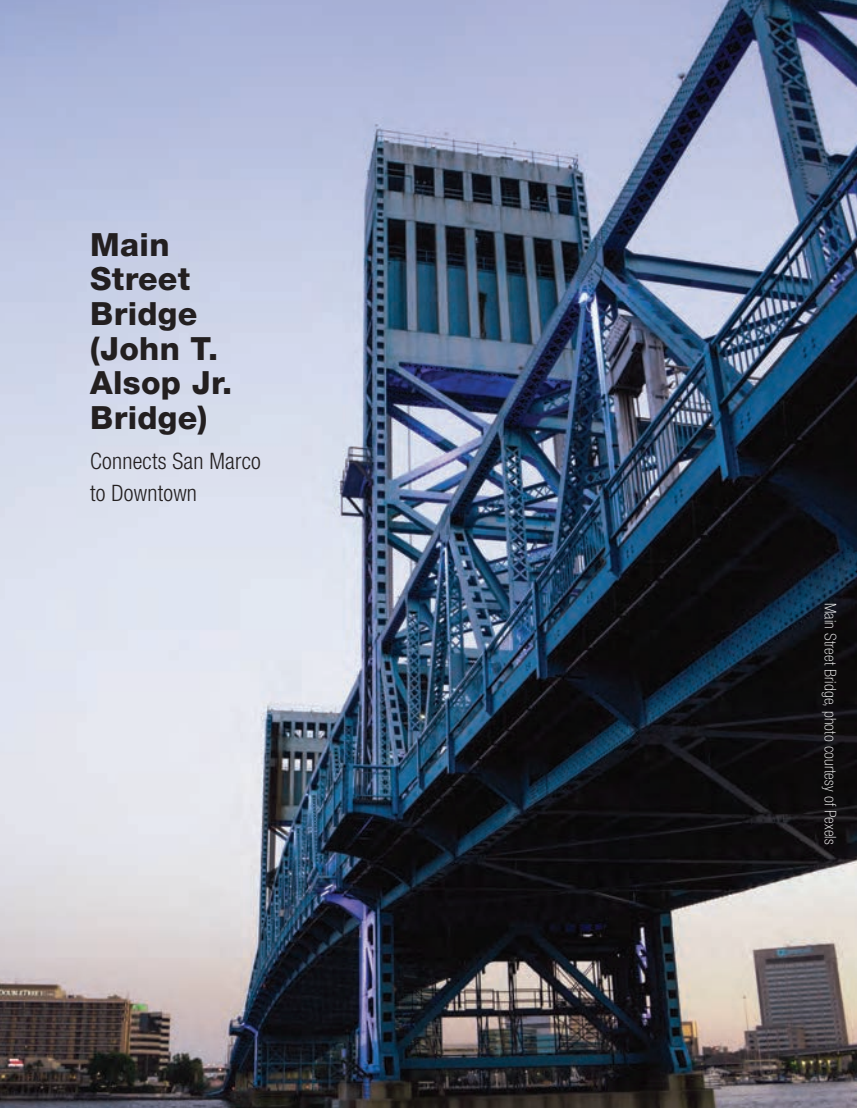
Located just south of the two-lane Shands Bridge will be a new four-lane bridge that will cross over the St. Johns River. Expected to be completed in 2029, the new bridge will connect Clay and St. Johns counties as part of the First Coast Expressway and eventually replace the Shands Bridge.



Hart Bridge

Connects Southside to Downtown

Hart Bridge, photo courtesy of COJ

A low-angle, upward-looking shot of the Main Street Bridge, showing its blue steel truss structure and the concrete tower. The bridge spans a body of water with city buildings visible in the background under a clear sky.

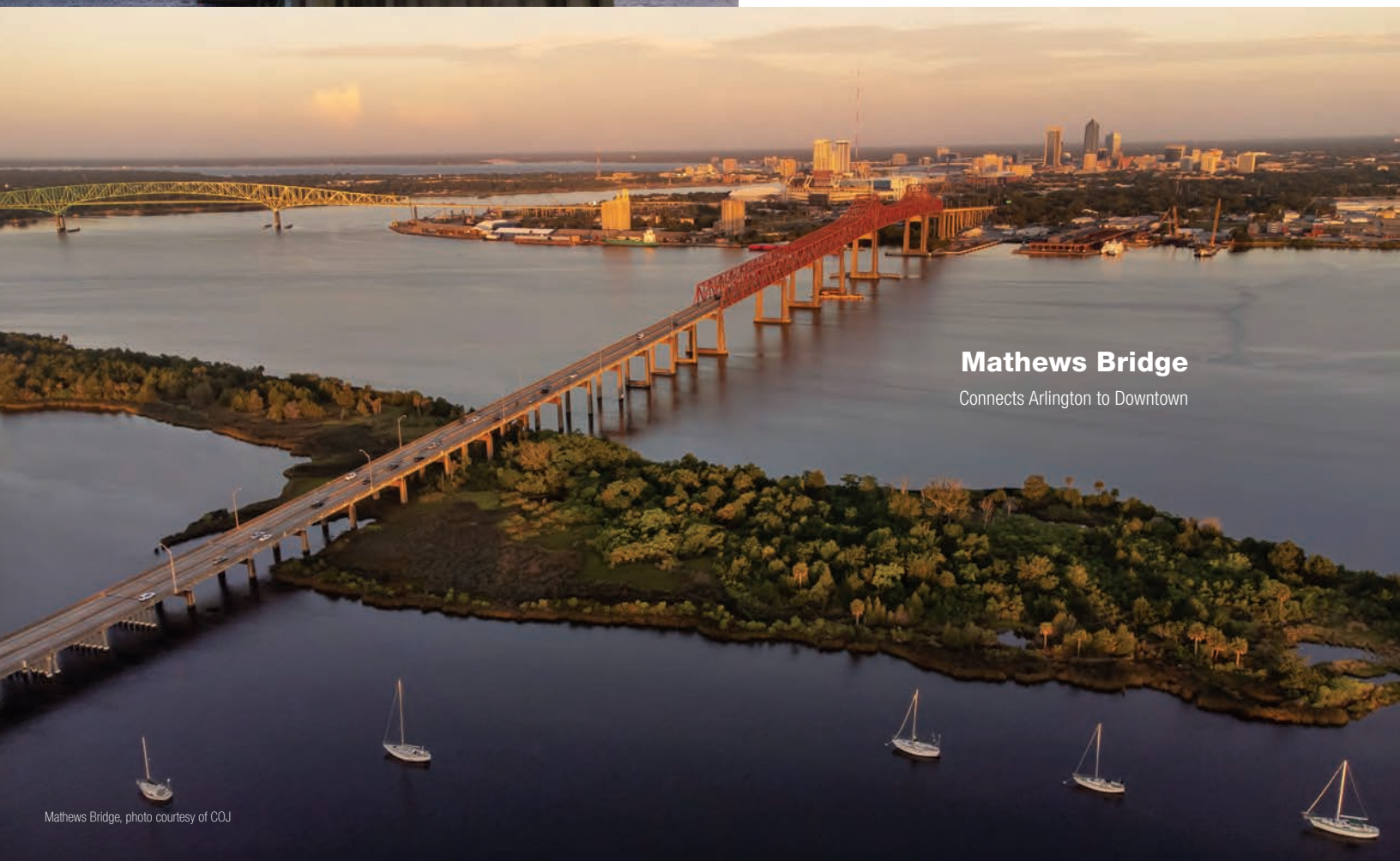
Main Street Bridge (John T. Alsop Jr. Bridge)

Connects San Marco
to Downtown

Main Street Bridge, photo courtesy of Fxvex

More Bridges Throughout the Region

FEC Strauss Trunnion Bascule Bridge
Francis and Mary Usina Bridge
Intracoastal Waterway Bridge
J. Turner Butler Intracoastal Bridge
Kingsley Creek RR Swing Bridge
McCormick Bridge
Mickler O'Connell Bridge
Ortega River Bridge
Palm Valley Bridge
Shands Bridge
Thomas J. Shave Jr. Bridge
Trout River Bridge
Wonderwood Bridge



Mathews Bridge

Connects Arlington to Downtown

Mathews Bridge, photo courtesy of COJ

Play

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



Shore Perfection: Beaches & Waterways

The First Coast is home to more than 22 miles of beautiful beaches and waterways perfect for beachgoers wanting to relax in the sun, surf, look for shells or even play beach volleyball!



Jacksonville Beach, photo by Josh Moore on Unsplash

BEACHES

DUVAL COUNTY

Atlantic Beach

Visitors to Atlantic Beach can enjoy a quiet beach with saltwater activities like surfing, fishing, kayaking or paddleboarding.

Jacksonville Beach

Jacksonville Beach (Jax Beach) is nestled between Neptune and Ponte Vedra beaches and spans 60 blocks along the Atlantic Ocean. Jax Beach offers public access in multiple locations and is the perfect place for surfing. The Jax Beach pier was recently reopened after a rebuild and is the perfect place for anglers to catch some fish including sheepshead, kingfish and red drum.

Mayport

Known for its shrimping industry, the historic fishing village of Mayport is located north of Atlantic Beach at the mouth of the St. Johns River. Visitors can visit Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park for camping, fishing and surfing.

Neptune Beach

Neptune Beach is located north of Jax Beach. At about a mile long, the beach gives residents and visitors a chance to bike, bask in the sun and surf.

NASSAU COUNTY

Fernandina Beach

As the First Coast's northernmost beach, Fernandina Beach is the perfect place for seashell hunting and is known for its horseback riding



Fernandina Beach, photo by Adedoyin Adesanya on Unsplash



Photo by Stephanie Marty



Photo by Stephanie Marty

Ponte Vedra Beach

Ponte Vedra Beach is perfect for those looking for a less crowded and quieter beach. It is located just south of Jacksonville Beach and has many access points for beachgoers and is the perfect place to hunt for seashells and shark teeth. Mickler's Landing is tucked into the southern part of Ponte Vedra Beach and is known as a popular destination for surfers and families.

St. Augustine Beach

St. Augustine Beach has everything a beachgoer could want, including a fishing pier, pavilion, splash park and beach volleyball courts.

Vilano Beach

Vilano Beach is located on the north side of the Matanzas Inlet and has a dune walkover and access for four-wheel-drive vehicles. Its location on the coast gives it a stronger current, making it popular for surfing, paddleboarding and skim boarding.

tours that give visitors and residents a chance to experience the beach from a whole new perspective of the gorgeous white dunes.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Crescent Beach

Located south of St. Augustine on Anastasia Island, Crescent Beach is named from the crescent shape of its coastline. The beach's hardpacked sand is perfect for bike riding, horseback riding or beach volleyball.

North Beach

North Beach is a serene spot just north of Vilano Beach on A1A Beach. A full range of facilities are available including boat ramps, showers and public parking.

WATERWAYS

The Intracoastal

Dividing Jacksonville's southside region from the beach, the Intracoastal Waterway runs about 40 miles through the First Coast. It has a variety of saltwater inlets, sounds and man-made canals, which are open to recreational vessels.

St. Johns River

The St. Johns River is one of the few rivers in the nation that flows northward and spans 310 miles from Mayport to Indian River County. The portion of the St. Johns River that runs throughout the First Coast is part saltwater, which allows for various species to be spotted in the water, like manatees and dolphins.

Other First Coast Rivers

Other First Coast rivers provide for fishing, boating and other outdoor activities throughout the year. In St. Johns County, the **Guana** and **Tolomato** rivers surround the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuary Research Reserve. On the **Amelia River**, boaters can take in the historic sites of Fort Clinch State Park. In St. Augustine, take a ride on the **Matanzas Bay** and **Matanzas River** to see the Bridge of Lions, St. Augustine Lighthouse and Castillo de San Marcos.



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Photo by Stephanie Marty

“ Jacksonville is the birthplace of the Salt Life movement! ”



Timucuan Preserve, photo courtesy of NPS

THE GREAT OUTDOORS: STATE PARKS & PRESERVES

The First Coast is home to beautiful untouched wetlands, vast marshes, expansive forests and the largest park system in the country. 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 outdoor enthusiasts.

BAKER COUNTY

John M. Bethea State Forest

Tucked away in northern Baker County on more than 37,000 acres of beautiful land, this state forest is home to a variety of species, including black bears, river otters and bobcats. The forest also 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, with a portion spilling over into Baker County, this national wildlife refuge encompasses more than 400,000 acres of land, including the Okefenokee Swamp. The refuge is full of more than 400 wildlife species, including black bears, alligators, sandhill cranes and the threatened gopher tortoise. The wildlife refuge

allows for camping, biking and hiking, as well as boat tours.

Osceola National Forest

Located west of Jacksonville, this national forest is a sprawling natural gem with swamps and flatwoods. The 237,000-acre forest has several wildlife corridors that lead toward the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. The forest is perfect for those looking to bird-watch, fish, hunt, hike, swim and camp.

CLAY COUNTY

Jennings State Forest

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



Big Talbot Island, photo by Ryan Ketterman

Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park

Developed on a 600-acre site in the 1930s, this state park is one of Florida's first. 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.

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.



Castaway Island Preserve, photo courtesy of COJ



Treaty Oak Park, photo by Stephanie Marty

DUVAL-NORTH

Amelia Island State Park

This nature lover's dream is home to beautiful beaches, maritime forests and salt marshes. The 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

Visitors to this state park can hike several different trails leading to the shoreline, marsh or maritime forest. 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.

Fort George Island Cultural State Park

This state park was named after a 1736 fort originally built on the grounds to defend the area when it was a colony. The park is also home to the Ribault Club which was built in the 1920s as a resort. It is now used as a visitor center and special events space. Visitors can enjoy this cultural gem by boating, fishing, kayaking and hiking around the island.

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 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 enjoy guided paddle tours.

Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve State Park

This state park is home to expansive longleaf pine flatwoods that protect the region's 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.

Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve

The Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve is full of history, originally inhabited by the Timucua people for thousands of years. 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 that draw 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.



Fernandina Plaza Historic State Park, photos by Florida DEP



Timucuan Preserve, photo courtesy of NPS

NASSAU COUNTY

Cary State Forest

Located northwest of Jacksonville, Cary State Forest was established in 1937 as the state's second forest. Eleven ecosystems make up the forest, including flatwoods, marshes, sandhills, swamps and cypress. Keep your binoculars handy to see if you can spot 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 is home to Boggy Creek, Plummer Creek, Thomas Creek and Alligator (Mills) Creek. With the abundance of 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, bird watching and more. Various hiking areas like the Ancient Dunes Nature Trail and Cape Francis Beach Walk can also be found in the park.

Faver-Dykes State Park

Situated on the edge of St. Augustine, Faver-Dykes 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, creating a diverse habitat for many species. More than nine miles of nature trails, fishing and kayaking are available for visitors.

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



Photo by Nathan Hafner

“Gorgeous gardens, nature preserves, an arboretum and intricate water systems grace our area with natural beauty.”

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.

Jogging Paths & Yoga Spots

While our many 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

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



The Green Trail, photo courtesy of NPS



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OUTDOOR YOGA

CLAY COUNTY

Spring Park Pavilion
Green Cove Springs

DUVAL COUNTY

Riverside Arts Market
Jacksonville

Yoga in the Gardens
Jacksonville Arboretum & Botanical Gardens

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Beach Yoga by Pilates Yoga Loft
Vilano Beach



Photo courtesy of the Brumos Collection

A Step Back in Time: HISTORICAL SITES & MUSEUMS

The First Coast was colonized by the Timucuan people long before the area was colonized by European settlers. For more than 1,000 years, the Timucuan lived in communities along the waterways of both North and Central Florida, spanning into southeast Georgia. In the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, some of the oldest remnants of pottery in the United States have been discovered by archeologists dating back to 2500 B.C.

In 1513, Spanish conquistador Juan Ponce de León stepped foot onto the banks of Northeast Florida, claiming the land for Spain. The lush landscape of the area inspired Ponce de León to name the area La Florida.

Led by Jean Ribault, the French Huguenots, claimed land by the St. Johns River in 1562. They traveled north to what we now know as South Carolina. The colony that was established by Ribault failed, and Ribault's second-in-command René Goulaine de Laudonnière took settlers back to Florida. He then founded Fort Caroline in 1564, but the life of the fort was short-lived when it was destroyed by orders of the Spanish Governor of Florida, Pedro Menéndez de Avilés. These events led up to the founding of what we now know as St. Augustine. This was the original location of the Timucuan village, Seloy. St. Augustine was attacked during several wars and to keep the city of Havana, Spain gave most of their Florida land to the British at the end of the Seven Years' War.

Britain returned control of the Florida territory to Spain in 1783 with the Peace of Paris after their defeat in the American Revolutionary War. Around this time, downtown Jacksonville was known as Cowford due to an area of the St. Johns River that was narrow and shallow enough for cattle to safely cross the river.

In 1821, Spain surrendered the Florida Territory to the United States allowing American settlers on the north side to plan a town. These settlers began laying out streets and plats, eventually changing the name to Jacksonville after Andrew Jackson, who later would go on to be the seventh president of the United States.

Jacksonville had a growing population of 17,201 in 1880, growing to 57,699 residents in just 20 years. The St. Johns River allowed access to the ocean, which helped facilitate commerce, enhance security in the area and allow for recreational opportunities. With untouched beaches and warm weather, the First Coast became a main vacation destination. This growth in popularity brought many new residents to the area, which started a population boom. The growth of the Navy bases in the area during the 20th century helped grow the area further.



Fort Caroline, photo courtesy of NPS

BAKER COUNTY

Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park
5815 Battlefield Trail Rd., Olustee
www.floridastateparks.org

The Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park is a memorial to the Battle of Olustee, which was the largest Civil War battle in Florida. More than 10,000 cavalry, infantry and artillery troops fought for almost five hours on Feb. 20, 1864, and after 2,807 casualties were accounted for, the Union soldiers fled to Jacksonville. The Union Forces included a unit of African American troops, the famous 54th Massachusetts Infantry, who were featured in the 1989 film "Glory." Every February, a reenactment is held to honor those who battled in the war.

Heritage Park Village
102 S. Lowder St., Macclenny
<http://heritagepark.cityofmacclenny.com>

Paths throughout the park lead to small museums that bring visitors back to Baker County in the 1800s. There is a trading post, train depot, jail, barber and blacksmith shop.

CLAY COUNTY

Clay County Historic Museum & Triangle
915 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs
www.greencovesprings.com/clay-county-historical-museum-triangle

The Clay County Historic Museum & Triangle immerses visitors into early 20th century life in Clay County. Artifacts in the museum include personal letters, photographs, furniture, tools and clothing.

DUVAL-BEACHES

Beaches Museum
381 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach
www.beachmuseum.org

At the Beaches Museum, you can experience the history of the community through personal accounts, interactive exhibits and photographs. This display of history includes a 1911 steam locomotive and the Mayport Railway Depot to really show what it was like living in the early 20th century.



Clay Historic Museum, photo courtesy of Clay County

DUVAL-NORTH

Fort Caroline National Memorial
12713 Fort Caroline Rd., Jacksonville
www.nps.gov

Fort Caroline was established in 1564 by the French Huguenots and was eventually captured by the Spanish, which is portrayed at this historic memorial. The first replica of the fort was destroyed during a hurricane, which ironically was the same way many of the Huguenots perished.

Norman Studios
6337 Arlington Rd., Jacksonville
www.normanstudios.org

Norman Studios is the only silent film studio complex in the First Coast. This gem is a memory of Jacksonville's prime as the Winter Film Capital of the World and is tucked away in the Arlington neighborhood.

Ribault Club, The
11241 Fort George Rd., Jacksonville
www.theribaultclub.com

Established in 1928, the Ribault Club held many parties for the affluent throughout the First Coast. Currently, it has a museum where visitors can discover its history on Fort George Island.

Yellow Bluff Fort Historic State Park
New Berlin Rd., Jacksonville
www.floridastateparks.org

This site was occupied by Confederate and Union troops during the Civil War and at one point housed more than 250 soldiers. While there was never an actual fort in this location, an armed encampment was found at this historic site.

DUVAL-SOUTH

Brumos Collection, The
5159 San Pablo Rd. S., Jacksonville
www.thebrumoscollection.com

Some of the finest automobiles in the world can be found in this extensive collection. The museum is split into two sections with the first full of open cockpit racers and automotive innovations. The second half has a multitude of Porsche race cars ranging from 1953 to 2017.



American Beach Museum, photo courtesy of Ameliasland.com



Hands On Children's Museum
8580 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville
www.handsonchildrensmuseum.org/index.html

This museum is meant for visitors ages 1 through 12 and has a variety of hands-on learning activities through interactive and educational exhibits.

Mandarin Museum & Historical Society
11964 Mandarin Rd., Jacksonville
www.mandarinmuseum.net

Those looking to experience old historic Florida will be right at home in the Mandarin Museum & Historical Society located in the Walter Jones Historical Park. The property has several buildings including the historic store, post office and the St. Joseph's Mission Schoolhouse for African American Children. Visitors can also learn about Harriet Beecher Stowe, an author and abolitionist who settled in Mandarin in 1867.

Museum of Science & History (MOSH)
1025 Museum Cir., Jacksonville
www.themosh.org

The Museum of Science & History is the only science and history museum in Northeast Florida. It draws in visitors of all ages with a range of interactive exhibits and educational programs. Visitors can enjoy the night sky with a visit to the Bryan-Gooding Planetarium or enjoy an evening of music under the stars during one of their special planetarium events. MOSH is planning to relocate from Jacksonville's Southbank to the Northbank.



Fort Clinch, photo by Sonya Tyler on Unsplash

DUVAL-WEST

Camp Milton Historic Preserve
1175 Halsema Rd. N., Jacksonville
www.timucuanparks.org

Camp Milton Historic Preserve offers historical reenactments and has an 1800s farmstead, a remnant of history as well as an education center that displays Civil War relics.

Durkeeville Historical Society Museum
1293 W. 19th St., Jacksonville
www.durkeevillehistoricalsociety.org

Founded in the 1930s, the Durkeeville community was an area for African Americans during the First Coast's period of racial segregation. The museum has a variety of exhibits and artifacts that tell the story of Durkeeville.

Eartha M. M. White Museum
613 W. Ashley St., Jacksonville
www.clarawhitemission.org/museum

This museum is a memorial to Clara White who was a former slave and started her own shelter, feeding the hungry out of her house in the 1880s.

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

This unique museum portrays what life in Jacksonville was like at the turn of the 20th century and is operated by the Jacksonville Historical Society.

Museum of Southern History
4304 Herschel St., Jacksonville
www.museumsofhistory.com

Experience both military and civilian life during the Civil War through exhibits and photographs. Visitors can see a Lincoln-Era 37-Star Applegate Flag as well as a diorama of the Battle of Olustee.

Ritz Theatre and Museum
829 N. Davis St., Jacksonville
www.ritzjacksonville.com

This museum honors the LaVilla neighborhood, known as the "Harlem of the South," covering history from the 1920s to 1960s. 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

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

NASSAU COUNTY

A.L. Lewis Museum

1600 Julia St., Fernandina Beach

www.americanbeachmuseum.org

Get a glimpse into the lives of African Americans who lived during the Jim Crow era on Amelia Island at the A.L. Lewis Museum.

Amelia Island Lighthouse

215 O'Hagan Ln., Fernandina Beach

www.fbfl.us

Nestled on the banks of Fernandina Beach is the only known surviving lighthouse from the Territorial Period.

Amelia Island Museum of History

233 S. 3rd St., Fernandina Beach

www.ameliamuseum.org

Visitors to the Amelia Island Museum of History will experience the diverse past of the area at the first known "spoken history museum" in the state.

Fernandina Beach Marine Welcome Center & Shrimping Museum

17 S. Front St., Fernandina Beach

www.ameliamuseum.org

Known as the birthplace of the modern shrimping industry, this museum shows visitors the history of this business in Fernandina Beach and its importance on the First Coast.



Castillo de San Marcos, photo by the Rodriguez Group

Fernandina Plaza Historic State Park

Estrada St., Fernandina Beach

www.floridastateparks.org

The Fernandina Plaza Historic State Park was once the site where Fort San Carlos stood, which protected the Spanish colonial town of Fernandina with a battery of three cannons.

Fort Clinch State Park

2601 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach

www.floridastateparks.org

Visitors can enjoy reenactments as well as hiking and camping at this Civil War-era fort.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Castillo de San Marcos National Monument

1 S. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine

www.nps.gov/casa

The Castillo de San Marcos was built to protect Spain's claims on the New World. Visitors can tour the oldest masonry fort in the U.S. and experience exhibits, events and living history reenactments.

Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine

38 Cathedral Pl., St. Augustine

www.thefirstparish.org

Don Pedro Menéndez de Avilés was presented with a cross to kiss by Father Francisco López de Mendoza Grajales once he stepped foot onto what is now St. Augustine. The gorgeous Cathedral Basilica reminds visitors of the area's spiritual history.

Colonial Quarter

33 St. George St., St. Augustine

www.colonialquarter.com

Stroll through the Colonial Quarter or climb the 35-foot watchtower to view the Castillo de San Marcos while exploring more than 500 years of European history.

Flagler's Legacy

59 St. George St., St. Augustine

<https://legacy.flagler.edu>

Flagler College was built in 1888 by millionaire developer Henry Flagler and boasts Spanish Renaissance-style architecture that can be seen throughout the area and at one point was the site for the former Hotel Ponce de León.

Photo courtesy of COJ



Fort Matanzas National Monument

8635 A1A S., St. Augustine
www.nps.gov/foma

Fort Matanzas was named after the inlet, which acquired its name after the massacre (matanzas in Spanish) of the French Huguenots in 1565. Now, visitors can watch reenactments and learn about the history of this site.

Fort Mose Historic State Park

15 Fort Mose Trl., St. Augustine
www.floridastateparks.org

This Spanish fort was the first sanctioned free African American settlement for those who were escaping English slavery.



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

Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum

106 St. George St., Unit L, St. Augustine
www.karpeles.com/visit/st-augustine-florida/

This St. Augustine location is the brand new addition to the Karpeles Manuscript Library. It is the smallest walk-in museum in the U.S.

Lightner Museum

75 King St., St. Augustine
www.lightnermuseum.org

This Spanish Renaissance-style museum was built in 1887 by Henry Flagler as the Hotel Alcazar. It now houses a collection of Tiffany glass, fine art, sculptures and more.

Oldest Wooden School House Historic Museum & Gardens

14 St. George St., St. Augustine
www.oldestwoodenschoolhouse.com

The Oldest Wooden Schoolhouse was built by hand and dates back to the early 18th century. Visitors can experience what life was like for colonial school children with replicas of textbooks, furniture and various school supplies.

St. Augustine History Museum

167 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine
www.trolleytours.com/st-augustine/history-museum

The St. Augustine History Museum displays St. Augustine's rich history including Henry Flagler's construction of the city during the Spanish period.

St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum

100 Red Cox Rd., St. Augustine
www.staugustinelighthouse.com

The St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum is widely known throughout the area with its gorgeous views of St. Augustine.

St. Augustine Old Jail & Oldest Store Museum

167 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine
www.trolleytours.com/st-augustine/old-jail

The Oldest Store Museum recreates the general store that was found in St. Augustine at the turn of the 20th century. Close by is the Old Jail, which functioned as the gallows as well as the sheriff's residence.

St. Augustine Pirate & Treasure Museum

12 S. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine
www.thepiratemuseum.com

Pat Croce's private collection of more than 800 pirate artifacts is on display at the St. Augustine

Pirate & Treasure Museum, giving visitors a taste of the Golden Age of Piracy.

Villa Zorayda Museum

83 King St., St. Augustine
www.villazorayda.com

Villa Zorayda was built in 1883, which was the start of the Moorish Spanish revival of architecture. Inspired by the Alhambra Palace in Grenada, Spain, both the exterior and interior transport visitors back to the 18th century.

For an adventure-filled day, visit these other notable St. Augustine historical sites and museums.

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

Lincolnville Museum and Cultural Center

102 M.L. King Ave., St. Augustine
www.lincolnvillemuseum.org

National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission

Nombre de Dios
 101 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine
www.missionandshrine.org

Oldest House Museum Complex

14 St. Francis St., St. Augustine
www.santaugustinehistoricalsociety.org/oldest-house-museum-complex

Peña-Peck House, The

143 St. George St., St. Augustine
www.penapecthouse.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
www.stphotios.org

Ximenez-Fatio House Museum

20 Aviles St., St. Augustine
www.ximenezfatiohouse.org



A POP OF COLOR: ART MUSEUMS & EVENTS

The First Coast is home to 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-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 Jacksonville University campus, this museum and gallery features collections 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.



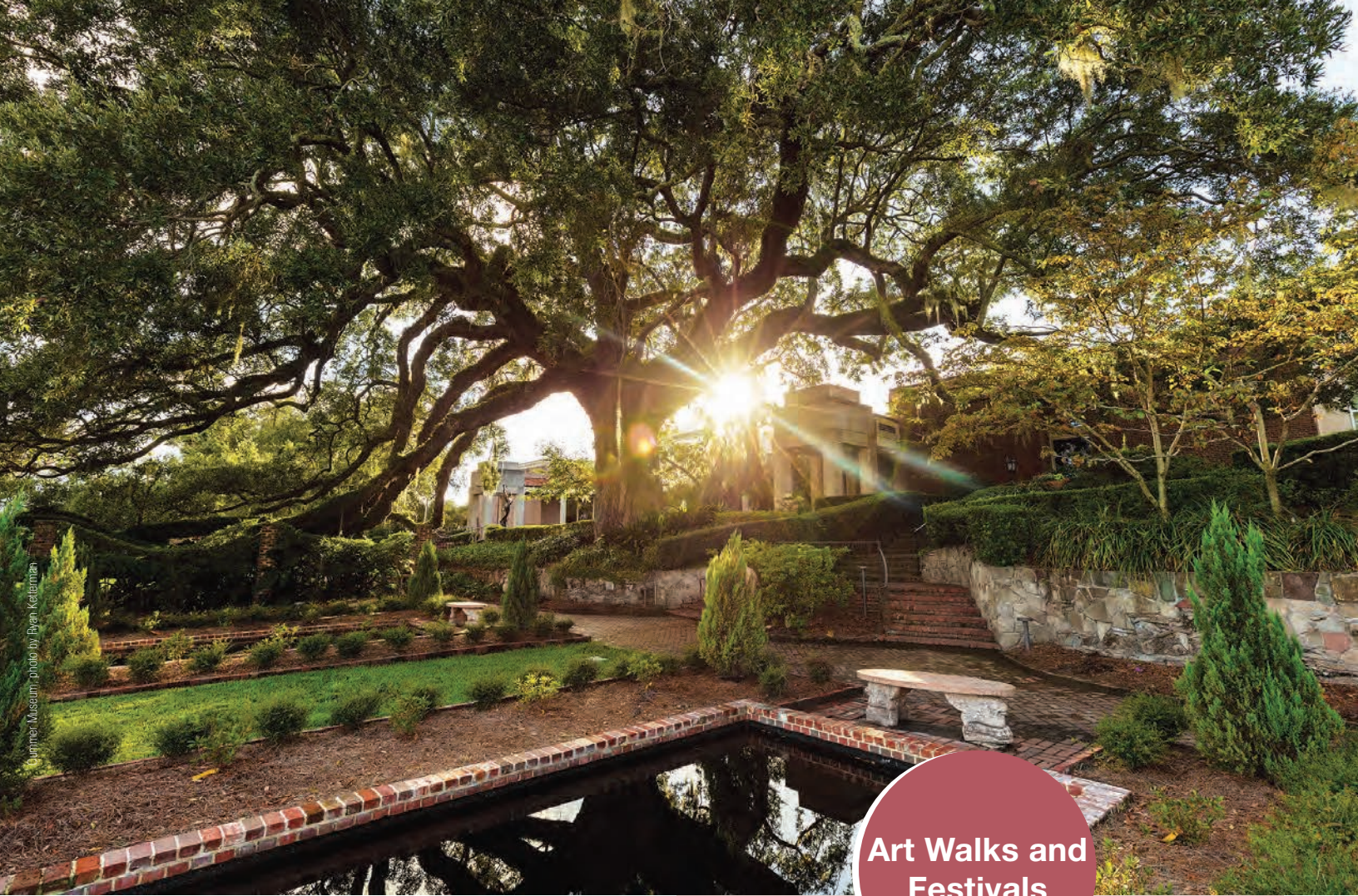
DUVAL-BEACHES

First Coast Cultural Center
3972 3rd St. S., Jacksonville Beach
www.firstcoastculturalcenter.org

Previously the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, the First Coast Cultural Center in Jacksonville Beach offers educational art programs, exhibits, workshops, events and classes.

Beyond Van Gogh, photo by Stephanie Marty

Photo courtesy of COJ



Cummer Museum photo by Ryan Kellerman

Art Walks and Festivals

Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens

829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville
www.cummermuseum.org

The First Coast's largest fine arts museum 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 spend a day exploring the expansive galleries.

Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) Jacksonville
 333 N. Laura St., Jacksonville
<https://moca-jacksonville.unf.edu>

With six galleries and nearly 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 and features more than 500 artists.

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 on the Flagler College campus. This contemporary art museum has numerous exhibits and community programs available.

St. Augustine Art Association
 22 Marine St., St. Augustine
www.staaa.org

For 98 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. With 3,200 square feet of gallery space, there are 400 works in the art association's permanent collection.

Artrageous Artwalk
 Downtown Fernandina Beach
www.islandart.org/artrageous-artwalk-2
Second Saturday of the month

First Friday Artwalk
 St. Augustine
www.staaa.org/art-galleries-of-st-augustine
First Friday of the month

First Wednesday Artwalk
 Downtown Jacksonville
www.dtjax.com/artwalk/
First Wednesday of the month

Jax Beach Arts Market
 Seawalk Pavilion
 75 1st St., Jacksonville Beach
<https://jaxbeachartsmarket.com>
See website for dates

Mandarin Art Festival
 Mandarin Community Club
 12447 Mandarin Rd., Jacksonville
www.mandarinartfestival.org
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

SHOWTIME! Entertainment on the First Coast

With so much to see and do on the First Coast, it is easy to find some of the best performing arts venues in the area featuring variety shows and comedians to Broadway plays and musicals. For an unforgettable night, head to VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, Daily's Place or the Amp St. Augustine. You're bound to have a night full of fun!



Photo courtesy of FSCJ Artist Series

CLAY COUNTY

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

Set on the campus of St. Johns River State College, the Thrasher-Horne hosts dance performances, theater and music.



Thrasher-Horne, photo courtesy of Clay County

DUVAL-BEACHES

Beaches Fine Arts Series
1150 5th St. N., Jacksonville Beach
www.beachesfinearts.org

Beaches Fine Arts Series has dance and musical performances ranging from jazz to world music and contemporary to classical.

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

The Seawalk Pavilion is in the heart of Jacksonville Beach and hosts live music, concerts, festivals and movie screenings.

DUVAL-NORTH

Florida Ballet, The
10131 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville
<https://floridaballet.org>

As the only professional ballet company on the First Coast, the Florida Ballet brings an assortment of dance performances to the area. This coming season enjoy *The Nutcracker*, as well as several other special performances throughout the year.

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

Located on the campus of Jacksonville University, this performing arts series hosts theater productions, film festivals, visiting writers, dance performances and concerts.

DUVAL-SOUTH

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

The Alhambra is the oldest continuously operating dinner theater offering shows throughout the year such as the holiday classic, *White Christmas*. Performances have a themed dinner that coordinates with the show.

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

Head over to the Comedy Zone in Mandarin for a night full of laughs to see stand-up comedians and entertainers from all over the country.

DUVAL-WEST

Daily's Place

1 Daily's Pl., Jacksonville

www.dailysplace.com

Daily's Place is the perfect venue to enjoy concerts with more than 5,000 seats for an event, right on the St. Johns River.

Florida Theatre

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

www.floridatheatre.com

The Florida Theatre has been a staple of the First Coast for more than 95 years, bringing an array of dance performances, concerts, comedians and more to our own backyard.

Friday Musicale

645 Oak St., Jacksonville

www.fridaymusicale.com

As the oldest musical organization in Florida, Friday Musicale hosts concerts, private events and children's summer music camps.

FSCJ Artist Series, The

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

www.fscjartistseries.org

Known as the top source for professional Broadway shows on the First Coast, the FSCJ Artist Series has entertainment for all ages with dance, opera, concerts and more.

Jacksonville Symphony

300 Water St., Ste. 200, Jacksonville

www.jaxsymphony.org

The Jacksonville Symphony has been a staple of the First Coast for more than 70 years and is one of the nation's leading regional orchestras.

Metropolitan Park

4110 Gator Bowl Blvd., Jacksonville

www.coj.net

Known for its music festivals, concerts and other events, Metropolitan Park is located on the St. Johns River.

Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center

1000 Water St., Jacksonville

www.primefosborn.com

This 78,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art convention center was converted from a historic railroad station and is now used for conventions, trade shows and more.

Riverside Fine Arts

1100 Stockton St., Jacksonville

Through both live music and visual arts, musicians and artists work together to motivate the community and schools to get involved in the arts.

Jacksonville Center for the Performing Arts

300 Water St., Jacksonville

www.jacksonvillecenterfortheperformingarts.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 has some of the biggest names in entertainment and music visiting the First Coast, including Luke Bryan, Dave Matthews Band and even Disney on Ice.



Florida Theatre, photo by Alex Baker

Nathan H. Wilson Center for the Arts

11901 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville

[www.fscj.edu/campuses/south-campus/](http://www.fscj.edu/campuses/south-campus/nathan-h-wilson-center-for-the-arts)

[nathan-h-wilson-center-for-the-arts](http://www.fscj.edu/campuses/south-campus/nathan-h-wilson-center-for-the-arts)

This facility has an art gallery, main theater seating 500, a studio theater and a conference area. A variety of productions throughout the year include visual arts, humanities, theater and music.

University of North Florida (UNF)

Fine Arts Center

1 UNF Dr., Bldg. 45, Jacksonville

www.unf.edu/fineartscenter

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



Photo courtesy of FSCJ Artist Series



VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, photo courtesy of COJ

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

EMMA Concert Association

14 Granada St., St. Augustine

www.emmaconcerts.com

St. Augustine enjoys a variety of classical concerts including dance and musical performances at the EMMA Concert Association.

First Coast Opera

St. Augustine

www.firstcoastopera.com

The First Coast Opera is the only opera company in the area. It gives the public a chance to experience creative performances like cabaret shows as well as opera and operetta.

Ponte Vedra Concert Hall

1050 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach

www.pvconcerthall.com

The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is known as an intimate concert venue, hosting more than 140 concerts and events throughout the year.

St. Augustine Amphitheatre, The

1340C A1A S., St. Augustine

www.staugamphitheatre.com

The St. Augustine Amphitheatre, also known as "The Amp," is a 5,000-seat venue located on Anastasia Island right across the bridge from downtown St. Augustine. Each year it hosts more than 40 performances.



Latham Plaza at Seawalk Pavilion, photo by Stephanie Marty

First Coast Community Theaters

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.abettheatre.com

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

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

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

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

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



1904 Music Hall, photo by Alex Baker



Jacksonville Zoo, photo by Sara Pappas on Unsplash

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!

Photo courtesy of Catty Shack

DUVAL-NORTH

Catty Shack Ranch Wildlife Sanctuary
1860 Starratt Rd., Jacksonville
www.cattyshack.org

Get up close and personal with big cats and other animals at this nonprofit sanctuary. The Catty Shack provides a safe home for endangered big cats and educates visitors about their plight in the wild and captivity. The sanctuary offers year-round educational school tours and is open to the public on select weekends. 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 rare and exotic 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!



iFLY, photo by Monica Fields

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 allow 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 zipline across seven acres through the treetops above the park.

St. Augustine Aquarium
2045 SR 16, St. Augustine
www.saaquarium.com

Become a 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 rescue nonprofit gives visitors a chance to see more than 90 animals, including wolves, lions, tigers, hyenas, coyotes, a coatimundi, lynxes, leopards, jaguars and more, through their educational tours.

**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.urbanair.com/florida-south-jacksonville



Autobahn, photo by Stephanie Marty

THE FAN ZONE FIRST COAST SPORTS

The First Coast is a sports lover's dream! Whether you are looking to watch basketball, hockey, football or even THE PLAYERS Championship, there is something for everyone!

DUVAL-NORTH

Florida State College at Jacksonville BlueWave
4501 Capper Rd. (North Campus), Jacksonville
11901 Beach Blvd. (South Campus), Jacksonville

www.gobluewave.com

At Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) both men and women can join competitive teams including volleyball, softball, cross country, baseball and basketball. The college is part of the Florida College System Activities Association and National Junior College Athletic Association.

Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament
Jim King Park and Boat Ramp at Sisters Creek
8203 Heckscher Dr., Jacksonville
www.kingfishtournament.com

This annual event is held each July at the Jim King Park and Boat Ramp and is one of the largest kingfish tournaments in the Southeast. Besides the



Jacksonville Jaguars, photo courtesy of COJ

general tournament, a junior angler tournament is available for younger fishing fanatics. The week-long tournament hosts drawings, food and exhibitors for visitors.

Jacksonville University (JU) Dolphins
2800 University Blvd. N., Jacksonville
www.judolphins.com

Jacksonville University has more than 18 different sports, including basketball, baseball, soccer, rowing, lacrosse and golf. Make sure to grab your gear and cheer on the Dolphins!

DUVAL-SOUTH

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

The Community First Igloo is the redevelopment of the Jacksonville Ice & Sportsplex. It is home to the Jacksonville Icemen hockey team. Besides housing the Icemen corporate offices, it hosts a sports-themed restaurant and lounge, pro shop, training facility for the Icemen and two NHL-sized rinks.

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

Founded in 2014, the Jacksonville Armada is the only professional soccer team on the First Coast.

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

As an expansion team of the American National Rugby League (AMNRL), the Axemen are one of the most popular rugby league football clubs in the country.

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

The Jacksonville Roller Derby League has more than 70 skaters and three teams and is the first and only flat-track roller derby league on the First Coast.

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

Skaters of all skill levels will learn some new tricks at the longest privately owned skatepark in the world with lessons, camps and open skating available for all ages.

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

As members of NCAA Division I athletics, the UNF Ospreys have a variety of sports, including baseball, basketball and golf.

DUVAL-WEST

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

Members of the Tigerzone can cheer on the EWU Tigers which is home to a multitude of sports, including football, basketball, soccer, baseball and a coed cheerleading team.

Florida-Georgia Football Classic
EverBank Stadium
1 EverBank Stadium Dr., Jacksonville
<https://specialevents.coj.net>

This almost 100-year-old rivalry has been running strong since 1933. Georgia Bulldog and Florida Gator fans come together for an intense football-filled week ending with the big game.

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

The Jacksonville Equestrian Center is the premier facility for horseback riding, events, outdoor activities, hiking and biking on their sprawling 80 acres of beautiful land.

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

The Jacksonville Icemen wow fans with their skating, puck handling and entertaining mascot "Fang." The Icemen are members of the ECHL and are affiliated with the New York Rangers.

Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp game, photo courtesy of COJ



Jacksonville Iceman
Hockey, photo
courtesy of COJ

Kona Skate Park, photo courtesy of COJ



Florida-Georgia game, photo courtesy of COJ

Jacksonville Jaguars
EverBank Stadium
1 EverBank Stadium Dr., Jacksonville
www.jaguars.com

Fans can cheer on the Jacksonville Jaguars at EverBank Stadium. They are members of the National Football League (NFL) as well as the American Football League. The Jaguars have won four division championships and had eight playoff appearances.

Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp
121 Financial Ballpark
301 A Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville
www.jaxshrimp.com

Take the family out for a day at the ball field to cheer on the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp. Themed nights, including appreciation events as well as family movie nights, are a great way to enjoy this Minor League Baseball team.



121 Financial Ballpark, photo courtesy of COJ

Jacksonville Sharks
VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena
300 A Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville
www.jaxsharks.com

The Sharks are the local arena football team, who have won several championship titles for the National Arena League.

TaxSlayer Gator Bowl
EverBank Stadium
1 EverBank Stadium Dr., Jacksonville
www.taxslayergatorbowl.com

Founded in 1946, The TaxSlayer Gator Bowl is one of the oldest college football bowl games in the country and was the first nationally televised bowl. This bowl game has provided entertainment for fans all over the First Coast.



Photo by Stephanie Marty

Sports Teams



Jacksonville Jaguars
National Football League
EverBank Stadium
Established: 1995
Division Championships: 4



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



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



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



Jacksonville Icemen
ECHL
VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena
Established: 1992



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

Walks, Runs, and Rides

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
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
March

Gate River Run
www.gateriverrun15k.com
March

Light the Night Walk
www.lightthenight.org/ncfl
November

McKenzie's Run
www.mckenziesrun.org
November

Never Quit 5K and 10K
www.facebook.com/neverquitnever
November

Ortega River Run
www.esj.org
February

Spartan Race
www.spartan.com
February



Photo by Jonathan Hafner



River Run, photo courtesy of COJ

IT'S TEE TIME! GOLF ON THE FIRST COAST

The First Coast is one of the world's top destinations for golf. 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.



THE PLAYERS Stadium Course, photo courtesy of Florida's First Coast of Golf

THE PLAYERS Championship

Both spectators and participants from all over the nation come to the First Coast to attend our most popular and well-known golf event, THE PLAYERS Championship. Held in Ponte Vedra Beach at TPC Sawgrass, it is one of the most attended tournaments on the PGA Tour. 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.

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 Miniature Golf**, nestled on the coast of St. Augustine. **Anastasia Miniature Golf** in St. Augustine has a Japanese koi pond full of colorful fish and tropical landscapes surrounding the holes.

The nautically themed **Heron's Cove Adventure Golf** is located at Omni Amelia Island Resort in Fernandina Beach. At **Island Falls Adventure Golf** in Fernandina, golfers can enjoy a course full of bridges, tunnels and waterfalls. **Putt-Putt Fun Center Amelia Island** has a competition-style 36-hole course and hosts the Professional Putters Association's Tournament every March. In historic Fernandina Beach, visitors to **Gregor MacGregor's Mini Links & Drinks** can enjoy a round of putt-putt while sipping tasty drinks.

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 Golf Club
9. World Golf Village (Slammer & Squire)
10. TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS Stadium Course)



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



Make a Splash! First Coast Life on the Water

Filled with stunning beaches and waterways, the First Coast is the prime spot to explore the water. Whether you're looking to unwind on a river or creek with a day of canoeing or kayaking, lounge on the beach or explore the marshes along our Intracoastal Waterway, the First Coast gives ample options for those looking to get their feet wet!

Fishing

With both saltwater and freshwater options throughout the area, anglers have an opportunity to catch a variety of different fish, including snapper, sheepshead and redfish. Anglers can fish from piers, rent a boat or even charter an off-shore fishing trip.



Photo courtesy of Pexels

Fish of the First Coast



Catfish



Cobia



Trout



Bluefish



Spanish Mackerel



Sailfish



Snapper



Photo by Stephanie Marty

Boating

The First Coast is a great place for boaters to explore our rivers, the Intracoastal Waterway or even the ocean. There are many boat rental opportunities and boat-friendly restaurants, complete with docks.

Jet Skis

Get an adrenaline rush while feeling the wind in your hair while speeding along on a jet ski.

Multiple locations for jet ski rentals make it easy to get on the water for some fun.



Jet Ski, photo by Stephanie Marty



Photo courtesy of Pexels

Surf, Boogie or Skimboarding

The Atlantic Ocean offers adventure for those looking to ride the waves on a surf, boogie or skim board. With a multitude of beaches and waterways in the area, it is easy to find the perfect spot to catch a wave.

Paddle Sports

Are you looking for a relaxing paddle down a creek in a kayak or canoe? Or are you looking for more of a challenge riding a paddleboard onto the waves of the Atlantic? Either way, kayaks, canoes and paddleboards can be found throughout the First Coast.



Photo courtesy of Pexels

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!



St. Augustine, photo by The Rodriguez Group

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.



St. Johns Town Center, photo by Monica Fields

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 several retailers for shoppers running errands.

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



Shorelines shop, photo courtesy of COJ

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



Shops in Amelia, photo courtesy of Ameliastand.com



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** in Ponte Vedra Beach. The **Nocatee Town Center** also offers residents an assortment of restaurants and shops.

Northern St. Johns County is growing as a shopping destination that attracts residents and visitors. The **Durbin Park** area and **The Pavilion at Durbin Park** are continually adding excellent shopping and dining options and will soon be the largest shopping area on the First Coast. The development is continually adding several more stores, restaurants and other retailers. The new **Parkway Place at Durbin** features several restaurants and retailers and is continuing to grow as well.

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.



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Foliahom, photo by Stephanie Marty



RH Jacksonville, photo by Monica Fields

All-Natural and Organic Grocery Stores

Grassroots Natural Market
2007 Park St., Jacksonville
www.thegrassrootsmarket.com

Grassroots Natural Market II
1915 East West Pkwy., Ste. 1,
Fleming Island
www.thegrassrootsmarket.com

Native Sun Natural Foods Market
1585 3rd St. N., Jacksonville Beach
www.nativesunjax.com

Publix GreenWise Market
250 Pine Lake Dr., Ponte Vedra Beach
www.greenwisemarket.com

Sprouts Farmers Market
12675 Beach Blvd., Ste. 200,
Jacksonville
4873 Town Center Pkwy., Jacksonville
www.sprouts.com

The Fresh Market
12795 San Jose Blvd., Ste. 1,
Jacksonville
13493 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville
150 Riverside Ave., Ste. 200,
Jacksonville
1960 East West Pkwy., Ste. 100,
Fleming Island
840 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach
www.thefreshmarket.com

Trader Joe's
11112 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville
4180 S. 3rd St., Jacksonville Beach
www.traderjoes.com

Whole Foods Market
10601 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville
2050 3rd St. S., Jacksonville Beach
www.wholefoodsmarket.com



FOR THE FOODIES: DINING ON THE FIRST COAST

From bistros to fish camps, the First Coast has some of the most unique dining flavors around with a variety of tastes and cultures mixed in. From Southern fare and barbeque to bistros and fish camps—the First Coast is bound to have a dish for everyone's taste!

AMERICAN

Ill Forks

Southside

bb's restaurant and bar

San Marco

Bread and Board, The

Downtown

Brick Restaurant

Avondale

ChopHouse Thirteen

Mandarin

Cowford Chophouse

Downtown

Eleven South

Jacksonville Beach

Good Dough

San Marco

Grumpy's Restaurant

Middleburg, Neptune Beach, Orange Park, St. Johns, Wildlight

Hilltop Club & Restaurant, The

Orange Park

Jax Beach Brunch Haus

Jacksonville Beach

M Shack

Nocatee

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

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, St. Augustine, World Golf Village

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BARBECUE

4 Rivers Smokehouse

Orange Park, Southside

ABBBQ

Atlantic Beach

Bearded Pig, The

Jacksonville Beach, San Marco

Happy Tomato Courtyard Café & BBQ, The

Fernandina Beach

Johnny's

Keystone Heights

Mission BBQ

Town Center

Monroe's Smokehouse Bar-B-Q

Westside



Mission BBQ, photo by Stephanie Marty

FRENCH

Bistro AIX

San Marco

JJ's Bistro

Gate Parkway, Ponte Vedra

Orsay

Avondale

Rue Saint-Marc

San Marco

ITALIAN/PIZZA

Caffe Andiamo

Ponte Vedra Beach

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



River & Post, photo by Stephanie Marty



Photo by Deremer Studios, courtesy of Ameliasland.com

MEXICAN

Burrito Gallery

Downtown, Jacksonville Beach,
Riverside, Town Center

Cantina Louie

Arlington, Atlantic Beach, Fernandina
Beach, Ponte Vedra Beach, Southside,
St. Augustine, St. Johns

El Jefe

Westside

Flying Iguana Taqueria

& Tequila Bar

Neptune Beach

Pepper's Cocina Mexicana & Tequila Bar

Fernandina Beach, Fleming Island

TacoLu

Jacksonville Beach

PAN-ASIAN

Blue Bamboo Canton Bistro

Mandarin

Hawkers

Five Points, Neptune Beach



Kona Ice, photo by Stephanie Marty

Food Trucks on the First Coast

With more than 400 choices of food trucks in the area, Jacksonville has food trucks for all tastes from burgers and grilled cheese to barbeque, tacos, sushi and much more. Food trucks are often spotted throughout the First Coast at art walks, festivals and breweries and more.

www.foodtruckfinderusa.com/jacksonville-food-truck-schedule

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

Neptune Beach

Timoti's Seafood Shak

Fernandina Beach, Five Points,
Nocatee

Tommy Bahama Marlin Bar

Town Center

SOUTHERN

Bellwether

Downtown

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Baymeadows, Fleming Island,
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SPANISH

Michael's

St. Augustine

THAI

Blue Orchid Thai

East Arlington, Riverside

Indochine

Downtown



Joseph's Pizza, photo
by Stephanie Marty



Whit's Frozen Custard, photo by Stephanie Marty



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Cheers to a Gorgeous View: Waterfront Dining

On the First Coast we are lucky to have beautiful weather throughout the year, which gives us the opportunity to enjoy open air dining complete with stunning views of our waterways, downtown skyline and beaches.

OCEAN VIEWS

Azurea at One Ocean

Atlantic Beach

Casa Marina Restaurant

Jacksonville Beach

Joe's Crab Shack

Jacksonville Beach

Reef, The

St. Augustine

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

Mavi Waterfront Bar & Grill

Jacksonville Beach

Palm Valley Fish Camp

Ponte Vedra Beach

Palm Valley Outdoors Bar & Grill

Ponte Vedra Beach

ST. JOHNS RIVER VIEWS

Estrella Cocina

Downtown

Julington Creek Fish Camp

Julington Creek

Palms Fish Camp

Northside

Safe Harbor Seafood Market & Restaurant

Mayport



Singleton's Seafood Shack, photo by Stephanie Marty

Sandollar Restaurant & Marina

Northside

Singleton's Seafood Shack

Mayport

Whitey's Fish Camp

Fleming Island



Bold Bean, photo by Wade Austin Ellis on Unsplash

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.

Amelia Island Coffee

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

Bold Bean Coffee Roasters

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www.boldbeancoffee.com

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www.brasstackscoffee.com

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www.brewfivepoints.co

Coffee Grinder, The

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www.thecoffeegrinderjax.com

Cup of Job

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

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www.dosbar.com

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www.thekookaburracoffee.com

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www.sagocoffeejax.com

Setlan Coffee Co.

1435 Naldo Ave., Jacksonville
www.setlancoffee.com

Sippers Coffeehouse

7643 Gate Pkwy., Ste. 101, Jacksonville
www.facebook.com/sipperscoffeehouse

Southern Grounds

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 3562 St. Johns Ave., Jacksonville
 JAX Airport, Concourse A, Gate A-4, Jacksonville
 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

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

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



Whether you are looking to relax on a rooftop bar or enjoy the ocean breeze while bar hopping, the First Coast has a lively and diverse nightlife scene. Live music, dance clubs and even hole-in-the-wall spots are all found throughout the area and are guaranteed to make a fun night for anyone.

**IT'S 5 O'CLOCK
SOMEWHERE:
NIGHTLIFE ON THE
FIRST COAST**

Bay Street, photo by Alex Baker



Pete's Bar, photo by Stephanie Marty

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

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

NASSAU COUNTY

Hammerhead Beach Bar
Fernandina Beach

Palace Saloon
Fernandina Beach

The Palace, photo courtesy of Ameliasland.com



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Margaritaville, photo by Stephanie Marty



Surfer [The Bar], photo by Stephanie Marty



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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



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Pet-Friendly Bars

Brewhound Dog Park + Bar

Neptune Beach

Kanine Social

Riverside

Tour and Sample these First Coast Wineries and Distilleries

City Gate Spirits

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www.manifestdistilling.com

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San Sebastian Winery

157 King St., St. Augustine
www.sansebastianwinery.com

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St. Augustine Distillery, photo by the Rodriguez Group



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CRAFT BEER SCENE: FIRST COAST BREWERIES

The First Coast leads the craft brewery scene with a variety of unique and award-winning brews. Newcomers can take a self-guided tour called the Jax Ale Trail to visit more than 20 breweries spanning Amelia Island to Jacksonville and St. Augustine to Orange Park.



Ruby Beach Brewing Company, photo by Alex Baker

Intuition Ale Works, photo courtesy of Florida-Times Union

CLAY COUNTY

Cultured Collective Brewing Co.

Orange Park

www.culturedcollective.co

DUVAL-BEACHES

Engine 15 Brewing Co.

Jacksonville Beach

<http://engine15.com>

Green Room Brewing

Jacksonville Beach

www.greenroombrewing.com

Reve Brewing

Atlantic Beach

www.facebook.com/revebrewing

Southern Swells Brewing Co.

Jacksonville Beach

www.southernswells.com

DUVAL-SOUTH

Aardwolf Brewing Company

San Marco

www.aardwolfbrewing.com

Bottlenose Brewing

Southside

www.bottlenosebrewing.com

Legacy Ale Works

Bartram Park

www.legacyaleworks.com

Veterans United Craft Brewery

Southside

www.vubrew.com

Wicked Barley Brewing Company

Baymeadows

www.wickedbarley.com

DUVAL-WEST

Bold City Brewery

Downtown, Riverside

www.boldcitybrewery.com

Fishweir Brewing Company

Murray Hill

www.fishweirbrewing.com

Hyperion Brewing Co.

Springfield

www.hyperionbrewing.com

Intuition Ale Works

Downtown

www.intuitionaleworks.com

King Maker Brewing

Riverside

www.kingmakerbrewing.com

Lemonstreet Brewing Co.

Downtown

www.lemonstreetbrewing.com

Ruby Beach Brewing

Downtown

www.rubybeachbrewing.com

Strings Sports Brewery

Springfield

www.stringsportsbrewery.com

NASSAU COUNTY

Amelia Island Brewing Company

Fernandina Beach

www.ameliaislandbrewing.com

First Love Brewing

Fernandina Beach

<https://firstlovebrewing.com>

Mocama Beer 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



With many exciting events happening throughout the year, it's 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.

TIME TO PARTY! FESTIVALS & CELEBRATIONS ON THE FIRST COAST



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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

Carrie Clarke Day

March

www.townoforangepark.com

This historical festival celebrates the life and legacy of the Clarke family, one of the earliest families in Orange Park. Visitors can enjoy historic demonstrations, live music, kids' activities and more.

Town of Orange Park Fall Festival

October

www.opfallfestival.com

Each year, more than 200 vendors and artists come together for Clay County's biggest festival that features entertainment from 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.



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DUVAL COUNTY

World of Nations Celebration

February/March

<https://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

Each year, the City of Jacksonville Beach celebrates the beginning of beach season with a festive parade.

Springing The Blues Festival

April

www.springingtheblues.com

This exciting three-day blues festival at the Seawalk Pavilion in downtown Jacksonville Beach features local, regional and national blues artists.

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.

Sea and Sky Air Show

October

<https://specialevents.coj.net/Special-Events/Sea-and-Sky-Airshow.aspx>

This event features an exciting air show with aerial performances by the U.S. Navy Blue Angels and other aerial teams.

Spooktacular

October

www.jacksonvillezoo.org

This family-friendly event at the Jacksonville Zoo is full of fun and fright. Each October, the zoo transforms with fun and festive Halloween

decorations. Dress up in your costume for a night filled with spooky stories, noises and surprises around every corner.

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 lights, wreaths and other decorations. Keep your eyes peeled because you may get a chance to see Santa!



World of Nations Celebration, photos courtesy of COJ

Deck The Chairs

November/December

www.deckthechairs.org

This family-friendly holiday light display allows businesses and other organizations to show pride in the Jacksonville Beach community while encouraging the arts. Lifeguard chairs are decorated with festive props, lights and more.

NASSAU COUNTY

The Amelia

March

www.ameliaconcours.org

The Amelia 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.



Jazz Festival, photos courtesy of COJ



Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Michael Lopez



festive food and drinks, and shop with local vendors for the perfect holiday gifts.

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 October

www.rhythmndribs.net

As one of the best festivals in St. Augustine, this three-day event is full of live music, family fun and delicious barbecue from some of the top barbecue champions in the nation.

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.

Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival May

www.shrimpfestival.com

Sample the most delicious shrimp at this annual festival in downtown Fernandina Beach. Visitors can also enjoy live music, arts and crafts, contests and a pirate-themed parade.

Dickens on Centre December

<http://ameliaislandtdc.com/events/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



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