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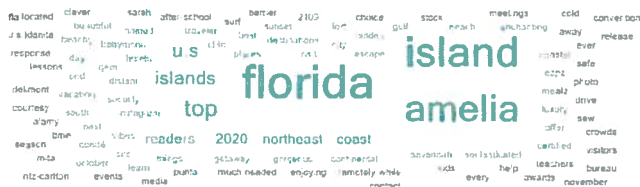
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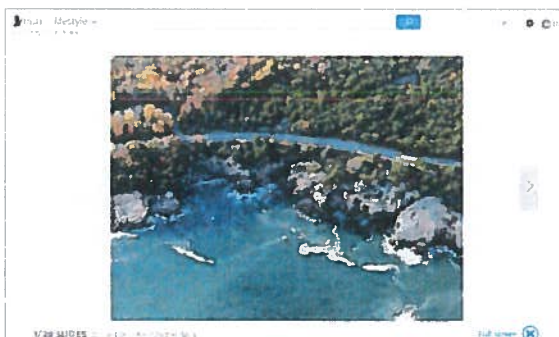
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19 gorgeous islands in the US that you can drive to

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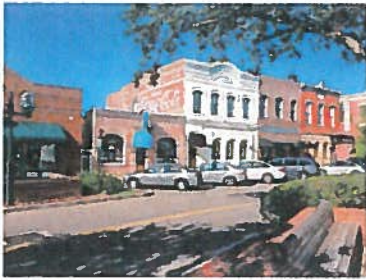
- The US is chock full of beautiful islands - from idyllically remote islands to bustling beachy and everything in between.
 - Many of these islands are accessible by bridge, vehicle ferry or plain old highway.
 - Mount Desert Island in Maine is home to Acadia National Park - one of the most popular national parks in the country.
 - The town of Nantucket on Nantucket Island in Massachusetts is a National Historic Landmark in its entirety and home to over 600 pre-Civil War era buildings.
 - It's important to note that the Centers for Disease Control still warns against unprotected travel and that some states require quarantine for incoming travelers.
 - Visit together's home page for more stories.
- Due to the spring air pollution, many have become wary of hopping on planes (though the CDC isn't really meaner than you might think).

RV rentals and road trips have swelled in popularity this spring, as Americans find ways to escape their own backyards as safely as possible.

But just because you can't visit a tropical island doesn't mean an island vacation is out of the question. From sea to shining sea, the UK is full of stunning isles that you can get to by car.

However, it's important to note that [some airports for the 2020 Summer travel season](#) are not non-scientific travel, and that [some airports are not](#) for incoming travelers.

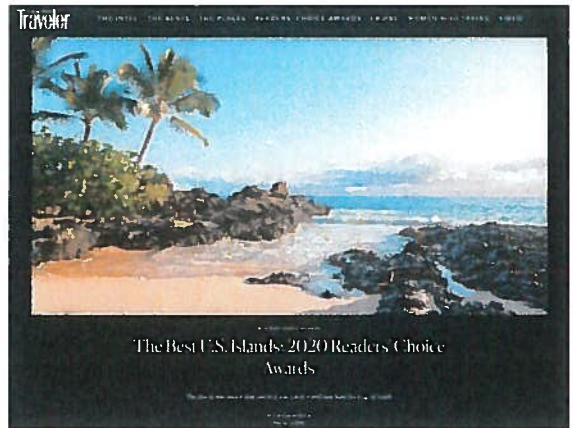
Keep scrolling to see beautiful island escapes — from ruggedly mountainous to tropical beachy and everything in between — that you can drive to in the US.



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Amelia Island in Florida is about 45 minutes from Jacksonville, Florida. Consistently named one of the top islands in the US by various travel publications such as *Travel + Leisure* and *Condé Nast Traveler*, Amelia Island is known for its 12 miles of beautiful beaches and abundant wildlife population, but also to golf courses and upscale spas. It also features tons of history, with a [50-block historic district](#) in Fernandina that's home to more than 400 buildings on the National Register of Historic Places and a full of charming boutiques, restaurants, and bars.

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The Best U.S. Islands: 2020 Readers' Choice Awards

The Best U.S. Islands: 2020 Readers' Choice Awards

Think you have to head to the Caribbean for an island getaway? Not necessarily. *Condé Nast Traveler* readers have called out their favorite U.S. islands, with winners from Hawaii to the Lonecountry (and even a northerner and midwesterner or two) this year. For our 33rd annual Readers' Choice Awards survey — yes, more than three decades — a record 600,000 registered voters weighed in. The impressive number of 2020 results were especially exciting for us. We're ever curious about where you go, what you loved, and who you went with. As you continue to travel, we continue to listen. Here are the U.S. islands that you loved most this year.



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9. Amelia Island, Fla.

Located just off the coast of northeast Florida, Amelia Island mixes the moss-draped romance of the South with the state's renowned beaches and wildlife. No fewer than eight different flags have graced her blue skies over the last half-century — the French, Spanish, and even Mexican Rebels have all staked their claim — resulting in an eclectic history, culture, and, of course, food.

Pro tip: Stay at one of the island's many storied bed and breakfasts, like [The Pines Bed & Breakfast](#), [Hawthorne Inn](#), or [Hawthorne Inn](#).

Getting there: Amelia Island is a 30-minute drive from Jacksonville International Airport (JAX).

Inside

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5 Socially Distant Baby-moon Destinations

JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE BEING PRECAUTIOUS DOESN'T MEAN YOU NEED TO SKIP YOUR BABYMOON ENTIRELY

With the coronavirus still in full swing, being whisked away to Bali or Italy for a luxurious baby-moon is not only unrealistic — but also a stark reminder of life as we once knew it to be. Because of recent spikes, many moms are taking extra precautions to protect their health, their baby bump, and their family when considering travel (if at all), making the options limited for where they travel.

But just because you're being precautionous doesn't mean you need to skip your baby-moon entirely! While of course you need to do what's best for you and your baby to stay healthy and happy during your pregnancy, if a vacation is what you need, a vacation is what you're going to get.

Of course, it's up to you if you feel uncomfortable traveling right now, but if you want to, here are a few destinations to help you strengthen your bond (and take a well-deserved break) with bae before your little one arrives.

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04 Amelia Island

Just off the coast of northeast Florida, sits a hidden gem that's an ideal destination for expecting parents looking to get off the grid for a last hoorah before the baby arrives. With 13 miles of uninterrupted beaches, pristine waters so blue you'll think you're in the Caribbean and lots of luxury resorts, you'll bask away in all its luxury. Sit back, relax and let daddy attend to your every need, while also enjoying prenatal massages at the spa of your choice or luxuriating by the pool.



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properties have already hosted several events from two dozen to 2,000 attendees safely and effectively.

All major hospitality brands have detailed health and safety protocols for their hotels, many of them branded like Hyatt's Global Care & Cleanliness Commitment, Marriott's Commitment to Clean, and Hilton's CleanStay.



Flavours: pre-baked buffet with individually portioned food, as part of the Hilton Experience with a sign that says "Individual portions"

Ever-creative hoteliers are taking things beyond the expected social distancing and mask requirements, however. They are finding smart and creative ways to help people gather, and many of them just may surprise you.

Some may prove so popular that they stick around for years to come. Here's how hotels are reinventing meetings, social functions, and weddings during Covid-19.



At a recent corporate event at the Fairmont Austin, color-coded bracelets indicate attendees' status

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Will Meetings And Events Ever Be The Same? 41 Clever Things Hotels Are Doing To Make Them Safe



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Now, instead of the usual event, the program is a hybrid of the meetings and the event

The meeting and wedding planning industries have been rocked during the Covid-19 pandemic, and they may continue to feel the effects for years to come. While online alternatives like Zoom will put a dent into the events business, many hotels are staying laser focused on recovery even if the path forward presents unusual challenges.

Over the past several months, hotels have proven they can conduct successful conferences and weddings while navigating local (and oft-changing) coronavirus safety guidelines.

David Sacco, director of event management for Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center near Denver, says there's pent-up demand, and Gaylord

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Weddings and meetings are back, but different

Wedding events are big business, although, these days, they look a bit different. Most have been rescheduled with a reduced head count and reorganized dining rooms and dance floors. Corporate and social functions are seeing changes, too, to keep guests from getting within six feet without a face covering.

At the start of any function at the Hyatt Regency Green Bay, the meeting planner or DJ reads a message from the hotel about the face covering requirement when social distancing cannot be observed, including on the dance floor.



Presenters and attendees wear masks while sitting six feet apart. These guidelines are part of the hotel's safety protocols.

Fairmont Austin recently hosted a successful bio-tech conference with assigned seating that grouped people based on common interests for improved networking. Assigned seats also kept people from using multiple seats and tables throughout the event.

The hotel also used a bracelet system to display peoples' confidence with being approached so guests know when to "elbow bump" or steer clear altogether. And a group-imposed nightly curfew discouraged post-dinner mingling outside of the event's regulated safety protocols.

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Hybrid and in-person meeting innovations

"The biggest trend we're seeing these days is in hybrid meetings, where some attendees join in person and others are looped in virtually," says Maggie Weaver, director of marketing for the Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa in Florida.

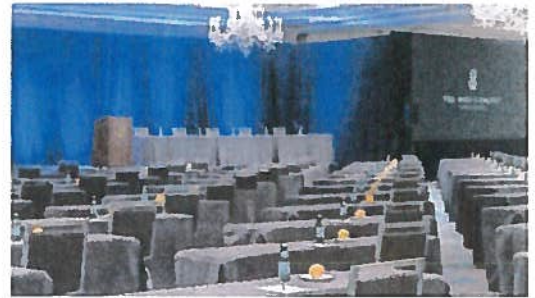
Big Sky Resort in Montana is launching its Hybrid Mountain Meetings program where guests can tune into events from their room while speakers broadcast live from the Yellowstone Convention Center. They still benefit from the opportunity to connect in smaller, in-person groups, like on the ski lift or by a fire pit, without being in a larger space at the same time.



Hybrid meetings allow attendees to connect virtually or in person, as at Big Sky Resort in Montana. Photo: Big Sky Resort

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Hyatt's hybrid meetings strategy includes the option for 360-degree panoramic cameras to give viewers the entire landscape experience as if they were there. Each Hyatt hotel around the world also has a hygiene and wellbeing leader on staff who oversees Covid-19 protocols.



Staggered seating in a meeting room at the Ritz-Carlton Amelia Island in Florida. Photo: The Ritz-Carlton Amelia Island

The **Ritz-Carlton Amelia Island** in Florida is staggering tables to guarantee six feet in all directions with one person per table in classroom setups. For social functions, it can organize an oceanfront balcony room for guests to participate in an outdoor event from the comfort of their balcony.

These clever ideas demonstrate the enthusiasm of hotel teams around the world to power through tumultuous times with a spirit of innovation in hopes of a speedy recovery.

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Photo: V. David Hines / Working and Learning Remotely - on a Florida Vacation



A Florida vacation is a great way to spend time with family and friends. Photo: V. David Hines / Working and Learning Remotely - on a Florida Vacation

Working and Learning Remotely - on a Florida Vacation

By Debra Colon

"So what you can do is what you have where you are."

- Theodore Roosevelt

It was supposed to be a vacation to remember. Along with their children, Chris and Lisa H. were to spend part of September 2020 in Germany and Austria.

But COVID-19 had other ideas.

"With Europe still largely closed down to Americans, we had to make a change in plans," Chris H. shares with his family in Austin, Texas, just outside of Washington, D.C.

Rather than cancel for the time being, he found a solution that worked for everyone: a Florida vacation. They spent two days at **Walt Disney World**, followed by a weeklong **Scholarship package at the Four Seasons Resort Orlando at Walt Disney World**.

"With their inability to work remotely, this means it was not for the average 'work from home' who works in software sales. So while some Max, Lisa, and Rachel H. had support and a few long sessions in the hotel building, Chris and Lisa lounged at the pool. Their two oldest children were away at college."

"This gave all of us the opportunity for a much-needed break from our home lives while not interfering with the studies," Chris said.

The Hinges aren't alone in needing a break. After spending the better part of 2020 hunched over their laptops at the kitchen table, many small business owners everywhere could use a change of scenery.

With countless offices shuttered due to COVID-19, many employees have been sent home to work remotely. But many "work from home" has become "work from anywhere." It's time for **remote working**.

Staff meetings are no longer a thing you're logging in from your laptop. And reacting, taking and implementing much more effectively when they're accompanied by fresh, rejuvenation and a few relaxing beach backgrounds.

This kind of work on display was ideal for Max and Rachel, taking their breaks, they played basketball and juggling. They spent the time for a lesson on the Florida State's golf course, and they found time to join Chris and Lisa at the pool for some fun in the hot tub and outdoor pool.

The super-odd duty schedule was great for the boys. Chris noted, "While they were unsure of what to expect, going to bed without their father until they would be home." The Hinges' family found nature along with their own of music, movies, and games, given Chris and Lisa plenty of time.

So while the last day's vacation didn't take their breath away, it did open up a whole new world of learning possibilities. The opportunity to work on the W. Florida vacation.

"With a working vacation, you're not traveling and living," Airbnb co-founder Brian Chesky told the *New York Times*. "Before the pandemic, you lived somewhere 50-60 weeks of the year, and if you were so fortunate, you'd go on your own vacation a year. Vacation time the pandemic is changing how people want to work, travel, and live."

Remote schools and work, and families from their homes. "People are doing differently and people want to live anywhere," Chesky said.

As the pandemic chips away at the top of a center working vacation in the Sunshine State is a strong sign the state, business and the world in middle in to find **vacation weather**. **Florida day days** offer endless opportunities for the fully distanced office worker and offer work fun. When you're ready for a great place to do work or school, consider one of these Florida getaways.



Florida's four-season resort offers a 15-day from Paradise program, features socially distanced study stations, a learning community to help with assignments, PE and mindfulness breaks and a special lunch menu. Photo: Four Seasons Resort Orlando

Hotels and Resorts: Amenities Make Work a Breeze

"Understand that this might be your own path to a sacred privilege. Use it. Direct it. Possess it." - Oprah Winfrey

There's nothing like a vacation to help you see the silver lining of this challenging time. If you're the one who can afford to stay in a fancy hotel, think again. With luxury amenities, many hotels and resorts are offering **deep discounts** to business travelers. Here's a sampling.

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Our Favorite Things: 99 of our top spots in the South

From classic BBQ to modern farm-to-table dining, here are 99 of our favorite spots in the South

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Since *Southbound* debuted in 2013, our staff and contributors have logged thousands of miles, consumed millions of calories, and taken countless notes and photos to showcase the very best destinations around the region. Although every place we've covered is special, some left a particularly powerful impression. Here, we give you the best of the very best, our favorite spots in the South.

Food & Drink

Dinner at Salt

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Salt

Amelia Island, Florida

This AAA Five Diamond restaurant at the Ritz Carlton, Amelia Island is helmed by chef Richard Laughlin, who has kept the restaurant at the top of its game since opening day twelve years ago. He incorporates more than forty varieties of salt on the coastal menu, including a sizzling 250-million-year-old Himalayan salt block upon which strips of beef tenderloin are cooked before diners' eyes.

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These Luxury Hotels Offer Certified Teachers to Help Your Kids Learn Remotely—While Enjoying Some Much-Needed Time Away

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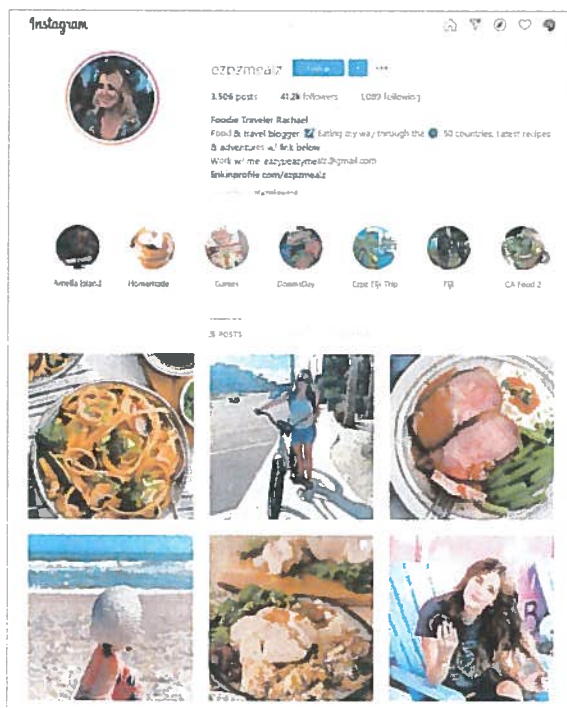
With students learning remotely, as [parents continue to work from home](#), the whole family may well be itching for a change of pace—or at the very least, a change of venue. The monotony of spending the work and school day at home is a challenge for everyone, but it also presents an opportunity to take work and school on the road. With five-star hotels creating [remote learning environments](#)—bringing in tutors, certified teachers, and specialists for after-school activities—children can experience a classroom unlike one they'd ever encounter at home. From a Four Seasons rooftop classroom to Spanish lessons at Montage Academy in Los Cabos, luxury hotels are offering the supervision of certified teachers, and a [chance for your children to engage with the world of travel](#) as an extracurricular activity. Here, the luxury hotels in the U.S. and abroad with certified teachers who can help your children with remote learning.

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, Florida

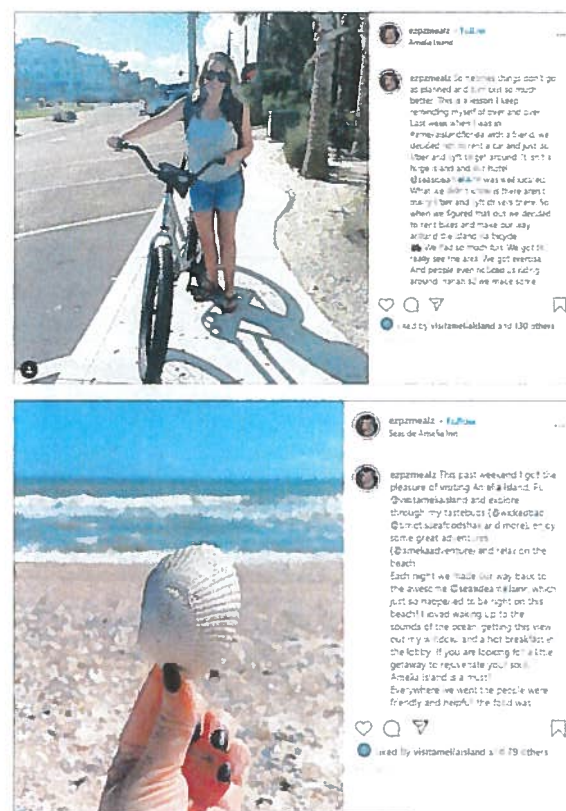
In response to the remote learning trend, [The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island](#), an [American Express Fine Hotels & Resorts](#) property, has set up on-site classrooms, such that kids can learn in an interactive but socially distanced space. They are also committed to bringing hands-on learning safely back into children's curriculum. To that end, they've recently partnered with the Reef Institute in West Palm Beach to offer kids a five-day, four-night [Ecology Field Trip Package](#). Led by a certified instructor from the Reef Institute, children will delve into the world of marine ecology and earth science, discovering the barrier island on which [The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island](#) is situated. From studying the coastal biosphere and unique water systems to kayaking and enjoying their time outdoors, the program is meant to inspire young scholars.

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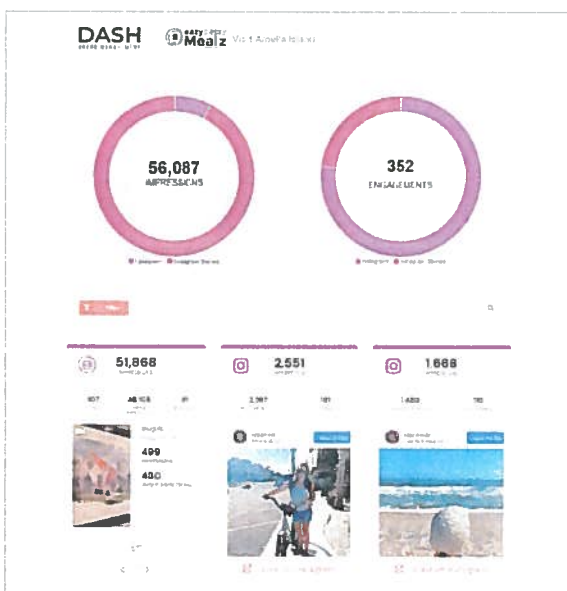




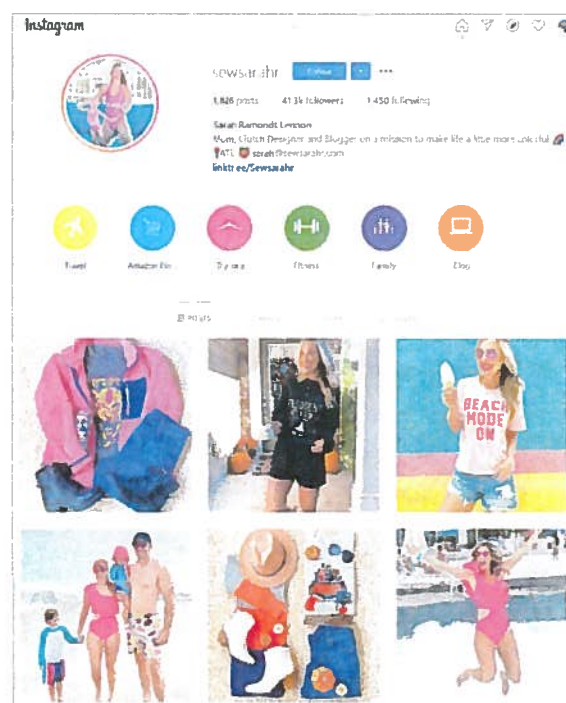
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The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island

Consistently recognized as one of the south's finest beachfront resorts, The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island invites guests to discover the joys of A&A Five Diamond luxury, sitting directly on a stunning stretch of barrier island beach. From the comfort of this private balcony

and luxurious room, guests are treated to breathtaking ocean and coastal views.

Renowned Cuisine

In March 2020, the resort unveiled a new all-day breakfast restaurant, L'Espresso, with a restaurant

Accommodations

Dedicated meeting planners, conference concierge, and an events coordinator assist with all the details. The talented culinary team works to create menus for casual and formal events. Meanwhile, group wellness experiences including yoga and mindful meditation, and audiovisual experts assist with lighting, communications, and more. The hotel features The Ritz-Carlton Ballroom with large foyer and an outdoor lawn with space for 1,410 meeting guests.

Guest Experiences

Team building experiences including bike tours, kayaking, fishing excursions, and dune conservation. While Salt Creek School offers lessons on capturing local birds.



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Amelia Island Named Top 10 U.S. Island by Condé Nast Traveler Readers

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AMELIA ISLAND Fla. (Oct. 6, 2020) – Amelia Island, Florida has once again found itself on familiar footing, ranked among the Top 10 U.S. Islands by the readers of Condé Nast Traveler magazine. More than 715,000 people voted in the publication's annual Readers' Choice Awards, putting Amelia Island in the 45th spot on a list of 29 other popular island destinations such as the Big Island, Nantucket, and Hilton Head. The Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards are the longest running and most prestigious recognition of excellence in the travel industry. The full list of winners can be found here.

"During these extraordinarily challenging times, avid travelers are spending a lot of time dreaming of their next great trip, and it's reassuring to know Amelia Island's charm and stellar reputation are keeping us top of mind – and top of list – as one of the best island destinations in the U.S.," said Gil Langley, president and CEO of the Amelia Island Convention and Visitors Bureau. "How more than ever, our hoteliers, restaurateurs, shopkeepers and other tourism partners have banded together and are working hard to provide an exceptional, top 10 travel experience for our devoted visitors."

Condé Nast Traveler announced the results of its Readers' Choice Awards today, Oct. 6, ranking the best hotels, resorts, cruises, islands, airlines, and cruise lines in the world.

"The results of this year's survey, conducted at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, are a testament to the lasting power of a meaningful travel experience," said Jesse Ashpazz, U.S. Editor of Condé Nast Traveler. "The winners represent the best of the best for our audience and offer plenty of trip-planning inspiration for all the adventures we can't wait to have next."

The 2020 Readers' Choice Awards are published on Condé Nast Traveler's website at www.cntraveler.com/cra and celebrated in the November issue of Condé Nast Traveler U.S. and U.K. print editions.

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About Amelia Island

Northeast Florida's coastal treasure, Amelia Island is a barrier island rich in colorful history and breath-taking natural beauty. Amelia Island offers long, beautiful beaches, abundant wildlife, and pristine waters. Upscale resorts, with world-class spas, championship golf and exclusive dining blend effortlessly with a captivating collection of bed and breakfast inns and historic districts. The island is home to Fernandina Beach, once a vibrant Victorian seaport village, and now a charming downtown district of eclectic shops, attractions, and eateries. Forget the everyday grind; come make memories on Amelia Island. For visitor information and online planning, visit AmeliaIsland.com.

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Things To Do

5 Ways To Explore This Charming Florida Island For The Perfect Tropical Getaway

A secluded barrier island you can explore tons of different ways!

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Florida's barrier islands hold much of the state's beauty, with pristine sands, unparalleled views, and feeling being on a far away, tropical place without actually leaving the state. If you love island hopping in the Sunshine State or are just looking for a new place to wander, Amelia Island in Florida is a must-add to your travel bucket list.

This barrier island can be found on Florida's northeast coast, with 14 miles of gorgeous beaches, wildlife encounters, and some truly unique ways to explore the area.

Whether by land, sea, or a crazy combination of both, there's always something to do at Amelia Island.

Explore the culture of this historic place through the food, the drinks, and gorgeous architecture. From picturesque streets, you can wander down to the beach, and might even catch a glimpse of sea turtles and find stunning shells and shark teeth.

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Why You Need To Go: Explore Amelia Island by water in a whole new way — by hydro bike! You can cycle down Amelia River, catch incredible views of the sunset, and even work up a good sweat on your way.

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By the beach

Address: Fernandina Beach, Amelia Island



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An Ecology Field Trip exploring our Atlantic Ocean Barrier Island is a perfect enhancement to your remote learning lesson plans this fall!

The @visitamelialand has partnered with the prestigious Reef Institute to offer a five day, four night Barrier Island Ecology Field Trip Package. This program offers an engaging, instructor-led experience for school-age children designed to complement earth-science studies and foster a passion for both marine ecology and biology.

Activities include:

- Exploration of the native dune ecosystem
- Kayak and boat excursions to sample and study complex water systems and estuaries
- Microscopic analysis of sand dwellers and coastal biotopes
- Migratory species habitats, including Atlantic Right Whales calving and sea turtle nests
- Mapping studies to understand wave systems and the important role of barrier islands such as Amelia Island

Designed for families or small groups of families who wish to travel together, the Barrier Island Ecology Field Trip Package is a five-day, four-night offering.

For more information or to reserve this package, please email jacqui@visitamelialand.com or visit the link in our bio for more details!

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Why You Need To Go: Besides enjoying the untouched sands of Amelia Island's gorgeous beaches, you'll even have a pretty good chance at spotting sea turtles if you come during the right season. During the rest of the year, you can scope out the sands of colorful shells and even prehistoric shark teeth.

[Website](#)

Happy island adventuring!

Before you get going, check our Responsible Travel Guide so you can be informed, be safe, be smart, and most of all, be respectful in your trip.

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Quick Trips!

Amelia Island Is a Best Island in the Continental United States

A coastal treasure of Northeast Florida, Amelia Island has once again found itself on *Travel + Leisure* magazine's Best Islands in the Continental United States list, moving up two spots from last year. The popular travel magazine's 25th annual World's Best Awards reader survey put Amelia Island at No. 6 on the list, topping other Florida islands. The World's Best Awards program is run by *Travel + Leisure* and based on an annual reader survey. [AmeliaIsland.com](https://www.ameliainland.com)



Amelia Island ranks #6 on Best Islands in Continental United States list
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Travel Savings Alerts Newsletter, October 2020 Issue

More destinations are opening but COVID-19 is still spreading. "Social Distancing" is our new mantra. Wear masks in public and stay healthy. We continue relevant travel advice, virtual escapes and travel deals and discounts. Let our content serve as inspiration for future travel.

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As fall arrives, take advantage of seasonal specials at Amelia Island vacations [spring](#) in Northeast Florida. Amelia Island offers seasonal specials to greet fall.

Resorts, hotels, inns, bed & breakfasts, motels, and rentals all across Amelia Island offer packages, deals and discounts that range from 10 percent off stays to 50 percent off a second night stay when booked using a special code. Learn more about these [specials](#) and other [holiday offers](#) [get here](#).

Miles of uncrowded beaches, warm Florida days, natural beauty, and a slower pace make this barrier island a good place for a change of scenery. Many of Amelia's top-rated hotels, inns and resorts have deals and discounts that are hard to resist.

Hungry visitors will find Amelia Island's restaurants are open and ready to serve for dine in, on the patio, or to-go.

With ample room to spread out and explore, Amelia Island is known for outdoor adventure. A free phone app allows you to explore the island on your own.

Amelia Island is a barrier and offers beaches, wildlife, and pristine waters.

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Top 15 of the most beautiful places to visit in Florida

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A place seen by many as the ultimate laid back paradise, America's Sunshine State is home to sprawling stretches of fine white powder beaches, dense areas of mangroves, wild wetlands, bohemian enclaves, party cities seemingly made for spring break, wild surf beaches, a truly beautiful string of tropical islands and some of the most spectacular sunsets on the planet. It's a very hard place to choose but we've managed to narrow down 15 of the best and most beautiful places to visit in Florida, USA.

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Amelia Island – an enchanting coastal escape and one of the most beautiful places to visit in Florida



Named after Princess Amelia of the United Kingdom, Amelia Island lies in Nassau county of Florida. An island full of pristine beaches and historic sites, this captivating seaport village was once a ground for pirates. Along the island lies the hidden gem of Florida's coast, the **Fernandina Beach**. Downtown Fernandina Beach offers unique shopping experience with excellent restaurants. The quaint charm and clear waters let you embrace the wonders of nature. Besides, Amelia Island is the only place in America that flows eight different flags.



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5 Socially Distant Babymoon Destinations

With the coronavirus still in full swing, being whisked away to Bali or Italy for a luxurious babymoon is not only unrealistic but also a stark reminder of life as we once knew it to be. Because of recent spikes, many moms are taking extra precautions to protect their health, their baby bump, and their family when considering travel (if at all), making the options limited for where they travel.

But just because you're being cautious doesn't mean you need to skip your babymoon entirely! While of course you need to do what's best for you and your baby to stay healthy and happy during your pregnancy if a vacation is what you need, a vacation is what you're going to get.

Of course, it's up to you if you feel uncomfortable traveling right now, but if you want to, here are a few destinations to help you strengthen your bond (and take a well deserved break!) with bae before your little one arrives.

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Just off the coast of northeast Florida, sits a hidden gem that's an ideal destination for expecting parents looking to get off the grid for a last hoorah before the baby arrives. With 13 miles of uninterrupted beaches, pristine waters so blue you'll think you're in the Caribbean and lots of luxury resorts, you'll hunk away in all its luxury. Sit back, relax and let daddy attend to your every need, while also enjoying prenatal massages at the spa of your choice or luxuriating by the pool.



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16 Top Romantic Getaways in Florida

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While *Virginia may be for lovers* and Louisiana may be the state you fall in love with all over again, Florida is the Sunshine State – and it features vacation spots that appeal to every kind of couple. Nostalgic duos can channel their younger selves at Central Florida's theme parks, lovebirds seeking privacy can soak up some sun on desolate stretches of sand and history buffs can stroll hand in hand through charming small towns.

With so many cities, towns, islands and accommodation options to choose from, finding the right place in Florida to rekindle your love may seem daunting. To help you decide which locales to prioritize, U.S. News rounded up Florida's most romantic vacation spots. Whether you want to stay on the coast or head inland, you and your sweetheart will enjoy reconnecting in these dreamy destinations.

Romantic Getaways in Florida:

Amelia Island

Florida is home to a number of islands, but few are as endearing as [Amelia Island](#). Located less than 34 miles north of [Jacksonville](#), this northeastern Florida island draws twosomes in search of desolate beaches, lush vegetation and leisurely activities. Duos will instantly feel worlds away from reality as they walk beneath the Spanish moss-covered trees that help transform this island into a relaxing oasis. What's more, the destination's 13 miles of beaches, which feature soft Appalachian quartz sand, add to its postcard-worthy allure.

Couples can familiarize themselves with the island by renting bikes from a reputable outfitter like SuperCorta Cycles to use on its miles of winding coastal paths. Trails for everyone from beginners to advanced cyclists travel to numerous locations across the island, though the 6-mile-long route through Fort Clinch State Park is particularly popular. When lovebirds need a break from biking through the park, they can explore Civil War era Fort Clinch or look for seashells and shark teeth at its beach. Twosomes can also opt to spend a few hours hitting the links at one of Amelia Island's five world-renowned golf courses or head to Peters Point Beach Front Park to watch the sun set while dining horses.

For those who'd rather pamper themselves during their vacation, Amelia Island offers a variety of luxurious amenities, too, many of which can be found at the island's top hotels. Bed down at [The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island](#) for access to a spa with sea-inspired treatments, multiple pools with private cabanas (fees apply), an oceanfront tennis court, a AAA Five Diamond-awarded restaurant and accommodations featuring romantic touches like terraces with fire tables and plush bathrobes. Or, stay at [Omni Amelia Island Resort](#), a 1,350-acre property that boasts an adults-only infinity pool, a spa, a steakhouse and 402 guest rooms with ocean-facing balconies or patios.

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Get a grand view of Amelia Island and the southeastern coastline by jumping out of an airplane at 12,000 feet. Skydive Amelia Island operates on weekends throughout the winter from the island's historic Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport. All jumps are tandem with a certified instructor strapped to you from ascent to landing. After reaching altitude, you and the instructor free fall together for an exhilarating half-minute or so before the chute opens at around 5,000 feet. Then you float to the ground while taking in a stunning vista of the Atlantic Ocean and the southern barrier islands from Cumberland Island to the north and Big Talbot and Little Talbot islands to the south before setting down in the landing field. COVID-19 protocols include regular screening of staff members and no more than two skydive passengers at a time in the aircraft. The company boasts an accident-free safety record since its founding in 1998. ([Skydive Amelia Island, \\$199 and up, 3243 Bailey Road, Fernandina Beach, Florida. 904-718-4648, \[skydiveameliaisland.com\]\(http://skydiveameliaisland.com\)](#))

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Gotta Get Away: Outdoor Adventure

By Blake Guthrie, For the AJC

Quail hunting, snowshoeing and a nighttime paddle through the bayou help beat the pandemic blues

As the effects COVID-19 linger on, nature lovers continue gravitating to outdoor adventures as one of the safer activities we can engage in these days. Those who have spent the last few months enjoying warm weather activities like kayaking and mountain biking are looking at ways to continue the fun in winter. And people who have never considered it before are exploring pursuits such as quail hunting, skydiving and snowshoeing. Now is the time to bundle up and go.

Skydiving over a landscape with a person in the foreground.

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Gotta Get Away: Escape the pandemic blues with a road trip

FYI: H.M. Gaudy, For the AJC

Motor your way to a drive-in live theater, an 1820s stagecoach stop and the Shrimp Drop

Whether it's a desire for holiday travel or just an unescapable urge to get out of town, winter travelers have plenty of options close to home. There's plenty new to explore within 500 miles of Atlanta. Chefs are launching restaurants, attractions are opening and some favorite seasonal traditions are getting a new twist. And it's the only time of the year when nature lovers will find flocks of birds landing in South Carolina. Load up the car or camper for a winter adventure.

Upshot in 2021 with the Goodbye and Good Night. 2020. Shrimp Drop: Extreme form of live performance. Courtesy of Southern Shrimp.

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The Value Of Tourism

Amelia Island TDC Offers Insights On Importance Of Industry

By [David Langley](#) on [July 1, 2019](#)

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A newly released study commissioned by the Amelia Island Tourist Development Council (AITDC) makes it pretty clear just how important tourism is to the destination.

The study show that in 2019, visitor activities on Amelia Island generated almost \$600 million in total economic impact.

Nearly 1.5 million visitors generated \$676 million in direct spending in Nassau County in 2019, the 10th straight year of economic growth.

The 2019 Value of Visitors Report was compiled by renowned Tallahassee-based Dotson & St. Germain Research. Compared to 2017, the study revealed a 3.9% increase in visitation, an 8.5% increase in direct spending, and an 8.3% increase in total economic impact. The 72-page report is done annually, summarizing the profound impact visitors have on the economy, government, and citizens of Nassau County.

Gel Langley, president and CEO of the Amelia Island Convention and Visitors Bureau (AICVB), said, "In the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic, this study underscores the importance of tourism to Nassau County. Since last March, thousands of hospitality workers have lost jobs, businesses are struggling, and tax revenues are significantly down."

Langley added, "This report clearly demonstrates what is possible when the tourism industry rebounds and again serves as the economic engine of Nassau County."

According to the research, from 2000 to 2019, the number of annual visitors has almost doubled, whereas the amount of visitor spending has increased 255%, a clear indication the AICVB has been successful in its efforts to increase visitation by building a sustainable tourism industry.

Langley observed, "Importantly, this study demonstrates we can enjoy record visitation while pursuing a sustainable tourism model. Our goal is to implement a marketing plan that results in long-term visitation while maximizing economic and cultural benefits."

Highlights of the report include:

- Visitors accounted for more than 35% of all retail sales in the county, without which many of the island's favorite restaurants, shops, and other businesses would likely not exist. Visitors to Amelia Island also accounted for 35.2% of all expenditures in Nassau, meaning the county's economic health could decline by more than one third without visitor spending.
- In 2019, 14,334 local jobs were attributed to direct spending from visitors, which conservatively translates into one job for every 102 visitors. Put in perspective, this means nearly 25% of all jobs in Nassau County are directly attributable to tourism on Amelia Island, making it the county's top industry.
- Nassau County's economy is more than one and a half times as dependent on tourism as the economy of Florida—a state which draws more than 120 million annual visitors and in which 16% of the employment is in the leisure and hospitality sector.
- Comparatively speaking, more than two times as much of the labor force in Nassau County is employed in tourism when compared to the labor force of the State of Florida and when compared to the entire US labor force.
- Visitors to Amelia Island paid 38.3% of all local and state taxes in Nassau County in 2019, and accounted for 35.2% of all taxable sales. In sum, visitation generated 36.7% of all far revenue for Nassau County government or over \$84 million.
- The revenue generated by visitors (\$84.2M) far outweighs the cost of providing services and infrastructure to those visitors (\$30,503,252), resulting in a net positive impact of nearly \$54 million (\$53,701,348) for Nassau County government.
- Without the revenue generated by visitors, each Nassau County household would have had to pay an additional \$1,719 in taxes to receive the same level of services from county government. When factoring in state sales taxes paid by visitors to Amelia Island, visitors saved each county household nearly \$4,445 in all local and state taxes paid to Nassau County government and the Nassau County Public School District, a nearly 31% increase in tax savings compared to 2017.
- Every \$1.00 invested in tourism marketing in 2019 generated \$6.98 for the Nassau County School System (up from \$4.10 in 2017), \$22.26 for Nassau County government (up from \$12.33 in 2017), and \$150 in visitor spending (up from \$105 in 2017).

Go to [www.AmeliaIslandTDC.com](#) or [www.AmeliaIsland.com](#) for more.

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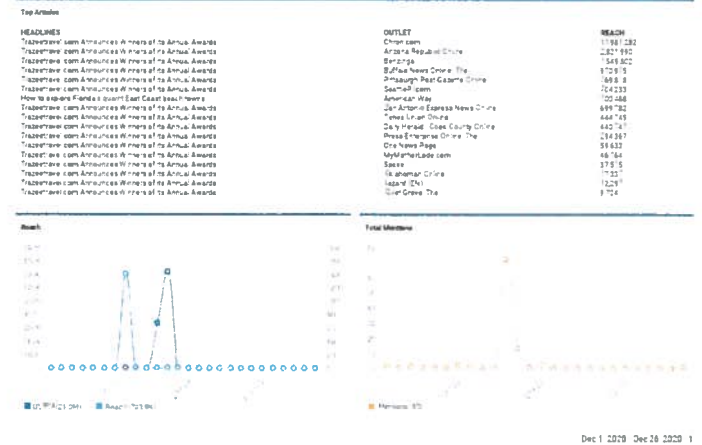
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Trazeetravel.com Announces Winners of its Annual Awards

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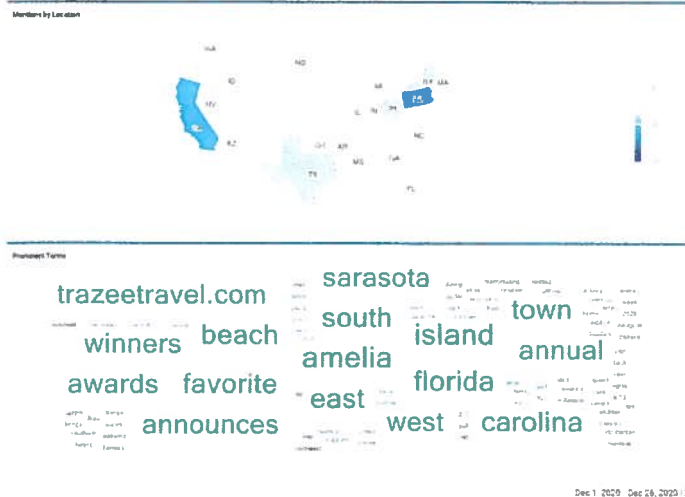
Trazeetravel.com, the web publication aimed at travelers aged 25-40 and part of the Express Publications, Inc. family of publications, which includes Global Traveler and whereverfamily.com, announces the annual winners of The Traveez. This is the sixth year for the web publication's awards, following its launch in September 2014.

Trazeetravel.com is aimed at travelers aged 25-40, designed and created by the same demographic. Updated daily, Trazeetravel delivers fresh content on a range of travel trends, products, tips and reviews. Original features include Top 5, a list of the best five things to see or do in a given destination, and Under \$100, with information on how to see a select destination for less than \$100 per day.

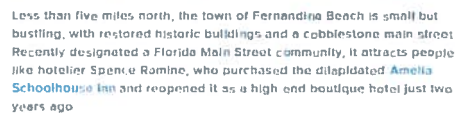
"Congratulations to the winners of the 2020 The Traveez – what an illustrious bunch! For six years, trazeetravel.com has served as the source for millennial travelers, and that discerning group seeks out only the best," said Kimberly Krol Inlander, editor in chief. "And the best of the best are the winners listed below, a list we are honored to unveil, especially in an unprecedented year for the travel industry."

We asked, and our readers answered. Reader votes for the best in travel across a range of categories were collected December 2019 – September 2020. The winners will be announced on trazeetravel.com Dec. 14 and are also available in the December issue of Global Traveler, available now. The winners will also be honored in a virtual awards event at trazeetravel.com on Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. EST.

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Visit the Old Town and waterfront park, including The Captain's House - also known as Pico Longstocking's home featured in the film of the pig-tailed ginger's adventures! If you dig graverobbers, **Bequeath Old Cemetery**, which has the beautiful woods, is nearby in the Old Town with super old tombstones made from tabby oyster shells, dating to the 1700s, beautifully carved! I might add:

Get out on the water: take a tour boat out of the harbor to learn of Amelia's pirate and plundering days, to today's shopping and fishing heritage. Amelia River Cruisers and Charters go out daily, see the wild houses on Cumberland Island, manatees, dolphins, eagles, and view the Fort and Amelia lighthouse from the water.

Eat Amelia! Fernandina is known for its fresh local seafood, so you must dive in. In fact they host an annual Shrimp Fest every May. Be "fishin'" to taste your way around the eclectic restaurants in Fernandina and Amelia, indulge in indigenous oysters, shrimp, freshly caught grouper, croaker, halibut, flounder, served with southern flair and spice. See our faves below!

Our next adventure to Amelia: we go on to take the Historic Fall Tour to learn more fascinating facts and fun legends of pirates, cakemans, millstones, and shrimpers that settled here. We also view to play some of the old golf at Amelia's one and only course in Ritz Carlton and Omni, spend more P&R time at the beautiful sand beaches, and take more of the scenic paths around the island.

Where to Dine on Amelia

Fernandina Beach Downtown Restaurant

Salty Pelican on Front Street is THE place! Head to the top deck overlooking the water for an ICW view of the yachts coming and going, the occasional fire in passing through the shakes the fire cubes in your cocktails, and spectacular sunsets. Happy hour daily deals are fabulous, and the people are fun at the Pelican. The roasted oysters with bacon and blue cheese - yes please! Just by The Seaboard Pier - oh my - loaded with lobster, shrimp, crab - spicy, fabulous and filling topped with BBQ flaky pastry! If you went fishing today, we are about The Pelican's "you hook it, we cook it!" Chef's choice, Casual, scenic, fun & yum!

Emelia for authentic Portuguese Spanish flavors! Sitting in their beautiful backyard courtyard under heat lamps is heavenly. Savor tastes of calamari and shrimp paired with house-made samosa, and the best potato bravas I've tasted outside of Emilia! Superb Paula, and fresh catch seafood served creatively.

For Drinks

PJO's Wine & Beer Garden often rocks with live music and roasts in a cool garden patio bar.

Palace Saloon on Centre Street is Florida's oldest operating saloon, since 1903. Its loaded with character, artifacts and pirate swag, in an old brick corner stone haberdashery. Palace also sells specialty wines by the bottle to go.

Salt Life Food Shark on Fernandina Beach offers Atlantic views and a healthy vibe at the Main Beach area. Enjoy drinks and apps at this salty seaside hangout.

The Sandbar on Amelia is perfectly named, right on the sand of Main Beach, serving casual seafood fare and a daily happy hour with unbelievable Atlantic views!

POGOY's Kitchen (also at Island) is a modern chic restaurant serving delicious southern fare with a flare. Shrimp, catfish, the crab soup, delicious seafood entrees and fresh made pasta, sandwiches. "Southern" means like your southern town would make it, if she'd gave to culinary school.

Where to Stay on Amelia Island

In Town in Fernandina

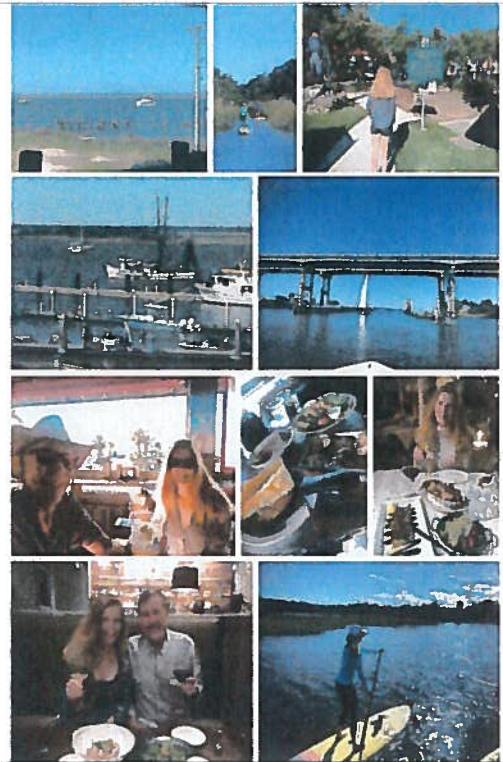
The Hampton Inn and Suites at Amelia Island in Fernandina Beach is a modern, convenient property just steps to everything. Ask for a 3rd or 4th floor room with a view of the ICW, the marina, and sunsets. Complimentary breakfast is served on the 2nd floor where you will also find an outdoor waterfront pool at the 11th hole.

The 1899 Train House is the state's oldest operating hotel, since 1897, built by David Yates. This charming Victorian inn with historic back to a rooming parlor (one on 2nd floor) Yates was Florida's first state railroad visionary, see his replica at the 1899 Train Depot by the water front.

Down Island Resorts

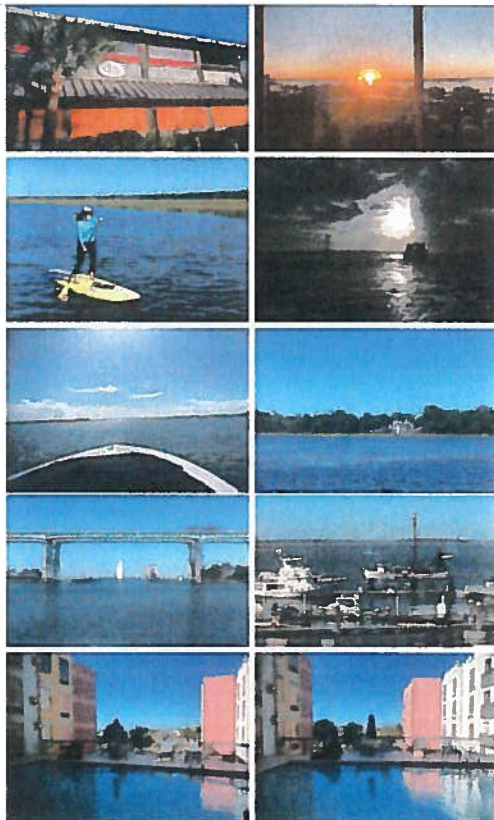
Omni Amelia Island Plantation on beautiful 14,000-acre road offers a new golf, spa and beach resort on 1,300 acres including private beach access, and 36 holes of championship golf on the southeast tip of Amelia Island, nine miles to town.

Ritz Carlton Amelia Island is mid-island on the eastern beach side six miles to Fernandina, with luxury accommodations, spa, indoor and outdoor pools, ocean and beach access, and golf among its 5-star resort amenities.

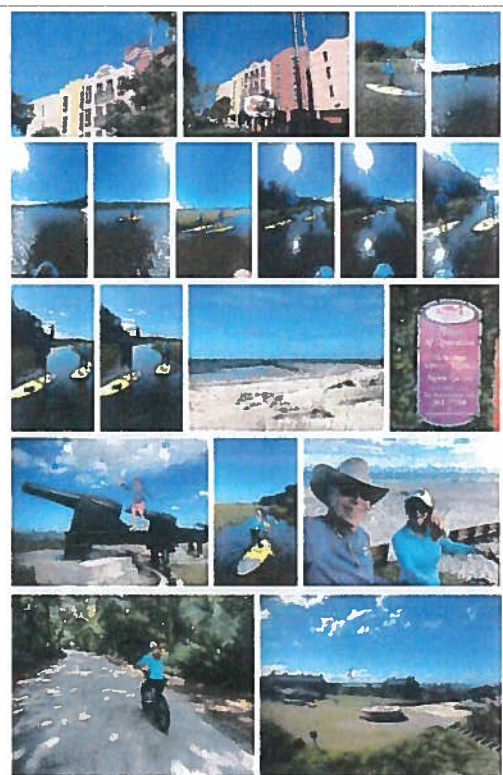


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