



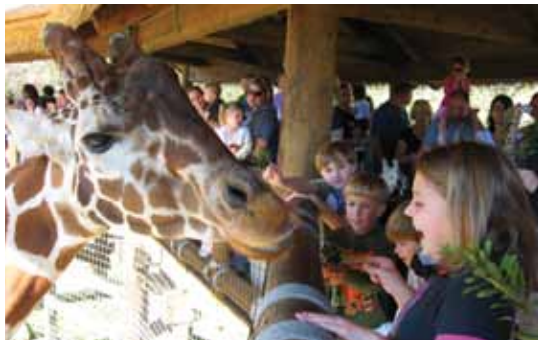
## Jax Facts

Jacksonville, perfectly positioned along the Atlantic Ocean in Northeast Florida is a natural paradise for visitors. Whether you are looking to discover the undiscovered, ignite romance, reconnect with family or be inspired by the city's cultural offerings, unique cuisine or vivid sunrises, anything is possible in Jacksonville. The "River City by the Sea", boasts over 20 miles of wide and un-crowded beaches, close to 40 miles of the tranquil Intracoastal Waterway canal and the longest stretch of the beautiful St. Johns River, Jacksonville is a boater's dream-come-true. Back on land, Jacksonville is home to the largest urban park system in the nation with 10 state and national parks ready to be explored, as well as a thriving cuisine and craft-beer scene and a fun and cosmopolitan nightlife that stretches from the beautiful Beaches all the way to the historic Riverside neighborhood and Downtown.

### Things to do in Jacksonville:

- Jacksonville is a **Natural Water Wonderland** with more than 22 miles of white-sandy beaches, a riverfront Downtown and 40 miles of the Intracoastal Waterway running through our vibrant city. Visitors can go fishing, surfing, cruising and boating in our "River City by the Sea."
- With over 80,000 acres of parks, including the 46,000-acre Timucuan Ecological and Historical Preserve, Jacksonville boasts the **largest urban park system** in the country. We are the City of Parks and the perfect destination for your next eco-adventure!
- Forbes Magazine named Jacksonville number 9 on their list of **Top Shopping Destinations** in America. Take a trip out to the St. Johns Town Center, The Avenues Mall or find boutiques in Five Points, Avondale, San Marco or the Beaches. Just down I-95 near St. Augustine you can find the Premium Outlets, as well.
- Jacksonville is one of the **Top 25 Cities for Art** in the nation. We have a Symphony, a Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), a Museum of Science and History (MOSH), the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, a Broadway Series and the **oldest continuously operating community theater** in the country, Theatre Jacksonville.
- Northeast Florida is home to over **70 golf courses**, the World Golf Hall of Fame, PGA Tour Headquarters and THE PLAYERS Championship. Be sure to book your rounds!
- The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, founded in 1914, began its animal collection with one red deer fawn. Today, the Zoo is home to more than 3,000 exotic animal and plant species and it is one of the **Top 9 Animal Attractions** in the nation.
- **Southern Comfort Food:** Jacksonville's dining scene is an eclectic hybrid of inspired casual elegance and classic southern comfort. The city's young and talented new wave of chefs have reinvented the region's best local flavors and dishes to create a whole new breed of Southern restaurants infused with modern flavors and textures. Visit the new "King Street Food & Beer District" in Jacksonville's historic Riverside district. On King Street, there are now 11 locally owned and operated restaurants and bars and two craft breweries offering organic, local and sustainable options that give this strip new life and flavors.
- Jacksonville is one athletic town, from football, to golf, to basketball and anything outdoors, our great weather, modern facilities and excited crowds make for the ideal destination for sporting events. No matter what time of year, something is going on!

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## Top Attractions

- Alhambra Dinner Theatre
- Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens
- Little Talbot Island State Park
- Anheuser-Busch Brewery
- River Cruises
- Museum of Science & History(MOSH)
- Alexander Brest Planetarium
- Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra
- Kingsley Plantation
- Cummer Museum of Arts & Gardens
- The Beaches – Jacksonville, Atlantic & Neptune
- Atlantic Beach Town Center
- Veterans Memorial Wall
- Timucuan Ecological & Historical Preserve
- Fort Caroline National Memorial
- The Jacksonville Landing
- Museum of Southern History
- Jacksonville Fire Museum
- Ritz Theatre & Museum
- Tree Hill Nature Center
- The Broadway Artist Series
- Walking Tour of Jax
- Tour of Jacksonville, St. Augustine or Amelia Island
- Deep Sea Fishing
- Jacksonville Jaguars Games
- Dolphin Watch
- Bird Watching
- Shelling on the Beach

## fun facts about Jax

- At 840 square miles, Jacksonville is the **largest city** in the continental United States.
- Jacksonville was known as the “**Winter Film Capital of the World**” during the silent-film era, with more than 300 silent movies made here in the early 1900s. The first-ever Technicolor film, *The Gulf Between*, was filmed in Jacksonville in 1917.
- Jacksonville has **Florida's youngest population**.
- JAXPORT, Jacksonville's port, is one of the **largest commercial cargo ports** on the Atlantic Coast; it is also home to Carnival Cruise Lines since 2004.
- The Florida Theatre, one of the last remaining high-style movie palaces in Florida, was home to one of **Elvis Presley's first indoor concerts** in 1956. A local judge sat through the performance to ensure Elvis' moves would not become too suggestive.
- Singers Pat Boone and Rita Coolidge were both born and raised in Jacksonville. Other music stars with Jacksonville connections are famed **Southern Rockers Lynyrd Skynyrd** and The Allman Brothers Band as well as .38 Special, Molly Hatchet, JJ Grey & Mofro and modern rockers Lymp Biskit and Yellowcard.
- In the early 1900s, The Ostrich Farm, located on what is today's Southbank in downtown, was one of Florida's biggest tourist draws.
- Memorial Park and the Olmsted Garden at the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, were designed by The Olmsted Brothers, the same firm that designed Central Park in NYC.



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