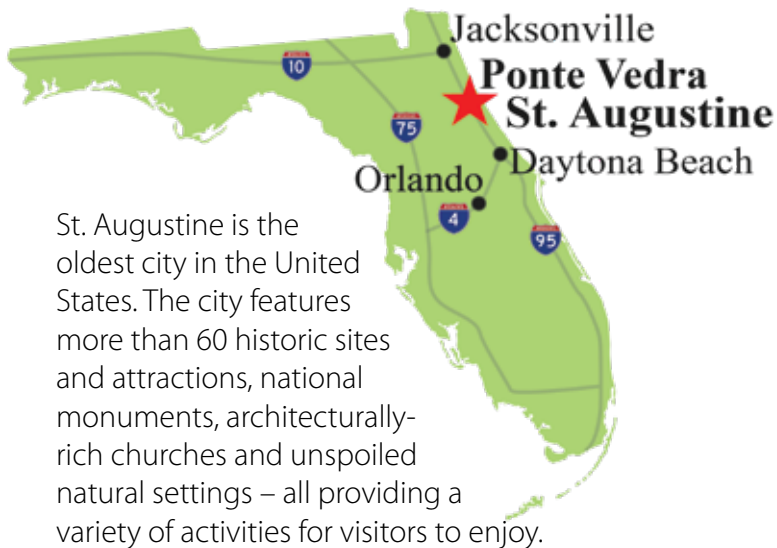# Make the Oldest City Your First Florida Stop...

ST. AUGUSTINE PONTE VEDRA
FLORIDA'S HISTORIC COAST®

In 1565, Spanish colonists found our bay to be the perfect place to stop and establish what would become the oldest city in the United States. Today, it is still the perfect stop for over 450 years of history along with world-class dining, shopping, arts and entertainment.

The Castillo de San Marcos National Monument. Located in historic, downtown St. Augustine.

Photo: James Caldwell

St. Augustine is the oldest city in the United States. The city features more than 60 historic sites and attractions, national monuments, architecturally-rich churches and unspoiled natural settings – all providing a variety of activities for visitors to enjoy.

Ponte Vedra Beach is home to the PGA TOUR, world-class golf and tennis facilities, award-winning spas, an abundance of boutique shopping and the finest collection of recreational and social amenities available. Forty-two miles of unspoiled beaches make this northeast Florida area one of the Sunshine State's most popular meeting and vacation destinations.

With more than four centuries of colorful local history to draw from, the unique theme attractions and historical sites in St. Augustine bring the history and romance of the Old City to life. Complementing the historically-themed attractions are contemporary adventures ancient explorers never imagined, including wildlife parks and golf history.

The visitor experience on Florida's Historic Coast has been recognized as among the best by national media including:

TripstoDiscover.com – #3 among the Friendliest Cities to Visit in Florida

The Active Times – Among the Best Coastal Towns in America

MSN.com – #7 spot for The Prettiest Beach Town in 30 Beachy States

USA Today – Named a Best Historic Small Town by popular vote

Southern Living Magazine – #3 Best Small Town in the South and #1 Best Food Town in the South

MSN.com – #2 on the list of "The 25 Most Charming Towns in America

Huffington Post – #2 on 14 US Cities with a European Vibe

Conde Nast Traveler – One of the Most Beautiful Towns in America

Thrillist – St. George Street among the Most Stylish Streets in America

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St. Augustine and the surrounding area is home to some of the best beaches in Florida - more than 42 miles of them.

DINING - MOTORCOACH FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS

Florida's Historic Coast is fast becoming known for its flavorful events, unique restaurants and talented chefs. Along with year-round fresh seafood and locally grown produce, the cultural influences of over 450 years of history - Spanish, Greek, Minorcan, British and French - combine with traditional southern cuisine to make St. Augustine and Ponte Vedra Beach a "must do" for food fans. Contact Evelyn for more details.

ACCOMMODATIONS

St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra & The Beaches has more than 7,000 accommodation units. There's something for every taste and budget. Lodging options range from world-famous, luxurious seaside resorts, popular franchise hotels, vacation rentals and condominiums. Contact Evelyn for more details.

SAMPLE ITINERARY*
3 DAYS - 2 NIGHTS

❖ **DAY ONE** ❖

• Dinner catered or local group-friendly restaurant and the "Lives & Wives of Henry Flagler" play

❖ **DAY TWO** ❖

• Breakfast at hotel

• Walking tour of Historic St. Augustine or Board a train/trolley for a St. Augustine Tour or Crazy Ida Alice step-on tour

• Lunch at local group-friendly restaurant or on own

• Tour San Sebastian Winery for a tasting

• Tour Whetstone Chocolate Factory

• Black History Tour aboard a train or trolley then the "Journey 450 years of the African American Experience" Movie & Lunch

• Back to Hotel or free time on St. George Street

• Dinner at a group-friendly restaurant then a Ghost Tour aboard a trolley/train (year round) or a Nights of Lights tour (Nov-Jan)

❖ **DAY THREE** ❖

• Breakfast at hotel

• Enjoy the Lightner Museum's eclectic collections

• Experience the Legacy Tour of Flagler College

• Lunch and don't forget to go to Fountain of Youth for that water before departing

*ASK ABOUT OTHER THEMED ITINERARIES...

❖ **Space, Speed & History!** ❖

❖ **Charleston, Savannah & St. Augustine** ❖

❖ **Black History Tours** ❖

❖ **Be a Minorcan for the day!** ❖

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN PARKING FACILITY

St. Augustine's Historic Downtown Parking Facility is ready to welcome your motorcoach or bus. Located just off US 1 on West Castillo Drive, motorcoaches and buses access the Nation's Oldest City with ease in a bus-friendly traffic flow.

For more information about the facilities visit www.citystaug.com/502/Downtown-Parking-Garage

NIGHTS OF LIGHTS

Discover Nights of Lights... www.NightsofLights.com
A National Geographic "Top 10 place to see holiday lights!"

Visit www.FloridasHistoricCoast.com/events for our Annual Calendar of Events

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