



## DAY 1

### MORNING

#### *Castillo de San Marcos and Breakfast*

##### **Backstory**

The Castillo de San Marcos and Fort Matanzas are the only two fortifications in the world built out of a semi-rare form of limestone called coquina. Castillo de San Marcos is also the oldest masonry fort in the United States, completed in 1695.

##### **Experience**

###### **Castillo de San Marcos**

Take a self-guided tour through the National Park Monument.

1 S Castillo Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32084

(904) 829-6506 | [www.nps.gov/casa/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/casa/index.htm)

###### **Historic Weapons Demonstrations**

Watch Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at the Castillo as park rangers and reenactors in period dress give historical weapons demonstrations, as well as presentations on the life and experiences of the Spanish soldiers stationed in St. Augustine in the 1740s.

##### **Eats**

###### **Schmagel's Bagels**

*Known for the "Best Breakfast in Town".*

69 Hypolita Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084

(904) 824-4444

## AFTERNOON

### *Exploring and Lunch*

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#### **Backstory**

Observe iconic Living History in the heart of the historic district on popular St. George Street, the birthplace of Christianity in America, and the legendary Fountain of Youth. Reenactments and exhibits take visitors through four centuries of everyday life. Venues also host concerts regularly, including St. Augustine's Sing Out Loud festival.

#### **Experience**

##### **Mission Nombre de Dios and Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche**

Stop by the Mission on your way to the Fountain of Youth, and retrace the steps of America's first founding fathers more than 400 years ago.

27 Ocean Avenue, St. Augustine, FL 32084  
(904) 824-2809 | [www.missionandshrine.org](http://www.missionandshrine.org)

**TRUE STORY:** Here at the Mission lie five of the original "Sisters of St. Joseph". The Sisters were sent by the Catholic Church in 1866 as teachers to freed slave children in St. Augustine.

Learn more about the history of African-Americans in the region at [www.historiccoastculture.com/maps/african-american-heritage/](http://www.historiccoastculture.com/maps/african-american-heritage/)

##### **Fountain of Youth Archeological Park**

Tour the park first explored by Juan Ponce de Leon in 1513 and settled by Pedro Menendez de Aviles in 1565. See living history interpreters present daily, as well as a replica of a historically correct anoti, a large Timucuan family house.

11 Magnolia Avenue, St. Augustine, FL 32084  
(904) 829-3168 | [www.fountainofyouthflorida.com](http://www.fountainofyouthflorida.com)

#### **Eats**

##### **Taberna Del Caballo**

*Step back in time to a candlelit, 18th century-styled taberna. Enjoy savory tapas, flatbreads, sangria and cold beverages in an intimate atmosphere.*

37 St. George Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084  
(904) 342-2867 | [colonialquarter.com/dine/taberna-del-caballo](http://colonialquarter.com/dine/taberna-del-caballo)

**TRUE STORY:** The Fountain of Youth Archeological Park was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2016!

## EVENING

### *Dinner at the Ice Plant and St. Augustine Distillery*

*Save time to stop back at your lodging to refresh.*

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#### **Backstory**

The original "Ice Plant" building dates back to 1927. Complete with the original bridge crane that was once used to pick up massive blocks for breaking and selling to customers and shrimp boats, the space recreates the experience of being in an old factory.

## EVENING

### *Dinner at the Ice Plant and St. Augustine Distillery (Cont.)*

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#### **Experience**

##### **St. Augustine Distillery**

Small-batch, premium spirits crafted with local ingredients and served with community flair.

112 Riberia Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084  
(904) 825-4962 | [www.staugustinedistillery.com](http://www.staugustinedistillery.com)

#### **Eats**

##### **The Ice Plant**

*Inspired by ways of life in the early 20th century, the Ice Plant serves seasonal cocktails and locally sourced dishes that are both delicious and healthy.*

110 Riberia Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084  
(904) 829-6553 | [www.iceplantbar.com](http://www.iceplantbar.com)

## DAY 2

## MORNING

### *Fort Matanzas and Breakfast*

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#### **Backstory**

Fort Matanzas sits on a barrier island where diverse Florida plants and wildlife are on display as visitors enter the fort for a glimpse into the daily lives of the soldiers stationed here in the 1700s.

#### **Experience**

##### **Fort Matanzas**

Explore this National Park Monument via a free ferry ride. Rangers are available for questions. Special events, reenactments, and historic cooking demonstrations occur throughout the year.

8635 A1A S, St. Augustine, FL 32080  
(904) 471-0116 | [www.nps.gov/foma/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/foma/index.htm)

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Fort Matanzas is a part of the southern component of the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve.

Hike, bike, kayak, swim and enjoy the preserved wetlands and hidden beaches of this 73,000-acre habitat, located both north and south of St. Augustine.

Learn more at [www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/sites/gtm/](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/sites/gtm/)

#### **Eats**

##### **Dolce Cafe**

*Coffee, crepes and more at this casual stop on your way to Fort Matanzas.*

210 St. George Street C3, St. Augustine, FL 32084  
(904) 615-1583 | [www.dolcecafe.org](http://www.dolcecafe.org)

## AFTERNOON

### *Exploring and Lunch*

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#### **Experience**

##### **Lightner Museum**

Don't miss the museum's full range of artwork – featuring three floors of artifacts from the era of the Alcazar Hotel, including exquisite Victorian art, stained glass from Louis Comfort Tiffany, and paintings from around the world.

75 King Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084  
(904) 824-2874 | [www.lightnermuseum.org](http://www.lightnermuseum.org)

#### **Eats**

##### **Cafe Alcazar**

*White-tablecloth lunch option offering refined New American fare & a monthly dinner night. Interesting tidbit: the dining area is actually the former bottom of an indoor swimming pool!*

25 Granada Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084  
(904) 825-9948 | [www.thealcazarcafe.com/cafe-alcazar/](http://www.thealcazarcafe.com/cafe-alcazar/)

## EVENING

### *Aviles Street and Dinner*

*Save time to stop back at your lodging to refresh.*

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#### **Backstory**

Although Aviles Street stands as the oldest street in America, it is currently a buzzing district of art, entertainment and culture. “La Fiesta De Aviles” – including the “Running of the Bulls” and “Sangria Sunday” – takes place every year on this historic thoroughfare.

#### **Experience**

##### **Art Galleries and Cafes**

Visit the many art galleries or stop at a café for a coffee or snack.

#### **Eats**

##### **La Pentola**

*Historic fine dining in a cozy atmosphere offering Mediterranean flavors for lunch and dinner.*

58 Charlotte Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084  
(904) 824-3282 | [www.lapentolarestaurant.com](http://www.lapentolarestaurant.com)