

# Discover Anastasia Island, the St. Augustine Lighthouse & More



Anastasia Island is a seaside destination known for its breathtaking natural landscapes and laid-back quirky beach charm. Explore the island's unique historical landmarks like Fort Matanzas National Monument, museums like the St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum, restaurants, artist galleries and more.

## **ISLAND EXPERIENCES**

Anastasia Island is known for its gorgeous natural landscapes and state-of-the-art performing arts venue. Visit one or all for a laid-back visit.

## The Amp - St. Augustine Amphitheatre

The 4,000-seat <u>St. Augustine Amphitheater</u> is located in the beautiful Anastasia State Park, where it hosts world-renowned musicians, events, farmers markets and night markets.

#### St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum

The iconic <u>St. Augustine Lighthouse</u> has protected Florida shores and seafarers since 1874. See the tower from sea level or climb up to see the breathtaking sights of St. Augustine from above. An educational museum explores lighthouse history and shipwreck archeology.



# St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park

For a family-fun trip, visit the <u>St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park</u> for a day packed with wildlife shows, zip lining, and exotic animals. The Alligator Farm is the only place in the world where you can see every living crocodilian species!

#### Fort Matanzas National Monument and Barrier Islands

<u>Fort Matanzas National Monument</u> preserves the fortified coquina watchtower, completed in 1742, which defended the southern approach to the Spanish military settlement of St. Augustine. The colonial wars are over, but Fort Matanzas still stands guard — including its wild barrier island!



# **Travel Tip:**

Take in the views by the water - via the free ferry ride to explore the fort or by paddleboard.

## **ISLAND ART GALLERIES**

There's no better way to follow up a trip to the St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum than a stop in to Anastasia Island's unique shops and galleries. From award-winning artist galleries to vinyl record stores, the Island is filled with eclectic beach charm.

## Wendy Tatter Gallery

From the art of batik to sculpting, <u>Wendy Tatter Gallery</u> brings concepts from all over the world. Wendy Tatter is the recipient of the ROWITA (Recognizing Outstanding Women in the Arts) and continues to reflect her work on the people and places from her travels.



#### Travel Tip:

Pair with photo-worthy Peruvian cuisine at the Llama Restaurant

# The Art Studio & Gallery at St. Augustine Beach

With more than 100 members, the <u>Art Studio & Gallery</u> was created to inspire, create and promote arts and culture in St. Augustine Beach. The studio serves as a place to explore art, take classes, attend workshops and buy artwork from local artisans.



## Travel Tip:

After this, enjoy a beachfront dinner at <u>South Beach Grill</u> known to locals as one of the best restaurants for fresh fish, shrimp and oysters.

## **LOCAL FAVORITE EATS**

After a day at the St. Augustine Lighthouse and Fort Matanzas National Monument, stop by any one of the city's popular local restaurants.

For pasta lovers, check out <u>Viola's</u> ("Pasta" is not in the official name) for authentic Italian food including brick-oven pizza, custom pasta, fresh seafood, and a great selection of wines. <u>Gas Full Service Restaurant</u> is best known for their elevated comfort food dishes. Their Jalapeño Popper Burger was even featured on Food Network's "Guilty Pleasures!" Find an upscale dining experience in a cozy lodge, visit <u>Elkhouse Eatery</u> for fresh local ingredients like seafood and wild game. <u>The Beachcomber</u> offers fresh seafood and is just steps away from the beach. Get a real taste of St. Augustine at the <u>Village Garden Food Truck Park</u> where the area's best food trucks come to town like Big Island Bowls, Riptide BBQ, and Good Karma Cafe.



#### **ISLAND MUSIC**

Live music thrives on Anastasia Island, thanks to a tight network of talented local musicians, many with national and international acclaim, as well as restaurants that give them a platform.

## Hornski's Vinyl Lounge

<u>Hornski's</u> is more than just a record shop! This laid-back lounge features several wines and craft beers, pool tables, and great music. Browse their extensive vinyl selection that spans genres and generations!

## The Conch House

If you like the Caribbean, then you'll love <u>The Conch House!</u> The Conch House Restaurant features Caribbean style cuisine with the finest seafood, steaks, and more. The Conch House Lounge is a casual cocktail lounge that features live music with local musicians.

#### Sarbez!

<u>Sarbez!</u> specializes in its well-rounded craft beer selection and its gourmet grilled cheese menu. In addition, they also provide one of St. Augustine's only arcades and awesome live music with killer acoustics.

# Café 11

Located across from the beach, <u>Café 11</u> is a local low-key restaurant open for breakfast, lunch and dinner featuring vegetarian options, craft beer and live music.