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## Living History Guide: Fort Mose Historic State Park & More



### Do more than see history – live it.

Explore our guide below for a glimpse at every era of Florida's Historic Coast's colorful history, from Ponce de Leon's Fountain of Youth and Fort Mose Historic State Park to events in Colonial Quarter, St. Augustine.

(Be sure to check these destination websites during COVID 19)

### Ongoing Experiences

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#### **Colonial Quarter, St. Augustine** (Blacksmith and Leatherworking Demonstrations)

Experience centuries of St. Augustine history come to life as you watch 17th century blacksmiths rework metal into utensils, help leatherworkers craft by hand in an 18th century shop, and savor traditional pub fare or Spanish tapas – all within Colonial Quarter's captivating 2 acres.

[www.colonialquarter.com](http://www.colonialquarter.com)

43 St. George St., St. Augustine, Florida 32084  
(904) 342-2857

#### **Castillo de San Marcos** (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 during the 1740s.

[www.nps.gov/casa/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/casa/index.htm)

1 South Castillo Drive, St. Augustine, Florida 32084  
(904) 829-6506

### **Ponce de Leon's Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park**

Watch history unravel before your eyes as you tour Ponce de Leon's Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park first explored by Juan Ponce de Leon in 1513 and settled by Pedro Menendez de Aviles in 1565. Visit a blacksmith, watch a cannon fire, and step into a Timucuan Village with professional reenactors leading the way.

[www.fountainofyouthflorida.com](http://www.fountainofyouthflorida.com)

11 Magnolia Avenue, St. Augustine, Florida 32084  
(904) 829-3168

### **Militia Muster and Training at Fort Mose Historic State Park**

Immerse yourself in the 18th century on the 1st Saturday morning of each month at Fort Mose Historic State Park, where members of the Fort Mose Militia conduct musketfire drills. Children of all ages may take part in children's militia training, using wooden toy muskets and authentic uniform accessories.

[www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/fort-mose-historic-state-park](http://www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/fort-mose-historic-state-park)

15 Fort Mose Trail, St. Augustine, Florida 32084  
(904) 823-2232

### **History on the Streets Saunter**

Stroll down the historic brick-lined streets of the past with authentically clad historical interpreters leading the way while sharing the rich and diverse history of St. Augustine. Historians speak with visitors and residents about history dating back to its founding in 1565.

<https://hfm.club/about/events/saunter/>

St. George Street, St. Augustine, Florida 32084

## **Annual Living History Events**

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Explore interactive living history events held in historic destinations across St. Johns County, like Fort Mose Historic State Park and Colonial Quarter, St. Augustine's must-see living history destination.

### **FEBRUARY**

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#### **Flight to Freedom**

In celebration of Black History Month, walk from the Fort Mose Historical Society along the Freedom Trail, the first "Underground Railroad," where hundreds of people fled to Spanish Florida from enslavement on British indigo and sugar plantations in 17th century South Carolina. Flight to Freedom honors and remembers all those who risked everything in search of freedom and opportunity to live their own lives.

<https://fortmose.org/special-events/flight-to-freedom-2/>

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15 Fort Mose Trail, St. Augustine, Florida 32084  
(904) 823-2232

## FEBRUARY

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### **Festival de San Agustin**

February 15 marks the birthday of Pedro Menendez de Aviles, founder of Saint Augustine. To commemorate the event, The Historic Florida Militia presents a weeklong celebration, Festival de San Agustin, filled with a parade, reenactments, cooking and weapons demonstrations and more.

<https://hfm.club/event/festival-de-san-agustin/>

## MARCH

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### **Searle's Sack of St. Augustine**

Witness the recreation of a true pirate attack on Saint Augustine, one of only two true pirate attacks to have occurred in our nation's oldest city.

<https://hfm.club/about/events/searles-raid-for-visitors>

Colonial Quarter  
33 St. George Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084  
(904) 832-2232

## JUNE

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### **Drake's Raid**

Drake's Raid features a 16th century style military encampment with drills, demonstrations and living history interpretation during the day. As the sun sets in the historic district, the reenactment of the sacking and burning of the town commences. See what camp life was like for families back then.

<https://hfm.club/about/events/drakes-raid-for-visitors/>

Ponce de Leon's Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park  
11 Magnolia Ave., St. Augustine, Florida 32084  
(904) 824-9823

### **Battle of Bloody Mose**

Visit Fort Mose Historic State Park and immerse yourself in the history of the 1740 Spanish victory at the Battle of Bloody Mose. This 277th anniversary will feature military encampment and combined muster of reenactors, including two battle reenactments.

<https://fortmose.org/bloody-battle/>

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## SEPTEMBER

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### The Founding of St. Augustine

Florida Living History, Inc., Mission Nombre de Dios and the Diocese of St. Augustine present this free, annual, historical reenactment of Admiral Don Pedro Menendez de Aviles' landing and founding of the city of St. Augustine in the year 1565.

[www.visitstaugustine.com/event/founding-day-commemoration](http://www.visitstaugustine.com/event/founding-day-commemoration)

27 Ocean Avenue, St. Augustine, Florida 32084  
(877) 352-4478

## DECEMBER

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### Colonial Night Watch

Join hundreds of reenactors from St. Augustine's colonial history as they perform military drills at the Castillo De San Marcos during this free, all-day event. After an evening torchlight parade through St. George Street, join in singing classic Christmas carols to ring in the holiday season.

<https://hfm.club/about/events/night-watch-for-visitors/>

48 King Street, St. Augustine, Florida 32084  
(904) 501-0391

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