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National Monuments: The Castillo de San Marcos and Fort Matanzas



DAY 1

MORNING

Breakfast and Castillo de San Marcos

History

The Castillo de San Marcos National Monument 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.

Schmagel's Bagels

Known for the "Best Breakfast in Town".

69 Hypolita Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084
(904) 824-4444

Castillo de San Marcos

Take a self-guided tour through the National Park Monument. The Castillo de San Marcos National Monument is the oldest masonry fort in the United States made of coquina harvested from an Anastasia Island quarry and completed in 1695.

1 S Castillo Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32084
(904) 829-6506 | www.nps.gov/casa/index.htm

FREE Admission During National Park Week!

Each April during National Park Week, enjoy free admission, special tours and events at the Castillo de San Marcos and Fort Matanzas National Monument.

MORNING

Castillo de San Marcos and Breakfast (Cont.)

Historic Weapons Demonstrations

Watch Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at the Castillo de San Marcos 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.

AFTERNOON

Lunch and Explore

History

Observe iconic Living History in the heart of the historic district on popular St. George Street, the birthplace of Catholicism in America marked by the Great Cross, and the legendary Fountain of Youth. Reenactments and exhibits take visitors through four centuries of everyday life. Venues also host concerts regularly, like St. Augustine's Sing Out Loud and Gamble Rogers Music Festival.

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 | www.tabernadelcaballo.com

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

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 to teach freed slave children in St. Augustine.

Learn more about African American history in St. Johns County at 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

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

EVENING

Dinner and Explore

Save time to stop back at your lodging to refresh.

History

Since 1907, the Ice Plant building was Florida's first power and ice plant. The original bridge crane used to move 300-pound blocks of ice hangs over the bar where cubes are hand-cut custom to your cocktail.

The Ice Plant Bar

Set in an early 20th century industrial building, this eatery offers locally sourced dishes & seasonal cocktails. Shortly following the Gilded Age, the original building supplied the city with manufactured ice to fishing and shrimping camps as well as residential ice boxes before freezers and refrigerators.

110 Riberia Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084
(904) 829-6553 | www.iceplantbar.com

St. Augustine Distillery

Visit the museum and experience a free guided tour. Located within a beautifully restored ice plant from the turn-of-the-century, St. Augustine Distillery's mission is simple: Educate and inspire guests about local, handcrafted, award-winning rum, whiskey bourbon, gin, and vodka.

112 Riberia Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084
(904) 825-4962 | www.staugustinedistillery.com

DAY 2

MORNING

Breakfast and Fort Matanzas

History

Fort Matanzas National Monument 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.

Sea Oats Cafe

Coffee, pancakes and more at this casual stop on your way to Fort Matanzas

1075 A1a Beach Blvd, St. Augustine, FL 32080
(904) 471-7350 | www.facebook.com/seaoatscaffe/

Fort Matanzas

Explore Fort Matanzas National Monument via a free ferry ride. Rangers are available for questions. Special events, reenactments, and historic cooking demonstrations occur throughout the year. Pack a picnic and enjoy the beautiful Florida scenery!

8635 A1A S, St. Augustine, FL 32080
(904) 471-0116 | 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/



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History

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.

Old City House

Mediterranean-style restaurant serving local specialties in a romantic inn housed in a Spanish Colonial revival building. Reservations recommended.

115 Cordova Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084
(904)-826-0113 | www.oldcityhouse.com

Art Galleries and Cafes

Explore Aviles Street, now one of the area’s most diverse arts districts, filled with galleries and restaurants. It was paved with bricks so that the shoes of ladies from New York would not be soiled walking through muddy streets.