



Amelia Island
Location and Dining Guide



Estes Park Institute at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island

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Amelia Island, Florida 32034
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www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/florida/amelia-island

This guide contains location information, a listing of local restaurants in the Amelia Island/Fernandina Beach area, and some suggestions for things to do. It is only a small sample of the many options available. Restaurant reviews and more complete listings are available from many online sources. We sincerely hope you enjoy the area and your Estes Park Institute conference experience.

TRAVEL FROM JACKSONVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (JAX): The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island is located approximately 45 minutes from the Jacksonville International Airport.

WEATHER: Average temperatures in March/April range from lows in the 50s to highs in the 70s.

DRESS: Business casual attire is appropriate and encouraged for conference sessions at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island. Temperatures can vary in conference session rooms, so we suggest you bring a sweater or jacket for your comfort. Please inquire about dress when making restaurant reservations.

For additional travel, dining, and entertainment information, contact the hotel concierge at 904-277-5019 or visit:

www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/florida/amelia-island/area-activities

www.tripadvisor.com

www.opentable.com

www.yelp.com

www.zagat.com



Dining at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island

The following restaurants are located at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island. For more information, visit www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/florida/amelia-island/dining or call 904-277-1087. *Always inquire as special discounts may apply for Estes Park Institute participants.*

Salt

www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/florida/amelia-island/dining/salt

Earth and sea are celebrated at this upscale farm-to-table restaurant where food is carefully seasoned, artfully presented, and salt is the star. Over forty salts harvested from around the world are used to add flavor, enhance and compliment, and add depth to each dish. Some are infused with herbs, citrus, and seasonal specialties to create unique tastes. "Dine with the Chef" in the kitchen for a one-of-a-kind experience at this AAA Five Diamond restaurant.

RESERVATIONS

Required – Online reservations available

HOURS

5:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Tuesday thru Sunday
Closed Monday

Coast

www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/florida/amelia-island/dining/coast

Coast offers a fresh new take on coastal cuisine with a seasonal menu that includes local seafood, steaks, fresh pasta, salads and small plates created with great passion. The menu emphasizes the daily catch in an invitingly casual atmosphere. Familiar favorites with a twist are served for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. An outdoor terrace adds to the island experience.

RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

HOURS

Breakfast: 6:30 am – 11:00 am, Daily
Lunch: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, Daily
Dinner: 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Nightly

Ocean Bar & Grill

www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/florida/amelia-island/dining/ocean-bar-grill

Enjoy cool ocean breezes and seasonal favorites amid the dunes. Just steps from the beach and pool, this casual outdoor restaurant offers tropical drinks, smoothies, fresh seafood, specialty salads, and sandwiches.

RESERVATIONS

No

HOURS

11:00 am – 5:00 pm, Daily

The Ocean Bar and Grill will undergo a major renovation this fall and reopen in February. Details to come!

The Pub

www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/florida/amelia-island/dining/the-pub

Enjoy the warmth and ambience of a neighborhood pub combined with great food and award-winning craft beers from local breweries. Pub favorites include a build-your-own burger with gourmet toppings, shepherd's pie, and beer-battered local fish and chips. Try the house-made pretzel served with Duke's Brown Ale cheese and mustard.

RESERVATIONS

No

HOURS

5:00 pm – 11:00 pm, Monday thru Friday
Noon – 11:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday

Private Group Dining

904-277-1087

Plan a private dining event or meeting for your group in the hotel's private dining room.

The Lobby Bar

www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/florida/amelia-island/dining/the-lobby-bar

Light bites, including freshly-prepared sushi and sashimi, and live entertainment complement a selection of handcrafted drinks in a relaxed, yet refined, atmosphere. Enjoy a fireside drink or terrace seating with ocean views.

RESERVATIONS

No

HOURS

Noon – Midnight, Sunday thru Thursday
Noon – 2:00 am, Friday and Saturday

Please note that restaurant hours are subject to change.



Dining on Amelia Island

The following is a listing of restaurants located in the Amelia Island/Fernandina Beach area.

Bar Zin Bistro & Wine Bar

Palmetto Walk Shopping Village
4924 First Coast Highway
904-310-6620
www.barzin-bistro-winebar.com

Bar Zin gets high praise for its wait-staff and cozy, romantic ambiance. Their food is just as highly regarded. The creative American Bistro menu is very nearly farm/ocean-to-table with fresh farm products and fresh fish and shellfish. The wine list offers good variety and value.

RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

HOURS

Lunch: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, Tuesday thru Saturday
Dinner: 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Monday thru Saturday
Closed Sunday

Bob's Steak & Chop House

Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort
80 Amelia Village Circle
904-432-2201
www.bobs-steakandchop.com/amelia-island

Recognized as one of the best steakhouses in the country, Bob's Steak and Chop specializes in Midwestern corn-fed prime beef. The competent wait-staff provides friendly, efficient service. It has won Open Table's Diner's Choice Award and Trip Advisor's Certificate of Excellence. It's a good place for a "special occasion" dinner.

RESERVATIONS

Strongly recommended – Online reservations available

HOURS

4:30 pm – 10:00 pm, Monday thru Thursday
4:30 pm – 11:00 pm, Friday and Saturday
Closed Sunday

Brett's Waterway Café

One South Front Street
901-261-2660

Brett's overlooks the scenic Fernandina Harbor Marina on the Amelia River. This casual restaurant offers Southern style fare along with steaks, chops, and fresh seafood dishes such as shrimp and grits, Maryland crab cakes, pan seared scallops, and a daily fresh catch.

RESERVATIONS

Recommended for parties of 5 or more (inside only)

HOURS

Lunch: 11:30 am – 2:30 pm, Daily
Dinner: 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm, Monday thru Saturday

Burlingame

20 South 5th Street
904-432-7671
www.burlingamerestaurant.com

Burlingame serves a seasonally-inspired American menu of chef specialties. From starters to dessert, everything is made-from-scratch using the freshest ingredients. The accommodating wait-staff makes the dining experience very enjoyable.

RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

HOURS

5:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Sunday and Tuesday thru Thursday
5:30 pm – 9:30 pm, Friday and Saturday
Closed Monday

Café Karibo

27 North 3rd Street
904-277-5269
www.cafekaribo.com

Café Karibo is a lively, casual eatery offering fresh salads, homemade soups, sandwiches, fish, and shrimp done several ways. Enjoy lunch or dinner in the laid-back dining room or on the garden patio.

RESERVATIONS

Recommended for parties of 6 or more

HOURS

11:00 am – 3:00 pm, Monday
11:00 am – 9:00 pm, Tuesday thru Saturday
10:30 am – 3:00 pm, Sunday

Cucina South Italian Bistro

Palmetto Walk Shopping Village
4828 First Coast Highway
904-432-7920
www.cucinasouth.com

Known as one of the friendliest restaurants on Amelia Island, Cucina South features pizza, pasta, fresh seafood, and a variety of veal dishes. Enjoy the warm welcome, super service, and very good Italian food.

RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

HOURS

5:30 pm – 9:30 pm, Tuesday thru Sunday
Closed Monday



David's Restaurant & Lounge

802 Ash Street
904-310-6049
www.ameliaislanddavids.com

David's Restaurant & Lounge brings you the whole package—delicious food, relaxed atmosphere, and superior service. The classic steakhouse menu of excellent steaks, prime rib, and fresh seafood is served in a comfortable setting.

RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

HOURS

6:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Daily

España

22 South 4th Street
904-261-7700
www.espanadowntown.com

España brings the traditional flavors of Spain and Portugal to Amelia Island. Sip homemade sangria or wine while savoring freshly prepared tapas. Or for a heartier entrée, try paella, the national dish of Spain.

RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

HOURS

5:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Nightly

Four Seasons Bistro

474305 E. State Road 200
904-310-6821
www.fourseasonsbistro.biz

Since opening in 2012, this family-run restaurant has become a favorite with locals and visitors alike. Patrons appreciate the food quality and selection on the Mediterranean-Continental menu. Competent service staff enhance the dining experience.

RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

HOURS

Brunch: 10:00 am – 2:30 pm, Tuesday thru Friday
10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Sunday
Dinner: 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Tuesday thru Sunday
Closed Monday

Gilbert's Underground Kitchen

510 South 8th Street
904-310-6374
www.undergroundkitchen.co

A popular "Top Chef" from the Bravo series and a former personal chef to Oprah Winfrey, Kenney Gilbert has come back to his roots in Fernandina. Originally from St. Augustine, Florida, he has brought seasonal southern dining to Fernandina. His bright, cozy restaurant serves slow-cooked barbecue, smoked brisket, and mac and cheese to name just a few of his specials.

RESERVATIONS

Strongly recommended – Online reservations available

HOURS

Lunch: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, Monday and Wednesday thru Saturday
Dinner: 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Monday and Wednesday thru Saturday
Closed Sunday and Tuesday

Joe's 2nd Street Bistro

14 South 2nd Street
904-321-2558
www.joesbistro.com

Open for more than twenty years and known for its welcoming ambiance, Joe's 2nd Street Bistro has become a local favorite. Its creative, from-scratch New American menu of local fresh seafood, beef, and poultry can be enjoyed in the courtyard, in the dining room, or in a private party room.

RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

HOURS

Lunch: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, Wednesday thru Monday
Dinner: 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm, Wednesday thru Monday
Closed Tuesday

Lagniappe

4810 First Coast Highway
904-844-2634
www.lagniappeamelia.com

Brian Grimley's journey to find "lagniappe" (that little something extra) led him to Amelia Island in northeast Florida. His restaurant, Lagniappe, serves delicious French Creole dishes plus other southern specialties prepared by Grimley and his Executive Chef, Cary Todd.

RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

HOURS

Lunch: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, Monday thru Saturday
Dinner: 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Monday thru Saturday
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Sunday
Sunday Brunch: 10:30 am – 3:00 pm



Le Clos

20 South 2nd Street
904-261-8100
www.leclos.com

At Le Clos, the French-trained owner/chef, Katherine Ewing, meticulously prepares classic Provençal dishes including steak au poivre, duck with mushrooms, and a daily fresh fish special. Enjoy dinner by candlelight in a cozy yellow bungalow.

RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

HOURS

5:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Monday thru Saturday
Closed Sunday

Pogo's Kitchen

1408 Lewis Street
904-432-8483
www.pogoskitchen.com

Though not in the Okefenokee Swamp, the cuisine at Pogo's Kitchen is all about the South. From the She Crab Soup to the BBQ Quail to the Pan Seared North Carolina Trout, the menu is filled with local ingredients and local flavor.

RESERVATIONS

Strongly recommended – Online reservations available

HOURS

Lunch: 11:00 am – 2:30 pm, Tuesday thru Friday
10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Sunday
Dinner: 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Tuesday thru Saturday
Closed Monday

Sliders Seaside Grill

1998 South Fletcher Avenue
904-491-5499
www.slidersseaside.com

Stop by Sliders Seaside Grill for tasty seafood and burgers and some of the best libations in Fernandina. Many nights Sliders features local musicians. When all is said and done, curling your toes in the sand, looking at the ocean, and relaxing with music can't be beat.

RESERVATIONS

No

HOURS

11:00 am – 10:00 pm, Sunday thru Thursday
11:00 am – 11:00 pm, Friday and Saturday

Wicked BAO

232 North 2nd Street
904-775-5577
www.wickedbao.com

Natalie Wu, owner of Wicked BAO, brings tasty Asian street fare from Taiwan to downtown Fernandina Beach. Located in a charming, historic building, Wicked BAO presents a warm, friendly, casual vibe. There is outdoor seating and the wait-staff is top-notch. Try the Taiwanese sangria!

RESERVATIONS

No

HOURS

4:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Monday thru Saturday
Closed Sunday





Things to Do and See on Amelia Island

The following is a listing of activities, sightseeing opportunities, and things to do in the Amelia Island/Fernandina Beach area.

Golf

The Golf Club of Amelia Island

This 18-hole championship course on The Ritz-Carlton property boasts lush landscaping with stands of moss-draped century oaks, rolling marshes, and ocean breezes. Carts equipped with GPS and a friendly, experienced staff help you navigate the course. Private and semi-private lessons and group clinics are available through the Golf Club's Academy.

904-277-8015 | www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/florida/amelia-island/area-activities/golf

Tennis

The Ritz-Carlton features four clay tennis courts, three of which use state-of-the-art Hydro-cool technology that keeps the courts play-ready. Daily drill clinics and personal instruction from skilled tennis professionals are available, along with a full-service pro shop.

904-491-6793 | www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/florida/amelia-island/area-activities/recreation/tennis

Spa and Fitness

The Ritz-Carlton boasts one of the most luxurious spas in Florida. A complete range of services is available from facials to massages to a full menu of salon treatments. Indulge in a luxurious salt scrub, enjoy the therapeutic benefits of zero gravity, or relax in the eucalyptus-infused steam room. Treatments feature premium organic ingredients. Wellness sessions are offered featuring yoga and meditation.

904-277-1087 | <http://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/florida/amelia-island/spa>

The fitness center offers a full range of cardio equipment including treadmills, elliptical machines, recumbent and stationary bikes. A variety of weight-training and other fitness equipment is also available. Guests have 24-hour access with room key. Group fitness classes and personal training are offered.

www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/florida/amelia-island/spa/fitness-center

Museums

Amelia Island Maritime Museum

Historical items including US Navy memorabilia, weapons from various time periods, and even a Soviet-era KGB diving suit can be viewed along with artifacts rich in local maritime history. Learn about pirates and explore sunken treasure from French and Spanish fleets.

115 South 2nd Street | 904-277-1948 | www.maritimemuseumai.org

Amelia Island Museum of History

Housed in the former Nassau County Jail, the museum preserves, protects, and promotes the unique history of Amelia Island and its surrounding area.

233 South 3rd Street | 904-261-7378 | www.ameliamuseum.org



Shopping

The Shops at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island

The beautiful gallery of shops at The Ritz-Carlton feature a collection of top designers, including Lily Pulitzer, Stella McCartney, Gucci, Bulgari, just to name a few. SALT Boutique offers specialty salts and sugars from around the world and artisan gifts created from Himalayan salt.

www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/florida/amelia-island/area-activities/shopping

Activities and Excursions

Amelia Island Trolley Tours

See historic downtown Fernandina Beach, Old Towne, Florida's oldest operating inn, the Amelia Island Lighthouse, and more by trolley. Tours leave Monday and Tuesday and Thursday through Saturday at 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased from the driver.

Front & Centre Street at the marina | 904-753-4486 | www.ameliaislandtrolleys.com

Amelia Island Carriages

Learn about Amelia Island's history and listen to local lore of ghosts and pirates during a meandering tour through the 50-block Fernandina Historical District.

904-556-2662 | www.ameliahorsecarriages.com

Amelia River Cruises

Choose from a variety of cruises along salt marshes, wilderness beaches, and historic river banks—all professionally narrated by local history and nature experts. See dolphins, sea turtles, manatees, and more.

1 North Front Street at the marina | 904-261-9972 | www.ameliarivercruises.com

Fort Clinch State Park

Visitors can experience the rooms, galleries, grounds, and living history programs at Civil War era Fort Clinch. This diverse 1,400-acre park is also home to several species of wildlife and offers opportunities for hiking, biking, and other outdoor activities.

2601 Atlantic Avenue | 904-277-7274 | www.floridastateparks.org/fortclinch

Kelly Seahorse Ranch

Take advantage of a unique opportunity for beach horseback riding within the maritime forest of the Amelia Island State Park. A short trail ride takes you directly out to ride miles of beach along the park's pristine Atlantic shore. Riders must be at least 13 years old, at least 4' 6" tall, and able to control a large horse without assistance.

9500 First Coast Highway | 904-491-5166 | www.kellyranchinc.net

For information about additional area recreation and activities, including biking, kayaking, boat and jet ski rentals, hang gliding, fishing, and more, please contact The Ritz-Carlton concierge at 904-277-5019 or visit:

www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/florida/amelia-island/area-activities