

Day 1 • Historic Fernandina Beach

Amelia Island Itinerary

Morning: Historic Downtown

Begin your Amelia Island getaway in historic downtown Fernandina Beach. Walk along Centre Street and explore colorful Victorian buildings, locally owned boutiques, art galleries and welcoming cafés.

Continue toward the waterfront to see the shrimp boats, marina and Amelia River.

Insider Tip: Park once and explore downtown on foot. Most of the shops, restaurants, historic buildings and waterfront attractions are located within a few walkable blocks.

Lunch: Downtown Fernandina Beach

Restaurant ideas:

- **Salty Pelican Bar & Grill** 📍 12 N Front St
- **Timoti's Seafood Shak** 📍 21 N 3rd St
- **España Restaurant & Tapas** 📍 22 S 4th St
- **Amelia Tavern Restaurant & Brewpub** 📍 318 Centre St

Afternoon: Centre Street

Spend the afternoon exploring Centre Street and the surrounding historic district. Browse antique stores, bookstores, galleries and specialty shops housed inside beautifully preserved buildings.

Evening: Marina Sunset

Watch the sunset from the Fernandina Harbor Marina or take a sunset cruise.



Morning: Fort Clinch State Park

Begin your second day at Fort Clinch State Park. Drive beneath a canopy of live oaks and Spanish moss before exploring the remarkably preserved 19th-century fort.

Walk through the fort's rooms, tunnels and courtyards while learning about military life during the Civil War era.

Late Morning: Fort Clinch Beach

Continue to the park's beach for views across the Cumberland Sound. Walk along the shoreline, watch for passing boats and search near the waterline for shells and fossilized shark teeth.

Afternoon: Choose Your Own Adventure

Use the afternoon to explore one or two attractions that match your interests.

- **Nature lovers:** Walk or bike the trails through Fort Clinch's maritime forest.
- **Wildlife lovers:** Explore the boardwalks and trails at Egan's Creek Greenway.
- **Beach lovers:** Relax beside the ocean at Main Beach Park.
- **Families:** Play miniature golf or enjoy the playground at Main Beach Park.

Evening: Sunset & Dinner

Enjoy sunset from Main Beach, the marina or one of Amelia Island's waterfront restaurants.



DAY 3 • AMELIA ISLAND BEACHES

Morning: American Beach

Begin your final day at historic American Beach, established during segregation as a seaside community where African American families could vacation and own property.

Walk along the shoreline and look for Nana, the island's tallest dune and an important part of the area's protected natural landscape.

Lunch: South Amelia Island

Restaurant ideas:

- **Marché Burette** 📍 87 Amelia Village Cir
- **Falcon's Nest** 📍 36 Amelia Village Circle
- **Bob's Steak & Chop House** 📍 80 Amelia Village Cir
- **Nona Mia** 📍 142 Racquet Park Dr

Afternoon & Sunset: Island Recommendations

Choose the perfect way to finish your Amelia Island getaway.

- **Peters Point Beachfront Park:** Relax on the beach, walk the shoreline or enjoy a picnic beside the ocean.
- **Amelia Island State Park:** Fish, search for shells or enjoy one of Florida's few beaches where guided horseback rides are available.
- **Big Talbot Island State Park:** Photograph the weathered driftwood trees along dramatic Boneyard Beach.
- **Amelia Island River Cruise:** Search for dolphins, shorebirds and the wild horses of nearby Cumberland Island.
- **Amelia Island Plantation:** Explore shaded walking paths, shops and resort restaurants beneath moss-draped live oaks.

Finish your trip with a walk along the beach or return to downtown Fernandina Beach for one final sunset over the Amelia River.



AMELIA ISLAND INSIDER TIPS

Plan Smarter, Explore More

- Wear comfortable shoes—you'll walk more than you think.
- Keep downtown Fernandina Beach, Fort Clinch and the south end of the island on separate days to reduce unnecessary driving.
- Arrive at Fort Clinch State Park early, especially on weekends and holidays when parking areas may reach capacity.
- Bring a small sifter or mesh bag if you want to search for fossilized shark teeth along the shoreline.
- Check the tide schedule before visiting beaches, kayaking or exploring coastal areas.
- Book boat cruises, kayak tours, horseback rides and popular dinner reservations ahead of time.
- Check operating hours before visiting the Amelia Island Museum of History, A.L. Lewis Museum or Amelia Island Lighthouse.
- Bring insect repellent when exploring maritime forests, marshes and nature trails.
- Watch for wildlife, but keep a safe distance from shorebirds, sea turtles and other protected animals.
- Visit the beach in the morning for sunrise and the Fernandina Harbor waterfront in the evening for sunset.
- Check Amelia Island's calendar for farmers markets, art walks, festivals and living-history demonstrations.
- Leave room for downtime and unexpected shops, cafés, beaches or scenic waterfront views.
- Don't spend your entire getaway at the beach—the island's history, maritime forests and Victorian downtown are a major part of what makes Amelia Island special.