

## [PALM COAST AND THE FLAGLER BEACHES](#)

Just an Hour and a Half Drive From the Theme Parks!

### **About Us**

Located just north of Daytona Beach, Palm Coast and the Flagler Beaches captures the hearts of those looking to get away from it all. The charming seaside village of Flagler Beach is an area that is still vastly undisturbed and has lured visitors for decades with a laid back, eco-friendly Old Florida vibe. More than just another “great” Florida Beach, Palm Coast and the Flagler Beaches is different. It is a place that has been able to maintain a tranquil spirit by keeping things simple and undisturbed.

### **Ocean Views for Miles**

Unblemished by high-rises, Flagler Beach welcomes visitors from the start with miles of unobstructed views along A1A, so taking the scenic route is not just a choice, but a must. The oceanviews continue with plenty of options for dining and nature based activities to keep you busy.

### **Uncrowded Beaches**

The second you step foot in Palm Coast and the Flagler Beaches, the area envelopes you. And the reception continues each step you take along the cinnamon-colored sand. Many Florida beaches can be difficult to access and will usually have a hefty fee to park but here, parking is free. The vibe is low-key and laid-back and you are more likely to see dolphins and loggerhead turtles than rowdy spring breakers. Oh and pets are welcome too!

### **Must Eats**

Fuel up at locally-owned eateries including the award-winning [Captains BBQ](#) –named by TripAdvisor in as one of the Top 10 BBQ spots in the nation and number one in Florida.

Voted as one of “Florida’s Best Beach Bars”, [The Golden Lion Cafe](#), features fresh fish tacos with their signature key lime tarter sauce, a raw oyster bar and spectacular mixed drinks.

### **Must See’s**

Choose from a variety of interactive programs at [Marineland Dolphin Adventure](#), which range from land-loving guests to enjoy dolphins up-close, to those that offer the opportunity to immerse themselves in the dolphins' aquatic world as they swim and experience these gentle residents.

Take an Eco-Explorer Boat Tour with [Ripple Effect Eco Tours](#) through one of the most productive eco-systems on the planet. Kayak tours are guided by a certified Florida Master Naturalist and offer a variety of tours throughout the year.

## **Why Flagler Beaches Are the Best in Florida**

Starting to plan for that long overdue beach vacation to Florida? There are lots of options, yes, but not all beaches are created equal. Here are nine reasons why Flagler’s beaches are truly the best in Florida.

### **1. Pets are allowed!**

There are very few places in Florida where pets are welcome on the beaches. Not only are they allowed on the sand, but we also have a number of [pet-friendly overnight accommodations](#), too. Hit the beach and let your dogs romp around at Flagler’s designated dog-friendly beach. Local restaurants nearby also allow pets on their outdoor oceanview patios as well.

### **2. Free beaches and parking!**

Hard truth: Many Florida beaches can be difficult to access and will usually have a hefty fee to park. But here, parking is free along the public areas of Flagler Beach, so don’t worry about your parking meter racking up. You’re on island time!

### **3. You can surf here!**

Surfing in Florida? Yes, at least in Palm Coast and the Flagler Beaches, where the area is home to the third best waves for surfing in the entire state. Water conditions here are near perfect with lively waves that draws surfers from across the globe. This is a destination that often hosts [surfing championships](#), but it's a fun spot if you're a novice, too.

### **4. The sea life is amazing!**

Frolicking dolphins, swooping pelicans...the sea life is a constant here in Florida. But there are some special times of year when the sea life is especially interesting on Flagler's beaches. Between December and March, and you might see gorgeous [right whales](#) off the coast as they migrate to warmer waters. These whales are rare, with reportedly only 490 in existence. And between May and October, it's possible witness the hatching of hundreds to thousands of baby sea turtles (from a safe distance)—a natural miracle that occurs in only a few places in the country.

### **5. The beach beauty is natural!**

In Palm Coast and the Flagler Beaches, you can have a beach experience the way it's supposed to be—without large condos or high rises blocking the sun. Many areas are strictly preserved and don't allow for development, which means Flagler beaches are pure and beautiful, with gorgeous cinnamon-colored sand and natural vegetative dunes.

### **6. The beach weddings are so fun!**

Have the [wedding](#) of your dreams by saying "I do" directly on the beach. Flagler Beach is one of the few places in Florida that permits couples to get married directly on the beach, with affordable wedding venues by the water. Best of all, these beaches are uncrowded most of the year, so you can feel as if you have the entire beach to yourself.

### **7. Oceanview Dining!**

One of the best things about a Florida vacation is being able to [dine](#) outdoors almost any time of year. Palm Coast and the Flagler Beaches have several cool restaurants with patios—two of which sit directly on the beach. Located on A1A, High Tides @ Snack Jack is a cabana-like building that faces the ocean, serving crab cakes, coconut shrimp, fried oysters, and kid-friendly dishes like a corndog-on-a-stick. The Funky Pelican is the other beachfront dining spot, located at the end of the famous Flagler Beach Pier. If it's a creative fish dish you want, the Funky Pelican probably serves it.

### **8. You can camp on the beach!**

Flagler Beaches are among the most popular destinations for [camping](#), thanks to those areas where campers are permitted to pitch their tents directly on the sand or park their RVs overnight by A1A. If you're camping along A1A, you'll also have seafood restaurants, and shops for bait and tackle at your convenience.

### **9. You can get cozy with a beach bonfire!**

In Flagler, you're allowed to build a bonfire on the beach as long they follow the local guidelines and timeframes. [Permits](#) must be obtained by the Flagler Beach Fire Department, and the bonfire must be built with specific tools to provide safety for everyone and the surrounding environment. There's nothing quite like making s'mores as you watch the moon reflect off the waters of the Atlantic.

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