



**ST. AUGUSTINE
PONTE VEDRA
& THE BEACHES, FLORIDA**
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World-class Golf, Tennis and Outdoor Recreation

St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra & The Beach's exceptional natural resources offer a wide variety of outdoor recreation experiences. Golf, tennis, water sports, hiking and even bird watching are all enjoyed by visitors to the area.

The area offers a number of championship golf courses, including some of the most renowned courses in the United States. Ponte Vedra Beach is one of the nation's premier locations for golf, with courses that include THE PLAYERS Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass, which hosts THE PLAYERS Championship in May, to private and semi-private courses. The Ocean Course at Ponte Vedra Inn & Club (circa. 1928) features the original Island Hole after which THE PLAYERS Stadium Course's world-famous #17 Island Hole is modeled.

World Golf Village, home of the World Golf Hall of Fame and IMAX Theatre in St. Augustine, hosts two championship courses, the "Slammer and Squire," named for Sam Snead and Gene Sarazen, and the "King and Bear," the only course co-designed by Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer. Visitors to the destination can even experience golf like a pro through the PGA TOUR Experience which provides state-of-the-art golf analysis at the PGA TOUR Academy.

The World Golf Hall of Fame and IMAX Theater feature interactive displays, historic artifacts, feature films in the IMAX Theater and the Hall of Fame itself, which honors the game's greatest players and contributors.

What's more, St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra & The Beaches has more than a dozen golf courses offering a wide range of play with challenges for beginners and seasoned pros. Ponte Vedra Beach is home of the ATP Tour. In addition, the tennis facilities at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club are consistently recognized for their excellence, including several rankings among the "Top 10" in the country. In St. Augustine, nine public tennis courts are available for play at four different municipal sites.

St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra & The Beaches is a popular destination for sailing, saltwater fishing, windsurfing, kite surfing, personal watercraft (powered watercraft), surfing, boating and skim boarding. The Atlantic Ocean, Intracoastal and inland waterways are great spots for most water sports and recreation.

The area hosts more than 50 festivals and special events throughout the year. Myriad multi-cultural and heritage events take place in the summer months. Educational events, including celebrations honoring historic dates and people, are presented throughout the year. The annual Nights of Lights holiday celebration held mid-November through January features millions of tiny white lights that outline the bay front and buildings of historic downtown St. Augustine, transforming the old city into a festive night-time holiday wonderland.

For more information about St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra & The Beaches, visit www.Getaway4Florida.com. And be sure to visit www.TravelMediaBistro.com, the official media website for St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra & The Beaches Visitors and Convention Bureau.