



# AMELIA ISLAND/ FERNANDINA BEACH

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**3 DAYS February 13 - 15, 2024**

Includes: A special **Valentine's Day** with 2 nts. at the **Hampton Inn Amelia Island at Fernandina Beach Historic Harbor Front Hotel** with adjacent views of Cumberland Island an included, guided historic area tour and a **Beach Creek Boat Tour**. Delicious hot breakfast is included at our hotel each morning. Driving tour along Atlantic Ocean featuring many historic points of interest, then a driving tour with a brief stop in St. Augustine.

**Day One** – On our first day together we will travel directly (with appropriate stops) to Amelia Island/Fernandina Beach. we will check in to our hotel for the next two nights - **Hampton Inn Amelia Island at Fernandina Beach Historic Harbor Front Hotel**. **Hampton on the House breakfast** (featuring both hot and cold items) is included each morning. Our hotel is in an ideal location only one block from the cruise docks where you may enjoy lovely views of Cumberland Island. This is a very lovely hotel in a terrific location, and with our mid-afternoon arrival you'll have plenty of free time to explore. There are many shops and restaurants within walking distance of the hotel and this evening is yours to explore and dine as you wish! There are several great dinner choices nearby including The Marina, about 1 block away. For an elegant evening, try **Brett's Waterway Café** which extends out over the water, **Timoti's Seafood Shack** is another favorite in town.



**Day Two** – Enjoy your **Hampton on the House** breakfast this morning. This morning, we will depart for our **fully narrated, guided tour** aboard the motorcoach, with a terrific, local step-on guide. We will explore the areas of historic Fernandina Beach and the Old Town area. This tour gives a great overview of the area as you will tour along the beautiful and historic streets of Fernandina Beach and Old Town Fernandina. This tour will take you around the Historic District to view the beautiful homes and Victorian buildings while your experienced tour guide will provide a lovely narrative of the local history. Then, the tour moves on to the north end of the island to Old Town



Fernandina, originally platted by the Spanish in 1811. Some historic points of interest include: Plaza Fort San Carlos, the Pippi Longstocking House and Ladies Street, just to name a few. Relax and enjoy the variety of sights this tour offers. Later today, we have an included boat tour at 2:30 PM, but midday is yours to enjoy exploring great points of interest and have lunch, on your own in Fernandina Beach. Again, this is a walking community with much to see including the Amelia Island Museum of History (small fee applies). The group will meet up again this afternoon to enjoy the **Beach Creek Boat Tour**. This tour is a nice blend of history and nature, including a cruise up Beach Creek with a beautiful view of the salt marshes and bird life of Cumberland Island and we may get views of the Islands Wild Horses as well. It offers a close-up view of the ruins of the Dungeness Mansion and takes you literally inside Cumberland Island. This evening, after the scenic boat tour you'll have time to explore the diverse world of dining options (on your own) near our **Hampton Inn Amelia Island-Historic Harbor Front hotel**, conveniently located in the historic downtown district within walking distance of over 25 restaurants. Delicious seafood, local ethnic "treasures," historic eateries and convenient, familiar chains, which are sure to satisfy. Then, enjoy a good night's rest in Hampton Inn's comfy beds.

**Day Three** - Enjoy your included **Hampton on the House** breakfast this morning before departing for home through our beautiful state. We will travel south through Amelia Island and along the Atlantic Coast as well as crossing the St. John's River. We will be passing through communities such as **American Beach**. American Beach is located on Amelia Island, just north of Jacksonville, Florida between two upscale sentinels -- the Ritz-Carlton Amelia Island and Amelia Island Plantation. Founded in 1935 by Abraham Lincoln Lewis, American Beach was created as a vacation haven for African-Americans, for whom access to other resorts was denied in the days before desegregation. In the early 1930s, A.L. Lewis, Florida's first black millionaire and president of Afro-American Insurance Company in Jacksonville, bought 200 acres of prime Florida beachfront so his employees could enjoy the Florida shore. Continuing south, we'll pass through - **Big Talbot Island, Little Talbot Island**, then, keep your eyes open for the large Navy ships and freighters in **Mayport**, then, we continue south through **Jacksonville Beach, Ponte Vedra Beach and Vilano Beach**. Next, we arrive at **St. Augustine** where we will have a short driving tour with a rest break at a local point-of-interest. Thank you for choosing **TRAVEL IS FUN TOURS** for your visit to gorgeous **Amelia Island & Fernandina Beach**.

**COST: \$479 Per Person Twin / \$619 Per Person Single**

Please pay a deposit of \$100 to secure a seat, balance due January 3, 2024

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