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Florida's Historic Coast Offers an Array of Autumn Events for Unforgettable Memories

From cars to whiskey, music to mazes, St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra and The Beaches bring the fall fun.

St. Augustine, Fla. (August 15, 2024) – Fall is just around the corner, and tons of great <u>events</u> are coming to Florida's Historic Coast, accompanied by destination-wide unforgettable stays and deals.

<u>Sykes Family Farms</u>' annual Crop Maze & You Pick SunFlowers will be open October 5-27. Admission to this farm-tastic family tradition includes a nine-acre maze crop maze, hayrides, duck races, farm animals, and more.

At the <u>Bike MS: PGA TOUR Cycle to the Shore</u>, cyclists ride from TPC Sawgrass or Marineland south to a beachside celebration in Daytona on Oct. 5 and return to their starting point the following day. The event benefits the National MS Society.

Food, faith and history unite at the <u>26th Annual St. Augustine Greek Festival</u>, Oct. 12-13 at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. The festival features live music and dancing, traditional food and drink, arts and crafts, children's activities, church tours, and ecclesiastical services.

<u>The 6th Annual Game On! Ponte Vedra Beach Triathlon</u> will be held on Oct. 13 at Mickler's Landing Beach. Competitions include an Olympic-distance Triathlon, Duathlon, and Aquabike, and Sprint Triathlon and Duathlon. Athletes will swim in the Atlantic and cycle through Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve (GTMNERR).

St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum will kick off its year-long 150th Anniversary Celebration October 14-18. First lit in 1874, the St. Augustine Lighthouse continues to be a beacon to mariners, offers educational experiences, and is open daily for tours of the tower and museum.

<u>Biketoberfest</u> takes place in Daytona October 17-20, and Historic St. Augustine extends a welcome to bikers touring the area. The short ride north on A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway, designated motorcycle parking on the Plaza, sights and attractions, and plenty of live entertainment provide an added experience for bikers coming here to celebrate October in Florida.

From Oct. 18-20, the <u>St. Benedict the Moor Blues Festival</u> returns with Southern delicacies and traditional and contemporary blues music daily.

On October 19, the 65th Annual Cracker Day takes over the St. Johns County Fairgrounds and the St. Johns County Cattleman's Association allows visitors to experience the very best of Cracker

horsemanship, and see authentic cracker cattle and horses, all of which are direct descendants of the original Spanish herds.

<u>The Whiskey, Wine and Wildlife Festival</u> goes wild on Vilano Beach Nov. 7-10 with creative libations, cuisine from the finest local chefs, and interactive animal programs. On Nov. 10, the <u>22nd Annual Ponte Vedra Auto Show</u> will showcase over 200 new and classic. Hosted in Nocatee, this event is open and free to spectators.

St. Augustine's most highly anticipated event of the year kicks off on Nov. 23 with <u>Light Up! Night</u>, the official first evening of the <u>Nights of Lights</u>. Bursting with light from the sidewalks to the treetops, Nights of Lights takes place every evening from Nov. 23, 2024-Jan. 26, 2025.

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