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Experiences on Florida's Historic Coast are the Gifts that Keep Giving!

From sumptuous meals to world-class concert venues, these will be the most-wanted item on your list

St. Augustine, Fla. (December 6, 2023) – Everyone knows Florida's Historic Coast is *the* place to be during the holiday season. But there are many experiences to keep even the most seasoned traveler coming back for more throughout the year!

St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra and The Beaches are home to one-of-a-kind events that can't be found anywhere else. Tickets are on sale now for the internationally-lauded <u>The Players® Championship at TPC</u> <u>Sawgrass</u>. Foodies will love experiencing the best bites and beverages at both the <u>St. Augustine Spanish</u> <u>Food & Wine Festival</u> and the <u>St. Augustine Food & Wine Festival</u>. Give a truly magical gift with tickets to the <u>St. Augustine Art Association's Beaux Arts Ball</u> at the Lightner Museum where guests can celebrate 100 years of local art in full masquerade ball attire.

Theater lovers and movie buffs rejoice! Tickets are now available for January's <u>St. Augustine Film Festival</u>. <u>The Limelight Theater</u> offers community theater on another level. They offer a full complement of shows, including classics like "9 to 5" and "Kitchen Witches." Although it may seem like theater, <u>The Florida Man</u> <u>Games</u> comes straight from the real-world news, with wild events where the bizarre meets brawn.

Every year, Florida's Historic Coast welcomes musical groups from hot chart toppers to down-to-Earth jam bands, and when we say these tickets are hot...we mean HOT! <u>The Fort Mose Jazz & Blues Series</u> returns February 8 with a star-studded lineup, including Common, Keb' Mo' and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis. <u>The St. Augustine Amphitheatre</u> is a hometown venue offering world-class entertainment. Nab an impressive gift with tickets to shows like Willie Nelson & Family, Foreigner, the Buddy Guy Farewell Tour, and more. The more intimate <u>Ponte Vedra Concert Hall</u> welcomes performers like Lucinda Williams, The Return of Emerson, Lake & Palmer, and Colin Hay.

Give the gift of an extraordinary meal with great deals at St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra and The Beaches' best restaurants. Add <u>St. Augustine Fish Camp</u> and <u>Palm Valley Fish Camp</u> to your nice list – purchase \$100 in gift cards and receive a promotional gift card for \$20! <u>Harry's Seafood Bar & Grille</u> and <u>Casa</u> <u>Reina Taqueria & Tequila</u> in downtown St. Augustine, and <u>Salt Life Food Shack</u> on St. Augustine Beach are offering a can't-miss opportunity! Buy \$100 in gift cards and receive an additional \$30 gift card. And for a gift that offers flexibility, you can't lose with a <u>St. Augustine Independent Restaurant Association</u> gift certificate. Comprised of seven locally-owned restaurants ranging from casual to high-end, diners can choose from favorites like <u>Michael's</u>, <u>Meehan's Irish Pub & Seafood House</u>, and <u>Sunset Grille</u>.

Look no further for those on your list who enjoy a little pampering. Set up a day of relaxation and restoration at the state-of-the-art <u>Spa at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club</u>, the luxurious <u>Poseidon Spa</u> at the Casa Monica Resort & Spa, the beachside full-service <u>Spa at Hammock Beach Resort</u>, the zen-inspired <u>Spa at the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort</u>, the innovative <u>Salt Spa of St. Augustine</u>, and the new <u>Essential Energy Spa of St. Augustine</u>.

Make friends and family feel like they're on Florida's Historic Coast with a locally-made present that screams, "I live like a local!" Well-versed travelers will love the familiarity of wine from the <u>San Sebastian</u> <u>Winery</u>, spirits from the <u>St. Augustine Distillery</u>, and brews from <u>Ancient City Brewing Co</u>. Datil-obsessed gastronomes will flip for sauce from <u>Luvin' Oven Catering</u>, <u>Hamilton Heat</u> or <u>A-Frame</u>, and all kinds of datil iterations from <u>Minorcan Mike's</u>. For a sweeter treat, hit the spot with <u>Whetstone Chocolates</u>, <u>Crème de la Cocoa</u>, <u>The Honey Truck</u>, and <u>The Hyppo Gourmet Ice Pops</u>. Make a gift box of savory, sweet and spicy with a selection of teas and spices from <u>The Spice & Tea Exchange of St. Augustine</u>. Or let the experts curate a full list of body care items with a mystery box from <u>Ponte Vedra Naturals</u>.

For a unique offering, consider purchasing from one of St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra, and The Beaches' many markets and shops, featuring items from crafters, makers, and artisans. Local craft fairs and farmers' markets are held throughout the area, including the <u>St. Augustine Amphitheater Farmers</u> <u>Market</u>, the <u>Wednesday Pier Farmers Market</u>, the <u>Nocatee Farmers Market</u>, and the <u>Vilano Beach</u> <u>Artisan Market Walk</u>. The <u>Coconut Barrel Market</u> and <u>Shantytown Shopping Village</u> offer spaces where makers can showcase their holiday-ready gifts regularly. Many local shops, attractions, and galleries feature space for locally-made art, provisions and self-care items that are perfect presents for your loved ones. Stop by the Gift Shop at the <u>Visitor's Information Center</u>, <u>Butterfield Garage Art Gallery</u>, Chop Shop Artisan Butcher and Kaiser's Deli & Market, to name just a few.

And for the ultimate gift, plan a trip to Florida's Historic Coast! Visit the hub for <u>Florida's Historic Coast</u> to see all of the deals, events and special offers available. It's always a great time to explore St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra and The Beaches.

Located midway between Daytona Beach and Jacksonville, Florida's Historic Coast includes historic St. Augustine, the outstanding golf and seaside elegance of Ponte Vedra Beach, and 42 miles of pristine Atlantic beaches. For more information, call 1.800.653.2489 or go to the Visitors and Convention Bureau website at <u>www.FloridasHistoricCoast.com</u>. Check us out on social media Instagram @FloridasHistoricCoast

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