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Florida's Historic Coast Continues to Shine with Recent Awards

Attractions, small businesses, and beaches are awarded prestigious recognition by travelers and industry experts

St. Augustine, Fla. (July 22, 2024)—Tourism on Florida's Historic Coast thrives thanks to the region's exceptional travel and leisure offerings. Numerous local businesses have received recognition for their unparalleled customer service and quality experiences.

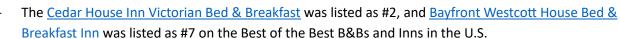


"Florida's Historic Coast has long been recognized as a desirable destination, offering quality experiences for all travelers," says Susan Philips, President & CEO of St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra & The Beaches Visitors & Convention Bureau. "We're proud to see many of our tourism businesses recognized for their excellent work. The quality of the experiences they offer makes Florida's Historic Coast a must- see destination."

St. Augustine was recently named the #1 "Most Idyllic Small Town in Florida" by World Atlas and listed fourth on USA Today 10 BEST Most Walkable City in the United States. The city also topped Southern Living's list of the "10 Best Cities to Vacation in Florida."

TripAdvisor recently announced its 2024 Travelers' Choice Awards®, with St. Augustine and its businesses taking top awards.

- The City of St. Augustine is listed as the #19 Top Destination in the United States.
- St. Augustine Beach is listed as #17 on the Best Beaches in the United States.
- Collage Restaurant in St. Augustine is listed as the #15 Best Date Night Restaurants in the U.S.
- Pizza Time of St. Augustine is listed as #15 on the Best Quick Bites Restaurants in the U.S.



- Spyglass Travel Walking History Tours of St. Augustine's Historic District was listed #8 on the Cultural
- St. Augustine Wine, Cocktail, and Food Experiences made #5 on the Food & Drink Tour.

& Historic Tour in the U.S. list.



Additional businesses recognized as 2024 Traveler's Choice Award recipients include The Tasting Tours, Red Boat Tours, LLC, Seaside Adventures, Old Town Trolley Tours of America, Classic Car Museum of

America, St. Augustine Wild Reserve, <u>Ximenez-Fatio House</u>, <u>Hyatt Place Vilano Beach</u>, <u>Marker 8 Hotel & Marina</u>, Edgewater Inn, <u>Bayfront Marin House</u>, <u>The Collector Luxury Inn and Gardens</u>, Sunset Grill, Bayfront Inn, and <u>DoubleTree by Hilton St. Augustine Historic District</u>.

Five restaurants on Florida's Historic Coast were recently recognized for their excellence. In Ponte Vedra Beach Nineteen at TPC Sawgrass, The Seahorse Grille at Ponte Vedra Inn & Club; and in St. Augustine, Viva Hospitality's trio of restaurants, Michael's St. Augustine, La Nouvelle, and Pesca Vilano, were each awarded the 2024 Award of Excellence by Wine Spectator Magazine. And Chef Barry Hinan and his culinary staff at Lotus Noodle Bar were recently invited to cook at the world-renowned James Beard House.



Among the most prestigious recent hospitality recognitions on Florida's Historic Coast Travel + Leisure Magazine Readers Choice Awards World's 100 Best List included the <u>Ponte Vedra Inn & Club</u> and <u>The Lodge and Club at Ponte Vedra</u>, and <u>The Collector Luxury Inn and Gardens</u> made the #10 spot on the magazine's 15 Favorite Inns in the Continental United States.



A popular must-do experience on Florida's Historic Coast is to enjoy the area's robust music scene. From restaurants and the Plaza to St. Augustine Beach Pier and <u>The Amphitheatre</u>, music can be experienced throughout the destination. For the second year in a row, the St. Augustine Amphitheatre has been nominated for "Outdoor Venue of the Year" by the Academy of Country Music! And, based on ticket sales, Pollstar has ranked St. Augustine Amphitheatre as the #2 Amphitheater in the nation

and #6 most popular in the world.

Learn more about these great places and other must-do experiences in Northeast Florida by visiting www.FloridasHistoricCoast.com.

Located midway between Daytona Beach and Jacksonville, Florida's Historic Coast includes historic St. Augustine, the outstanding golf and seaside elegance of Ponte Vedra, the rural beauty of Hastings, Elkton, St. Johns, and 42 miles of pristine Atlantic beaches. Visitor Information Centers are located at 10 Castillo Drive, St. Augustine; 200 Solana Rd. Suite B, Ponte Vedra Beach: and at the St. Johns County Beach Pier Park, 350 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine Beach. For advance travel information, call 1.800.653.2489 or go to the Visitors and Convention Bureau website at www.FloridasHistoricCoast.com. Check us out on social media Instagram @FloridasHistoricCoast; @ViajaStAugustine, Facebook.com/OfficialStAugustine, and Facebook.com/ViajaStAugustine and Twitter @FlHistoricCoast