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Holiday Dining on Florida's Historic Coast is a Cause for Celebration

Give the gift of yummy food minus the stack of dishes on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

St. Augustine, Fla. (December 17, 2025) – Celebrate on Florida's Historic Coast with delicious holiday dining options. From casual homestyle meals and generous buffets to luxurious multi-course experiences, St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra and The Beaches have an array of options to suit any palate.

Dining on Christmas Eve

In Historic Downtown St. Augustine, Cordova Coastal Chophouse & Bar, inside the Casa Monica Resort & Spa, and La Cocina at the Cellar Upstairs are serving chef-created four-course prix fixe menus. Other St. Augustine favorites will be open and serving their regular fare, including Harry's Seafood Bar & Grille, Michael's, Pesca Rooftop, Pizzalley's Chianti Room, and St. Augustine Fish Camp.

The Raintree Restaurant in Uptown St. Augustine is a holiday staple, with a beloved Christmas Eve menu. Harvest & Reel at the Embassy Suites at St. Augustine Beach is serving a four-course feast. Vernon's First Coast Kitchen & Bar at Sawgrass Marriott at Ponte Vedra Beach is preparing a chef-inspired, family-style dinner. Also open for Christmas Eve in Ponte Vedra is Aqua Grill, preparing its elevated steak and seafood dishes.

Dining on Christmas Day

Santa's big day deserves a meal to remember. Castillo Craft Bar + Kitchen is welcoming guests early with a custom Christmas Day Breakfast Buffet with morning favorites plus a freshly prepared chef's station. For an afternoon or evening meal in Historic Downtown St. Augustine, Cordova Coastal Chophouse & Bar and Aviles Restaurant & Lounge are serving lavish buffets. The Columbia Restaurant and Castillo Craft Bar + Kitchen are offering traditional holiday plates, while Odd Birds Cocktail Lounge and Kitchen is serving a limited food and drinks menu.

Santiago's Florida Kitchen and Craft Bar at Guy Harvey Resort on St. Augustine Beach is hosting a Christmas buffet that is packed with family favorites. Harvest & Reel is offering its regular menu plus holiday options. Amici Italian Restaurant will offer a limited menu of Italian specialties. Diners in Ponte Vedra can enjoy a fresh, seasonal holiday menu at Vernon's First Coast Kitchen & Bar and Alice & Pete's Pub at Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa.

If holiday pajamas and dinner in bed sound like the perfect holiday plan, Asado Life and Columbia Restaurant in St. Augustine and Ruth's Chris Steak House in Ponte Vedra are offering pre-ordered, take-out family holiday meals.

Looking for more to do on Christmas Day? Select attractions are open, including Anastasia State Park, Florida Water Tours, Fort Mose Historic State Park, Ripley's Believe It or Not! Museum, and the St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park. After dark, a stroll through Historic Downtown St. Augustine to see the world-famous Nights of Lights is a must-do. And be sure to stop by the decorated tree in the Plaza de la Constitución for the perfect holiday photo op. For the best Florida's Historic Coast holiday experiences, download the new Nights of Lights app, where visitors can find free park-and-ride shuttles, interactive maps, a full listing of holiday events and tours, attractions, and more.

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; Facebook.com/OfficialStAugustine, and Threads @floridashistoriccoast

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