

## ALIVE WITH ARTS & CULTURE

Every day, the curtain rises on a new round of delightful performances on Amelia Island. With its stunning beaches, shaded canopy roads, and winding trails, the island is perhaps best known for its natural scenic beauty, but visitors are pleasantly surprised to find world-class arts and entertainment always waiting in the wings. Amelia is home to an active theater community, museums, concerts, galleries, culinary treasures, and acclaimed music festivals. So, whether you're interested in attending a live concert, discovering a new artist, tickling your taste buds, or exploring local architecture, you'll find Amelia Island knows how to put on a show.

### LIVE FROM AMELIA ISLAND

- 🎻 The Amelia Community Theatre puts on six main stage productions each season, as well as other shows and events on their studio stage.
- 🎻 The Amelia Musical Playhouse stages a variety of musicals, plays and revues throughout the year.
- 🎻 For more casual performances, enjoy live acoustic artists at several downtown eateries and bars, or catch a live band at The Green Turtle.
- 🎻 Bring a lawn chair and dancing shoes to the family-friendly Sounds on Centre outdoor concert series the first Friday of each month (Jun, Aug-Oct).

### FESTIVE OCCASIONS

- Amelia is home to an array of award-winning festivals that add to and celebrate its unique island life.
- 🎻 Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival (Jan-Apr)
  - 🎻 Amelia Island Book Festival (Feb)
  - 🎻 Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival (May)
  - 🎻 Amelia Island Dance Festival (Sept)
  - 🎻 Amelia Island Jazz Festival (Oct)

Explore local art galleries using the Amelia Island Arts & Culture Passport on your smart phone and win some prizes while you're here. Photography, pottery, copper, metal, fused, stained glass, watercolors, acrylics, oils, resin-pours and batik are among the varied media you can expect to see.



## AN OPEN BOOK

Nothing to hide here: The Story & Song Neighborhood Bookstore Bistro in Fernandina Beach is a local treasure, connecting the community to literary, culinary, and visual and performing arts through weekly performances and events such as Storytime for Grownups.

## GALLERIES GALORE

Amelia Island's locally owned art galleries showcase coastal treasures and an array of hand-crafted creations.

- 🐚 Browse beautiful galleries such as The Atlantic Contemporary, Casey Matthews Fine Art, Blue Door Artists, Harlow's on the Beech, Slightly Off Centre and others.
- 🐚 If you prefer to dabble in the arts yourself, book a class at The Palette Shop, Julie Delfs Gallery, or Paisley Grace Makery.
- 🐚 The Plantation Artists' Guild & Gallery co-op shares shows, workshops, presentations and more from its 40 member artists.

## CULINARY ARTS

From tasting tours to homemade fudge and sweet treats, Amelia Island's 90+ locally owned restaurants put on their own dazzling performances. These galleries of the culinary arts showcase talented chefs, and captivating menus and presentations for every palette. And if you prefer a lively watering hole, consider grabbing a drink in the oldest bar in Florida, or booking a brewery or distillery tour.

## ASTOUNDING ARCHITECTURE

Amelia's turbulent and intriguing past under eight different flags of dominion can be seen in the architecture of historic downtown Fernandina Beach. Explore on your own or book one of several tours with the Amelia Island Museum of History. The Centre Street Tour, Gilded Age Tour, and Architectural Tour each showcase different styles and eras, from Classical Revival and Italianate styles to Queen Ann, Romanesque, and more.

## NOT THE SAME OLD STORY

To better understand the foundations of Amelia Island's arts and culture scene, step back in time at one of the award-winning local museums.

- 🐚 The Amelia Island Museum of History is a local favorite for tours, exhibits and interactive programs.
- 🐚 The one-of-a-kind A.L. Lewis Museum reveals the inspiring story of American Beach and its intrepid founders.

## READY FOR THE SHOW

Discover more about Amelia's artistic side [here](#).